

December 9, 2012: Second Sunday of Advent



“Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

— Lk 3:5-6

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Dec. 9 (Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6)

8:00 am- Alfonse & Dorothy Grahmann

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, December 10 (Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26)

7:00 am- Dennis Smirak

10:00 am- David Morisak (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope (Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14)

7:00 am- Joe & Lillian Muhlstein

7:00 pm- Helen DeLaRosa (*Vigil Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe – Spanish Mass*)

Wednesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Zec 2:14-17;12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38)

7:00 am- Louis & Stazie Haas

8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Joseph & Bernadina Bludau Family

6:15 pm- Hubert & Bunny Dornak, August & Karolina Dornak, Carl & Hilda Buss (CCD Mass)

Thursday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15)

7:00 am- Lawrence & Ruth Grubert

10:00 am- Jaro Krenek (Stevens)

Friday, December 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19)

7:00 am- Adolf, Mary, Jerome & Fred Jansky

8:05 am- Kelly Wood

Saturday, Dec. 15 (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13)

5:30 pm- Alvin Schneider, Jr., Jerry & Bertha Mozisek

Sunday, Dec. 16 (Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Jim & Josephine Gutierrez

Advent Penance Services:

Sacred Heart: Monday, December 17 at 5:30 pm

St. Joseph, Moulton: Tuesday, December 18 at 5:30 pm

St. Joseph, Yoakum: Thursday, December 20 at 5:30 pm

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Anton Bujnoch, Sr.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Theresa Brown in memory of Urban Hemmi.

Vigil Light: In thanksgiving for answered prayers.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,396.50; Bldg. Repair Fund-\$586; Manna-\$2,097; Loose-\$1,408; Children-\$55.

*Please pray for the blessing
of beneficial rainfall!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

-Celebration honoring Rev. Msgr. John Peters & Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

-Rosary & Evening Prayers, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Choir Practice, 6:15 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

-JCDA Christmas Party, 3:45-5:00 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

-CCD: K-12th, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Irene Bordovsky, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemecek, Geneva Strmiska, Joyce Bucek, Chibana Alfaro, Steve Smith, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Bernice Neskora, Glenn Rabel, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Donna Coldewey, Jack McNabb, Braxton & Bentley Rother, Donna Avant, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Annette Krupala, Mary Bonorden, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Richard Terry, Richard Staha, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Tonie Brooks, Mary Ann Pustejovsky, Joyce Pesek Hermes, Lucille (Carlwin) Werner, Annie Mae Pesek, Josephine Muniz, Franklin Billimek, nursing home residents & homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Angela Hermes* of St. Mary's, & *Martha Polach* of our parish family. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

JCDA Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 11th, 3:45-5:00 p.m., Family Center. Each girl should bring a \$5-\$7 gift if they want to participate in the gift exchange.

Christmas Flowers: Donations are being accepted for the Poinsettia's that beautify our church during the Christmas Season. You may drop off your donation at the Rectory, or place it in an envelope with your name and drop it in the collection basket.

December Ministry Schedule: We are *still* working on the Ministry Schedule for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. If you have not yet called the Rectory to let us know which Mass you will be attending, *please* call the Rectory **by 12:00 Noon this Tuesday, Dec. 11** so that we can schedule you accordingly. If we do not hear from you, we will schedule according to who is next in line to be scheduled. This is for all ministries.

Calendar Membership: **Nov. 29:** Betty Woytek-\$100; **Nov. 30:** C.A. Reiler-\$100; **Dec. 3:** Charlie Migura-\$50; **Dec. 4:** Dennis Haas-\$50; **Dec. 5:** Daniel & Monica Matula-\$50.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We welcome Bishop Fellhauer to our parish today as he comes to celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass in honor of Msgr. Say's and my elevation to Monsignor. He will also join us for the reception at the K.C. Hall. We also welcome all of our out of town guests.

This **Tuesday, December 11th**, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is on December 12th. The Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. with the Spanish Choir providing the music. Afterwards, there will be a covered dish supper in the Family Center. Some of the food, along with Pan Dulce (sweet bread) will be provided. Please bring a favorite dish with you.

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. The readings tell us that the Lord has done great things, leading His people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

Religious Education (CCD) –

Dec. 12: 12th Grade youth involvement at Mass.



