

Our Lady Queen Of the Americas Church

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December 8, 2019



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of
camel's hair and had a
leather belt around his
waist. His food was locusts
and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Days and Holidays: 8:00 AM; Vigil: 6:30 PM

WEEKDAY Schedule: Monday—Friday

6:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:45 am Vigils
7:15 am Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:35 am Holy Rosary
7:50 am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 am Holy Mass
8:30 am Confession

SAT, DEC 7

5:00 PM

SAINT AMBROSE

Walter Wolf †

SUN, DEC 8

8:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parishioners

10:30 AM

Rose Reilly Snyder † (John & Karen Ittel)

MON, DEC 9

8:00 AM

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Shirley Carter †

TUE, DEC 10

8:00 AM

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Elnora Chrysam †

WED, DEC 11

8:00 AM

ADVENT WEEKDAY, SAINT DAMASUS

Clarissa Chrysam †

THU, DEC 12

8:00 AM

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Robert Prenatt † (William & Patricia Wise)

FRI, DEC 13

8:00 AM

SAINT LUCY

Cora Chelton †

SAT, DEC 14

5:00 PM

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

Charles Carter †

SUN, DEC 15

8:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Karl Josefson † (Marci Josefson)

10:30 AM

Elizabeth Bost † (Tim & Rosann Bost)

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JoAnn Elwell and Beth Grocé

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9AM—3PM

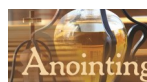
CLOSED FRIDAY

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BY 3:00 PM, Monday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30—4:30 PM, or by request



Please phone the Church Office if you have family members in the hospital, or who are seriously ill, or elderly, and are confined to their homes. It is important that all of our sick be anointed by a priest, on a regular basis. I am always available to anoint our sick

SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM

Call Parish Office for information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Call the Parish office (form on back of bulletin)

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church and/or becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish office.
Inquiries welcomed at any time.

SISTER PARISH

St. Anthony of Padua, Tekit, Yucatan, Mexico; St. Isidore, Ochil
Our Lady of the Assumption, Mama ; St. John the Baptist, Sabacche



Please remember those who are sick and suffering, especially those who are in the hospital. We pray that they may be restored to health through the grace of God. We also pray for our elderly parishioners who are homebound and in nursing care facilities. May our prayers give them courage and strength. Call 814-382-8765 with your prayer requests.

The Week Ahead December 8 thru 14, 2019

SUN, Dec 8	SECOND COLLECTION TODAY NO CLASS 5-7 PM Ornament craft night—dinner provided
MON, Dec 9	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother
TUES, Dec 10	9 AM Toys for Kids—Set up 12:30 55+ Lunch
WED, Dec 11	Toys for Kids—Set up
THURS, Dec 12	9 AM Toys for Kids Give away
FRI, Dec 13	8:30 AM Toys for Kids—Clean up
SAT, Dec 14	6 PM Feast Day Celebration Dinner—Parish Hall

Important Update

****Please Read****

Catholic Services Appeal UPDATE

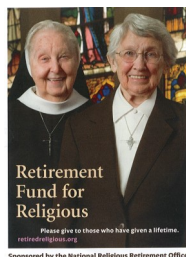
The appeal will run thru January 31, 2020. Of the **394** registered families in our Parish, **175** families have pledged, and of those, only **129** have paid in full. That means we have **\$10,973.00** in pledges not yet paid. If we do not reach the Diocesan Goal, the remaining amount is taken directly out of our General Fund. This

fund is used to pay for all utilities, supplies, maintenance, etc in our church. If you would like to know if you have a balance, please contact the office. olqaoffice@zoominternet.net; 814-382-7252

Thank you

Support aging religious. Our Second Collection

TODAY is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 8:00 AM
5:00 PM
10:00 PM
Christmas Day 8:00 AM
New Year's Eve 6:30 PM
New Year's Day 8:00 AM

OFFERTORY, Nov 24 = \$2,595.00
Dec 1 = \$2,746.00

Call the office if you are interested in on-line giving

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$42,508.00
Pledged to date: \$50,968.00
Amount Received to Date: \$40,168.00

2019 Campaign
Mar 3, 2019 thru Jan 31, 2020



ROGER & JACQUELINE GILDEA, #70, were the lucky winners of week #15 of our "300 Club" for \$100. Congratulations!

Council Chatter

Question: Is Our Lady of Guadalupe only a cultural devotion?



Answer: You may be familiar with Our Lady of Guadalupe from devotions in Hispanic communities. There is a rich heritage originating in Mexico, the site of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But Mary is for all of us! Our Lady of Guadalupe is, in fact, named the patroness of all the Americas, from the Chilean Patagoni-

an mountains to the Arctic islands of Canada. After Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a young, mestizo woman, conversions to Catholicism began to grow exponentially throughout Latin America. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been meaningful to the Mexican people, and her image and devotions have been incorporated as broader symbols of culture.

