

# First Sunday Of Advent December 2, 2018

## Masses This Week:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
8:05 a.m. -- +Jerry Short	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
5:15 p.m. -- +Maria Tran Thi Nho	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
8:05 a.m. -- +Eldon Colson, Sr.	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
5:15 p.m. -- +Guise Tran Dong Han	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
8:05 a.m. -- +Maria Bui Thi Thin	
5:30 p.m. -- +Duane Brummer	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
9:00 a.m. -- +James & Hazel Prather	
5:00 p.m. – Living & Deceased members of the Nieman & Loader families	
6:30 p.m. -- +Thomaso Pham Quang Than	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
8:00 a.m. -- +Lupe Anguiano	
9:30 a.m. – People of St. Mary's Parish	
11:00 a.m. -- +Thomaso Huy Pham & +Maria Nhuong Pham	

## CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am  
 Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm  
 Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Sunday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> :	\$28,970.00
November to date:	\$92,998.00
Needed weekly:	\$17,500.00
Needed for month:	\$78,833.00

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

**PLEASE PRAY** for Joseph Fassbinder, Ronald Wenger, Vera Roach, all those who are disabled, in rest homes and hospitals, and service personnel serving overseas. (Names will be on this list for 1 month and then removed unless notified otherwise.)

## Events Happening This Week:

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 2</b>
K of C Family Christmas Party/2 pm/Parish Hall	
Extra-ordinary Minister Training/2 pm/Church	
C.Y.O./5:30 pm/Youth Center	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
SHJSHS Council of Education/5 pm/Library	
Bible Study/7 pm/Meeting Room #1	
Pastoral Council/7 pm/Meeting Room #2	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 4</b>
Knights of Columbus/6:30 pm/Parish Hall	
Ladies of Columbus/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #2	
R.C.I.A./7 pm/Meeting Room #1	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
Helping Hands Committee/6 pm/Meeting Room #2	
P.R.E./6:45-8 pm	
C.Y.O./7-8 pm/Youth Center	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
Pilgrims on the Journey/1:15 pm/Meeting Room #2	
One Stitch at a Time/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #2	
Cub Scout Pack 20/6:30 pm/Parish Hall	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
No CYO	
Vocatio/6:30 pm/Sacred Heart Cathedral	

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

From the "Proslogion" (Discourse on the Existence of God) by St. Anselm:  
 "Insignificant man, escape from your everyday business for a short while, hide for a moment from your restless thoughts. Break off from your cares and troubles and be less concerned about your tasks and labors. Make a little time for God and rest a while in him.  
 Enter into your mind's inner chamber. Shut out everything but God and whatever helps you to seek him; and when you have shut the door, look for him. Speak now to God and say with your whole heart: I seek your face; your face, Lord, I desire.  
 Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, nor can I find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in desiring you and desire you in seeking you, find you in loving you and love you in finding you."  
 Advent is exactly the kind of time to do this. It would seem impossible this time of year is filled with the necessity to hustle and bustle to try to get everything done. All the more reason to take the time, if only a few minutes a day, to do what St. Anselm suggests.  
 Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

## PARISH NEWS

**There will be a TRAINING WORKSHOP for EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION** on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 pm. Any registered parishioner who is 21 years of age, and in good standing with the Church who is interested in becoming an E.M. at St. Mary's is welcome to attend one of these sessions which will be held in the church.

**The ADVENT WREATHS** in the gathering area of the church contain tags with items that are needed during this holiday season for the families that we have adopted through Catholic Charities. If you wish to help, please remove a tag from the wreath, purchase **and wrap** the gift item, and bring the gift back **with the tag attached by December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Cash and gift cards should be left at the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Barb Short at 342-0249. Thank you for your generosity. The **BIRTHRIGHT Wreaths** will be placed in the gathering area beginning December 15/16.

**iGIVECATHOLIC:** St. Mary's Parish participated in our nation's first-ever Catholic Day of Giving. So far we have received over \$8,600 in donations through this program. We thank all of you who contributed to this new way of giving. We consider it to be very successful for us and we appreciate all you have done to make it that way!

**ATTENTION K OF C MEMBERS:** The Tri-Council Christmas Party for members and family will be Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will begin with caroling at 2:00 pm at Windsor Estates Nursing Home, 626 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St., and then back to the parish hall for children's games and dinner. Meat and potatoes provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP with number attending to: [grandknight@kofc8196.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc8196.org).



### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Ministries Rom for the December 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day Masses. We would appreciate your help by signing up for whichever Mass you may be attending.

**MASS SCHEDULE for the December 8 HOLY DAY** will be: Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** When using the envelopes in your packets to donate for Christmas Flowers in member of a loved one, please be sure you PRINT the names clearly in the space provided. The deadline for donations for Christmas flowers is Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

## PARISH NEWS

### **SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:**

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little or no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to this collection next weekend helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

### **There will be a TRAINING WORKSHOP for LECTORS**

on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church. Any registered parishioner who is 21 years of age, in good standing with the Church and who is interested in becoming a Lector for St. Mary's is welcome to attend this session.

## AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE

**The CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM** is a natural, safe, effective and Church-approved method of achieving or avoiding pregnancy, overcoming fertility, and monitoring reproductive health. Intro sessions will be offered monthly by Dr. Maria Rapp, FCPI. The next class will be held at Chiropractic Wellness Center on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The session is free and lasts approximately one hour. For more info, please call 827-7779 or email [back2000@aol.com](mailto:back2000@aol.com).

## SCHOOL NEWS:

### **SHJSHS FAST CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:**

Sun., Nov. 25 -- \$20 – Frances Krahl  
Tues., Nov. 27 -- \$20 – Stephanie White  
Thurs., Nov. 29 -- \$20 – Pronto Print

**FIRST FRIDAYS:** Each month St. Mary's School commemorates First Friday with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:05 am liturgy. The student body says a rosary together led by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Parents and friends are invited to attend. The next day that they will have adoration is **Friday, Dec. 14** (There was a scheduling conflict with Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>).