Sacred Heart Catholic School –

Dec. 12: Grs. 3-4 Christmas Program, Gym, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 16: Christmas Band Concert, Gym, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 20-Jan. 1: Classes dismissed.

Sacred Heart Youth – There will be no Youth Night in the month of December. However, we are very excited about a new opportunity we have been given to take part in activities with the residents of Hallettsville Rehabilitation Center on Sunday, December 23. We will be playing dominoes with the residents starting at 2:00 p.m.; snacks and hot chocolate will be provided. This is a great way to spread the love of Christ during the blessed season of Advent. More details to follow. For questions, please feel free to email troy@splashwaywaterpark.com. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 'Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.' -Matthew 10-

Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters

Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 18, K.C. Hall. RSVP before December 14 to 798-2311.

Spring 2013 - Adult Religious Education Sign-up.

In celebration of the Holy Year of Faith, the Spring series of classes for Fr. Tommy's Tuesday night Adult Religious Education will be using the beautiful Catholicism DVD series by Fr. Robert Barron. This series of twelve classes will be studying the basics of our Catholic faith. Come and refresh your knowledge of the beauty of our Catholic faith! Please call the church office to sign up for the classes and to order the workbook. The workbook is \$25 and must be prepaid. The last day to sign-up is January 14, 2013, so that the materials may be ordered. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 29.

2nd Sunday of Advent –

Every few years, Congress wrangles for months to enact a transportation bill. The latest version provides \$120 billion through fiscal 2014. At the time that the previous law was expiring the American Society of Civil Engineers estimated that the country actually needed to spend about \$1.3 trillion on items covered in the transportation bill (plus another \$900 billion for other infrastructure needs) over five years.

John the Baptist quotes the prophet Isaiah in today's Gospel. Isaiah's prophecy is based on the kind of roadwork that took place in the ancient world. Before a conquering general or king would arrive, the way was cleared before him. A rough road was made smooth (to allow for a rapid advance); a crooked, winding road opened up and made straight (to prevent an ambush). Isaiah's prophecy came near the end of the Babylonian Exile, when it was perceived that the LORD would once again take possession of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Luke uses the Isaiah prophecy not to portray John the Baptist as some kind of civil engineer, but rather to indicate that there is work and preparation involved in welcoming the LORD. We'll hear more about that next week.

The cost of repairing and upgrading the nation's infrastructure is enormous, maybe more than we can afford. The cost of following Christ is also great. But the payment for that doesn't so much come out of our wallets, as out of our hearts. With just a little over two weeks to go before Christmas, what are you doing to make it easier for the Lord to enter your heart? (Liturgical Publications, Inc.)

REV. MSGR. CELESTINO SAY SEMINARY

BURSE- In honor of Msgr. Celestino Say's elevation to Monsignor: Lillian Gohlke-\$100; Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$10; David & Mary Polasek-\$50; Ella Mae Bludau-\$20; Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler-\$100; Bill & Sweet Hrcir-\$20; Larry & Doris Grubert-\$20; Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$25; Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$50; Richard Grahmann-\$15; Roland & Georgia Schaefer-\$15
In honor of Msgr. Celestino Say for Christmas: Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$25

REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE

#5 – In honor of Msgr. John Peters' elevation to Monsignor: Lillian Gohlke-\$100; Edna Bludau-\$20; Frank & Bernadette Bludau-\$25; Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$10; David & Mary Polasek-\$50; Ella Mae Bludau-\$30; Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler-\$100; Bill & Sweet Hrcir-\$20; Emil & Joyce Hermes-\$20; Larry & Doris Grubert-\$20; Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$25; Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$50; Richard Grahmann-\$15; Roland & Georgia Schaefer-\$15. **In honor of Msgr. John Peters' Birthday & for Christmas, Fr. Tommy Chen for Christmas, Robert Pesek's 90th Birthday & in memory of Judith Koerth:** Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$110. **In memory of Julius Hanslik:** Frank & Elrose Migl-\$30. **In memory of Angela Hermes:** Frank & Rita Zaruba-\$25. **In honor of Ed & Peggy Scherer's 50th Anniversary:** Vic & Katherine Kahanek-\$25