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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Dec 9	6:00pm	+Mary Catherine Faichtinger (Mass in Church)
Tues	Dec 10	7:30am	+Wilma Frnka
Tues	Dec 10	8:15am	+Lawrence Jendrzey
Wed	Dec 11	5:30pm	+Lewis Epps
Thur	Dec 12	7:30am	+Catherine Wilems
Thur	Dec 12	5:30pm	Ruben and Aracely Hernandez (S.I.) (Mass in Church)
Fri	Dec 13	8:15am	+Kenny Hale
Fri	Dec 13	5:30pm	+Ruby Mae Litzmann
Sat	Dec 14	6:00pm	+Kassidy Patterson
Sun	Dec 15	8:00am	KC's, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Dec 15	10:00am	+Barbara Hahn
Sun	Dec 15	12:00noon	Madeline Aguilar (S.I.)

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	
<u>6pm</u>	J. Schindler, S. Youens, Z. Kuhn
<u>C/L</u>	B. Besch
<u>EM</u>	B. Besch, B. & S. Berger
<u>8am</u>	E. & K. Lanham, T. Watkins
<u>C/L</u>	G. Warschak
<u>EM</u>	D. & G. Warschak, T. Lanham
<u>10am</u>	T, A, & J. Schobel
<u>C/L</u>	N. Nelson
<u>EM</u>	N. Nelson, D. Dungen, J. O'Leary
<u>12pm</u>	S. Gonzales, M. Aguilar, R. Sanchez
<u>C/L</u>	C. Gonzales
<u>EM</u>	P. & R. Tovar

Sunday, December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1). Have you ever seen a Jesse Tree? It's an ancient Advent tradition consisting of a carving, painting, or stained-glass window--even an actual tree--that portrays the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of the Messiah. Jesus is usually at the top. Many medieval Jesse Trees also included a depiction of Jesse himself lying at the base of the tree. That's because the design comes from today's first reading: a shoot sprouting "from the stump of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1).

Jesse was the father of King David and an ancestor of Jesus, so the branches of the Jesse Tree are meant to display Jesus' rich and varied heritage. The Tree reminds us how faithful God was during the "long Advent" when His people waited for the Messiah. Each person and event represented on the tree depicts part of God's plan to save His people. Prophets like Jeremiah and Isaiah often show up. So do David, Solomon, and other kings, as well as virtuous women like Ruth, Esther, and Susanna.

Even if you don't decorate a Jesse Tree in your home, the ideas behind it can help you prepare for Christmas. During Advent, it's traditional to review stories from the Old Testament that promise the coming of the Messiah. Stories of these ancestors of Jesus illustrate God's commitment to His plan to save us. It's a commitment that stretched from the very beginning, through thousands of years, right up to Christmas Day. It's a commitment too that reaches even to the present.

Jesus' birth has brought about something new and wonderful, and the Jesse Tree illustrates it: a salvation that is far more wide-reaching than we ever could have imagined.

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness to Your promises! Thank You for making me a part of Your family.
(From "The Word Among Us")

"Un brote brotará del muñón de Jesse" (Isaías 11:1). ¿Has visto alguna vez un árbol Jesse? Es una antigua tradición de Adviento que consiste en una talla, pintura o vidriera, incluso un árbol real, que retrata a las personas, profecías y acontecimientos que conllevar el nacimiento del Mesías. Jesús suele estar en la cima. Muchos árboles medievales de Jesse también incluían una representación del propio Jesse yacía en la base del árbol. Esto se debe a que el diseño proviene de la primera lectura de hoy: un brote "del muñón de Jesse" (Isaías 11:1).

Jesse era el padre del rey David y un antepasado de Jesús, por lo que las ramas del árbol de Jesse están destinadas a mostrar la rica y variada herencia de Jesús. El árbol nos recuerda cuán fiel fue Dios durante el "largo Adviento" cuando Su pueblo esperó al Mesías. Cada persona y evento representado en el árbol representa parte del plan de Dios para salvar a Su pueblo. A menudo aparecen profetas como Jeremías e Isaías. También David, Salomón y otros reyes, así como mujeres virtuosas como Rut, Ester y Susanna.

