

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, December 9</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Alice Rhodes by Jimmie & Joyce Jay (Fr. Mamachan)
10:30 a.m.	+Tom Ceniglis, Sr. by Joey & Karen Light (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Monday, December 10</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Tomsyck by Chris Shadley (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b>	
7:30 a.m.	+Laurie Tice by John & Loretta Funk (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 p.m.	+Mary Kay Labbe by Ken & Fay Roussel (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Alan Bailey by Laura Fletcher (Fr. Mamachan)
8:00 a.m.	+Betty Jean Brooks by the Diersing Family (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Thursday, December 13</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Barbara House by Ken & Fay Roussel (Fr. Mamachan)
8:00 a.m.	+Helen Hajovsky by Johnny & Carol Bliznak (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Friday, December 14</b>	
9:00 a.m.	+Earl Vaughan by Jimmie & Joyce Jay (Msgr. Fred) Celebrant +Andrew Kissko by Bernie & Joan Taylor (Fr. Mamachan) Concelebrant
<b>Saturday, December 15</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Eugeia Paller by Daughter & Family (Fr. Mamachan)
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan)
5:30 p.m.	+Tom Comella by Mary Comella (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Sunday, December 16</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Alan Bailey by Laura Fletcher (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	Bulletin Advertisers by Diocesan Publications (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Fr. Mamachan)



<b>Sunday, December 9</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Celebrate Life Bassinet – Church Foyer
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Religious Education Grades PK-6
10:15 a.m.	Adult Education
5:00-6:00 p.m.	AMANI Bible Study
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice
	TNT
<b>Monday, December 10</b>	
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.	<b>Advent Penance Service – St. Francis, Abilene</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Spirituality Group
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan)
12:30-2:30 p.m.	No Ladies Share Group
7:00-8:45 p.m.	RCIA
7:00 p.m.	<b>Advent Penance Service – Holy Spirit, Sweetwater</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b>	
6:30-8:15 p.m.	Religious Education Grades 7-12
6:30-8:15 p.m.	No Women's Scripture Study
7:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
7:00-8:15 p.m.	Men's Spirituality Group
<b>Thursday, December 13</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Advent Penance Service – St. Vincent, Abilene</b>
<b>Friday, December 14</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Fred)
<b>Saturday, December 15</b>	
4:00-5:00	Bereavement Group
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan)
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, December 16</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Religious Education Grades PK-6
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Adult Education
10:15 a.m.	AMANI Bible Study
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice
6:00-8:00 p.m.	TNT

*Please pray for the Sick:* Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joyce Bayer, Bruce Benigno, Kerry Borth, Curtis Caffey, David Caffey, Dawson Anthony Campos, Larry Dorsey, Todd Englerth, John Higuera, Margie Hills, Trudy Hughes, David Hutchins, Jared Lantzy, Paula Matchen, Gerry McAuliffe, Roy Morris, Claudette Perry, Fran Scanlon, Joey Schaefer, Chloe Szymanski, Emil Szymanski, Dena Thorn, Bill Yoes.  
*Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS** for the Christmas and New Year's Masses are posted in the sacristy. If you would like to serve at one of these Masses, please post your name on the sign-up sheet. Positions not filled by December 16, will be scheduled by the ministry coordinators.

**CELEBRATE LIFE BASSINET** will be in the church foyer this weekend December 8-9, to accept contributions of new baby supplies, such as diapers, formula, clothing, and blankets. Your contributions will support Pregnancy Resources of Abilene. Please help PRA help others choose life. You may call Mary Clark at 698-7373 for more information.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**, in addition to the usual time on Saturday afternoon here at Holy Family, special penance services and confessions are scheduled throughout the Abilene deanery as follows:

<b>Mon. Dec 10</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Francis – Abilene</b>
<b>Tues. Dec 11</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Spirit – Sweetwater</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec 13</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Vincent – Abilene</b>
<b>Tues. Dec 18</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Mary – Brownwood</b>
<b>Wed. Dec 19</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Ann – Colorado City</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec 20</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacred Heart – Abilene</b>

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** In last week's bulletin, we reported that total pledges were less than we had received in the prior's year's campaign. However, your pledge cards have continued to arrive in the parish office, and we are glad to announce that our total pledges are now 4% over last year. Again, thank you for your generous response.

## Second Sunday of Advent

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Mon. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Mass	5:30 p.m.
	Music and Candlelight Mass	7:30 p.m.
	Music and Midnight Mass	11:30 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Mass	11:00 a.m.
Mon. Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God - Vigil	
	Mass (New Year's Eve)	6:30 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God –	
	Mass (New Year's Day)	11:00 a.m.

**HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** All children in Grades 1-6 are invited to join the Children's Choir. Practices for the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass are held each Sunday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the choir area. For more information, contact Melissa Benoit at 370-7937.

**CALLING ALL 5<sup>th</sup> AND 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:** Your help is needed for the Nativity dramatization at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Older children playing the main characters need to attend a rehearsal. Younger children wishing to play the parts of angels and shepherds simply arrive between 5:00-5:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All costumes are provided. Please contact Randi Guerrero (829-6093) for more information or to sign up.

**AN INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF** is needed to provide ASL (American Sign Language) for the prayers, music and homily at the Sunday noon Mass. If you or someone you know is able and willing to do this for our parishioners, please call the business manager at the church office, 692-1820. Your time and talent will be deeply appreciated. Compensation may be provided for this service.

**NO FOOD AND DRINK:** It is good to see everyone visiting and enjoying donuts and coffee after Mass. However, we ask that you finish your refreshments while you are in the foyer of the church. No food or drink should be taken into the Church at any time, especially during the Sunday Masses. Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our Church clean and respecting the obligation to fast one hour before receiving Communion.

**CROSSROADS BEREAVEMENT GROUP** addresses the spiritual needs of those coping with the loss of a loved one. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the church classroom 108. For more information, please call Gwen Marentes at 864-6949.

**2019 PARISH CALENDARS** will be in the church foyer next weekend, after Mass. Because we have a limited supply, we ask that you please take only one per family.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** December 1-2, 2018 with 1283 families:

Envelopes and Checks .....	24,371.00
Loose Plate .....	2,235.02
Total Income.....	26,606.02

# Dear Padre

December 9, 2018

***Why doesn't the word immaculate also refer to Jesus' birth?***

According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR

**COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2163** is having their 4th quarter rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Everyone is invited to attend. For information, please call Deacon Gary Rhodes at 325-672-6627.

**VOCATION CROSS FOR THE HOME:** Please volunteer to take home the vocation cross which is located on the table in the church foyer. The parish will join your family during their selected week in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

December 9 – Bob Moore Family

December 16 – James Scott Family

Please keep all of our seminarians in your prayers for vocations this month.

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