This apparition inspires across lines of nationality and culture. Juan Diego, recipient of the apparition, was a poor laborer. The famous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear on silk or stone, but on the simple, natural woven fibers of Juan Diego's tunic. The apparition affirms the dignity of the poor and shows striking solidarity. Mary appeared as the people appeared. In the apparition, Mary is indeed radiant, with the sun behind her and a cloak of stars around her. But her dress is simple, and she is pregnant. This apparition also reminds us of the sanctity of life and the need for life's protection at all stages. Mary's moving words to Juan Diego are words for us all: "Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection. Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?"

Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe,

the patron saint of our parish, will be celebrated here with dinner on **Saturday, December 14th** beginning at 6:00 PM. Be sure to **sign-up** for this event being catered by Antonio's Ristorante. It is a great way to celebrate the Christmas season with your Parish Family!! Look forward to seeing you there. **As a reminder, this will be a BYOB event.**



31 Club—Please pray for vocations...

9th: L Conlin
10th: J Haylett
11th: M Purnell
12th: S Treacy
13th: S Drexler
14th: P Gilfoyle
15th: S Ragozine
T Tobolewski

If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.



**PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING
YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT**

DECEMBER		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	R Kiser M Longoria H Morini	M B Jacobs V Valentine	T Donegan D Jacobs B Morini L Wasson	R Bazylak, Sr B Greco P Greco J Haylett	P Greco
SUN	8:00 AM	G Cole P Karastury P Karastury	P Hilton D Vernesoni	G English T English J Treacy	R Bullock-Reese R Garnet S Miller K Novosel	R Garnet
SUN	10:30 AM	J Burchard Sam Burchard S Burchard R Carlson	K Slyczak B Zello	T Bost M Gross P Simonetta S Simonetta	J Arnett D Schral S Uzelac N Uzelac	J Arnett
OFFERING COUNTERS		Dec 1 K Ittel J Elwell	Dec 8 J Smock J Elwell	Dec 15 M Staahl R Bullock-Reese	Dec 22 L Helch J Smock	Dec 29 P Hilton J Smock

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 8: Grace Byler
Dec 9: Mary Lou Kessler, Thomas Sovisky
Dec 12: Victor Capozzolo, Susan Keas
Dec 13: Susan Oswald, Patricia Reynolds

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No Anniversaries December 8—14

If you find an error in any of these listings, please call the office to update your records. Thank you

The 2020 calendars have once again been provided by Dickson Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc and are now available at the doors of the Church.

Thank you, Rocco Tedesco



For more information,
or an appointment
contact
Amanda Sovisky

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December

SUN, Dec 8	5—7 PM Advent Craft Night; dinner provided
SUN, Dec 15	5—7 PM Game Night; Hot dogs and ice cream
SUN, Dec 22	5—7:30 PM Muppet's Christmas Carol Movie Night Popcorn & pizza
SUN, Dec 29	NO CLASS UNTIL JANUARY 5, 2020

ADVENT SUNDAYS

In an attempt to bring peace and family time to your Advent season, we are once again hosting a series of events on Sundays for families of all ages to attend!

Whether you are a young family or you are "empty nesters", we invite you to celebrate Advent with our parish family!
Join us for the special events listed above in December.

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Readings for the Week

<<http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible>>

2nd Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

In a few short weeks, we will celebrate the birth of Christ.
Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the nativity in his "Life of Christ":



"Because Jesus was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? ***This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?***

KNIGHTS KORNER It's never too early to pick your Christmas tree,

but don't let it be too late. All trees, even the 15 footers, at only \$35 again this year!! The funds raised through this sale will be used for scholarships for two local seniors from "CASH"



Now that Advent is here, one of our final goals for 2019 is to take X-Mas out of Christmas. Please join us Knights and politely correct someone that wishes you a "Happy Holiday's". As American's we certainly respect anyone's religious beliefs, but "Happy Holiday's" is not a religious belief. As Catholic's our religious belief started when in God's infinite love for us he sent the Angel Gabriel to Nazareth who said to Mary "The Lord is with you".

Though most parishioners would not be able to pinpoint many of our nondescript members who are sitting among you during Mass, we feel that as a group, Council 6037 is in the vanguard to remind fellow Catholic's that Jesus's birth was God's ultimate gift to give us our best chance for eternal life. After each Mass this weekend we will have "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets for \$5, as well as free bumper stickers and Rosary's. All proceeds goes to help offset the "Right to Life" bus trip to D.C.