

DECEMBER 5, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME

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 814-486-2399

Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:30 pm
 Anytime by appointment

Baptisms

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six months prior to the wedding.

Prayer Requests

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @ www.stmarkemporium.org or



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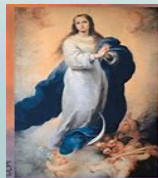
MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 6

8:15 AM MSGR. DESMOND McGEE
 (Fr. Paul Siebert)
 (Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

No Mass
 (Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)



Immaculate Conception
 of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
 December 8

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8:15 AM FRANK SCHUCKERS
 (Months Mind)
 (Cameron County Memory Detail)

5:15 PM ANNA MAE UBER
 (Family Friend)
 (Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

8:15 AM LUZDELIA (LUCY) GUTGSELL
 (Frances & Maria Chiarella)
 (Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)

FRIDAY, DEC. 10

8:15 AM STEPHEN PERKINS
 (The Family)
 (Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)

SATURDAY, DEC. 11

4:15 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

9:00 AM KENDYL SHAFFER
 (Gerard & Deborah Bauer)
 (Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18)

2 Worship Together

DECEMBER 5, 2021

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

DEC. 8 HOLY DAY MASS

8:15 AM - Alice Slottje

5:15 PM - Carol Dankesreiter

LECTORS:

Sr. Therese
Dave Malize

Mary Dixon
Ralph Grovanz

ALTAR SERVERS:

Pat Rodgers
R. Shaffer & M. Abriatis

Melissa Stuart
K. Fragale & R. Shaffer

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (5th) 9:00 AM - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 - 11:30 AM Religious Ed Class Grades 6-10

WEDNESDAY (8th) HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASSES @ 8:15 AM & 5:15 PM
NO Religious Ed. Class Grades 1-5 —
Attend Mass @ 5:15 PM

No Holy Hour or Confession
SATURDAY (11th) 3:15 PM - Confession
4:15 PM - VIGIL MASS - ST. MARK

SUNDAY (12th) 9:00 AM - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Religious Ed Class Grades 6-10 No Class, attend
Special Confession @ 3:00 PM
3:00 PM - CONFESSION WITH GUEST PRIEST



The Sanctuary Lamps burn
before the
Blessed Sacraments
this week



IN LOVING MEMORY of:
THOMAS & JULIA CLEARY
By: The Family

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6 JOHN THE BAPTIST

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: In what areas of your life do you
need God's forgiveness right now? What
would assist you in expressing your
repentance?

Youth: What can you do during Advent to
show you are sorry?



ST. MARK GIVING CRIB

DEADLINE: THIS

THURSDAY, DEC. 9th

Please return
UNWRAPPED gifts to the
church by Thursday.



SATURDAY EVENING LITURGIES

St. Mark Sat. evening

Liturgies will remain @ 4:15 PM
throughout the winter months.
We'll be waiting for springtime
to resume Liturgies at
St. James Driftwood.



DECEMBER = ST. MARK MONTH AT THE FOOD BANK

Volunteers are needed
on **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15th**,
12:50 PM till 3:00 PM for
distribution. Please consider
volunteering.
A sign-up sheet is in the back of the
church.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Thanksgiving is over and
the borough and
neighbors have their Christmas
decorations up, but you can wait to
decorate. Put off decorating and
playing Christmas music at least one
week later or less than usual. If the
lights need to go up before the
weather turns bad, wait to light them.
Also, try to spend less this year. You
can do it! The actual Christmas season
starts the eve of December 24 and
continues until January 9.

COMUNION RITE

Effective Nov. 27, 2021, Bishop
Persico has pronounced
liturgical protocol.
At the "Lord, I am not worthy",
everyone will kneel (or sit), after
going to Communion, the people
will either kneel or sit according to
their preference.

HOLIDAY VIDEOS

Ministers of Cameron County
Association will be posting short
video devotionals each Wednesday
plus a video on Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day on **YouTube** by
Googling **Cameron County**
Ministerial Association, and on
St. Mark Facebook page, on the
Cameron County Blog.

UPDATE: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Effective 11-19-2021, the use of hymnals is now permitted and
ushers may take up collection using baskets. The following restrictions
remain in place: No holy water, no offertory processions, or distributing of
Precious Blood.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The season of Advent stands at the beginning of the liturgical year and, like John the Baptist, points a finger forward. One might ask: How will this entire year prepare us for Christ's coming at the end of time? The year ahead is full of potential, challenge, and opportunities for decision. How will our lives this year help to make the world a more just and loving? Advent interjects a note of tension and anticipation into our spiritual lives.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, DEC 11-12

A donor to the Retirement fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Day of Obligation
Mass:

**WED., DEC. 8th @
8:15 AM & 5:15 PM**

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means in the womb of her mother, but God acted upon her soul, keeping it "immaculate".



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a special afternoon session with one guest visiting priest on *Sunday, Dec. 12th @ 3:00 PM*. Also, confession will take place every Wed. @ 6:00 PM, and every Sat. @ 3:15 PM. Is it time for you to begin again by confessing your sins, receiving forgiveness, clearing your conscience, or returning to a more practice of your faith???



Sincere thanks to everyone taking such good care of me during my quarantine. Thanks so much for the out pouring of food, messages, prayers, and acts of kindness. I feel so much better because of you! Thanks a lot for the numerous Thanksgiving cards...they really helped me get through the quarantine as well. Know that I was praying for you as well, especially at my private masses. I know I wasn't alone.

Fr. Paul



CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

*(DEC. 8, 2021), on the Holy Day of the
Immaculate Conception*

The Homily will focus on St. Joseph and we will recite the Pope Francis prayer to St. Joseph, as well as the Litany of St. Joseph.

Prayer of Pope Francis to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."



Feast day of St. Nicholas Dec. 6th

Learn about the true Santa Claus and Father Christmas:
St. Nicholas, a man of faith who lived his life in devotion to Christ.

Focus on giving more than receiving: *St. Nicholas cared for the needy.*
Offer a spiritual dimension to gift giving.
Tell the story of a Christian saint, whose model life inspires compassion and charity.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY MASSES

Wed. Dec. 8: *Immaculate Conception of
The Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15 AM & 5:15 PM

Fri. Dec. 24: *Christmas Eve*

4:30 PM Children's Mass

10:00 PM Christmas Vigil

Sat. Dec. 25: **9:00 AM** *Christmas Day*

Sun. Dec. 26: **9:00 AM** *The Holy Family*

Fri. Dec. 31: **5:15 PM** Vigil Mass,

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sat. Jan. 1: **4:15 PM** Vigil Mass,

Epiphany of The Lord

Sun. Jan. 2: **9:00 AM** *Epiphany of The
Lord*