Incluso si no decoras un árbol Jesse en tu casa, las ideas detrás de él pueden ayudarte a prepararte para la Navidad. Durante el Adviento, es tradicional repasar historias del Antiguo Testamento que prometen la venida del Mesías. Las historias de estos antepasados de Jesús ilustran el compromiso de Dios con Su plan de salvarnos. Es un compromiso que se extendió desde el principio, a través de miles de años, hasta el día de Navidad. Es un compromiso también que llega hasta el presente.

El nacimiento de Jesús ha traído consigo algo nuevo y maravilloso, y el árbol de Jesse lo ilustra: una salvación que es mucho más amplia de lo que jamás podríamos haber imaginado.

¡Padre Celestial, gracias por tu fidelidad a Tus promesas! Gracias por hacerme parte de tu familia.
(De "La Palabra entre Nosotros")

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Dec 8	Consecration to Mary for all parishioners taking part in the 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration, after each of the Masses. Bishop Cahill will be at the 8:00am Mass.
Mon	Dec 9	Angel Tree Donations due to Church Office Funeral for Anne Ritchie, 10:00m in Church Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be at 6:00pm in the Church
Tues	Dec 10	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at KC Hall SAS Confessions (4th grade-9:30am, 3rd grade-10:15am) SAS Confessions (6th grade-8:45am, 5th grade-9:30am) CCE and Youth Group Confessions, 6:00pm in Church RCIA, 6:00pm at Solansky Home
Wed	Dec 11	Rosary led by SAS 3rd Grade, 9:30am in Chapel Our Lady of Guadalupe Parade, begins at 4:00pm outside of Church Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 5:30pm in Church
Thur	Dec 12	SAS Mass Prepared by the 7th grade, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Dec 13	

Please keep
Rusty Theut and
John Glueck
in your prayers as they continue
their journey in the Diaconate

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 5374.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1472.00	Loose
\$ 696.00	Paving the Way

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 13078.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 80.00	Legacy Memorials
\$ 120.00	A/C Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 52,923.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

“Thank you for your generosity!”

“Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!”

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$1,238,000.94.** (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

Please remember St. Anthony Church and the Capital Campaign in your end-of-year donations.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, please see Tracey in the Church Office.

<u>Parish Advent Confession Schedule</u>			<u>Christmas Mass Times</u>		
Monday, December 17	4:00-5:00pm		Christmas Eve	5:00pm	
Wednesday, December 19	4:00-5:00pm			9:00pm	
Thursday, December 20	9:00-10:00am		Christmas Day	8:00am	
Friday, December 21	4:00-5:00pm			10:00am	
Saturday, December 22	4:00-5:00pm			12:00noon (Spanish)	

Ministers To Serve December 14 & 15

12/14	6:00pm	<u>AS</u>	L. & D. Riehl, K. Weishuhn	12/15	10:00am	<u>AS</u>	E. & J. Schobel, Z. Kleimann
		<u>C/L</u>	J. O'Leary			<u>C/L</u>	K. Kleimann
		<u>EM</u>	J. O'Leary, T. Stehling, D. Rios			<u>EM</u>	N. Nelson, D. Dungen, K. Kleimann
		<u>FG</u>	D. Wagner, F. Holesovsky			<u>FG</u>	C. Grafe
12/15	8:00am	<u>AS</u>	S. & B. Wolters, J. Trapp	12/15	12:00pm	<u>AS</u>	E. & J. Tovar, M. Garcia
		<u>C/L</u>	S. Rhodes			<u>C/L</u>	A. Trujillo
		<u>EM</u>	S. Rhodes, RJ Jauernig, J. Barta			<u>EM</u>	O. & L. Villalba
		<u>FG</u>	K. Marusik				
<u>EM to TLC 12/15, 9:30am:</u>			RJ Jauernig, J. Huebel				