

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, Dec. 20</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Anna Cordero by Leila Ledesma (Fr. Mamachan)
10:30 a.m.	+Joe E. Martinez by Tom & Pam Mann (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)
1:00 p.m.	Distribution of Communion
<b>Monday, Dec. 21</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Ernestine Curtis by Tom & Pam Mann (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 22</b>	
12:00 p.m.	+Paul Curtis by Tom & Pam Mann (Msgr. Fred)
	+Phillip Robinson by Tom & Pam Mann (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 23</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Daisy Watson by Tom & Pam Mann (Msgr. Fred)
	+Leonard Watson by Tom & Pam Mann (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Thursday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve – Vigil of Nativity of the Lord</b>
5:30 p.m.	All the People of the Parish
8:00 p.m.	Intention of the Celebrant
12:00 a.m.	All the People of the Parish
<b>Friday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord</b>
11:00 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Saturday, Dec. 26</b>	<b>Mass Recorded</b>
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
5:30 p.m.	+Grover Rahe by Tom & Pam Mann (Msgr. Fred)
6:30 p.m.	Distribution of Communion
<b>Sunday, Dec. 27</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Adele Nawarskas by Fr. Fred (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	+Joe E. Martinez by Tom & Pam Mann (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)
1:00 p.m.	Distribution of Communion



<b>Sunday Dec. 20</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
Remote Classes	1-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
5:00-6:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice
<b>Monday, Dec. 21</b>	
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 22</b>	
11:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan) – Rm 101
	No RCIA – Parish Center
7:00-8:45 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 23</b>	
Remote Classes	No 7-12 Religious Education
6:00-7:30 p.m.	No Women's Scripture Study – Parish Center
	Parish Choir Practice
7:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve – Vigil of Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 24</b>	Parish Office Closed
5:30 p.m.	Children's Mass/Music at 5:15 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	Mass/Music at 7:30 p.m.
12:00 a.m.	Mass/Music at 11:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord</b>
	Parish Office Closed
11:00 a.m.	Mass
<b>Saturday, Dec. 26</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred) – Rm 101
	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
4:45-5:15 p.m.	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 27</b>	No 1-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Remote Classes	

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25. Normal office hours will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28.

**A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY** in the Abilene area will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses. This collection will be given to St. Vincent De Paul Society to help those who are in financial difficulty, especially during this time of year.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION WHEN WEARING FACE MASKS.** When you approach the minister to receive Holy Communion, please remove your face mask and consume the consecrated host immediately before returning to your pew. Please do not carry the host back with you to your seat.

## Christmas Blessings



We wish you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always Msgr. Fred, Fr. Mamachan, Bob Moore, Penny Pope, Angela Garcia, Gail Wheeler, Amanda Esquivel, and Leonardo Rocha

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Veronica Bartosh, Joyce Bayer, Harold Bush, Lorie Frieberg, Sonia Gallagher, Orlando Garcia, Manuel Hernandez, John Higuera, Kathy Jones, Jim Lessin, Jim Luyet, Max Mendez, Terry Novak, Claudette Perry, Pamela Poole, Ken Roussel, Joey Schaefer, Sandy Sherman, Gary Thompson, Octaviano Villanueva, Maureen White. *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

**THE 5:30 P.M. MASS IS RECORDED** and posted to our website and Facebook page. For those who are in attendance during the recording of Mass, please be aware that by attending this liturgy you acknowledge and consent that you may be recorded during this event.

**2021 PARISH CALENDARS** provided by Catholic Extension will be in the church foyer this weekend after Mass. You are welcome to take a calendar as a complimentary gift from the Parish. Because we have a limited supply, we ask that you please take only one per family.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Coronavirus Prayer by Bishop Michael Sis Diocese of San Angelo

Almighty and every-living God,  
we turn to you in this urgent need.

We depend completely on you.

We humbly beg you

to pour out your mercy on us all.

Purify our hearts.

Turn us from self-pity to gratitude,  
from selfishness to generosity,  
from fear to deeper faith.

Make us more aware of your nearness  
in the midst of our pain.

For those who are ill now,  
bring patience and healing.

For those searching for a remedy,  
guide them by the light of your Holy Spirit.

For medical caregivers helping the sick,  
strengthen and protect them.

For those working to eradicate this scourge,  
grant them success.

For those who are anxious and afraid,  
give them peace.

For all who have died from this disease,  
have mercy on their souls.

May our infinite power

be our defense and our salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

# Dear Padre

*Does God call me, like God called Mary? Can the angel Gabriel speak to me as he did to Mary?*

Perhaps God has already spoken to you! In the great calls in Scripture, God doesn't seem to care about age. God doesn't care about gender, race, talents, poverty or wealth, strengths or weaknesses. God calls each of us because we are God's daughters and sons. God's call is personal (to you and no other!), and this call is to always be Christian and serve the Lord. Most often the call won't be dramatic, like it was for Moses. More likely, your call will be quiet and personal. Remember what God said: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

In these hectic days before Christmas, find a peaceful place and quiet time. Be still and say to God, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). In this place, God will reveal your call to you, a call that was present long before your birth.

God has already spoken to us in our life's vocation. We are planted in friendships, relationships, marriages, jobs, families, a community, and a nation. In each place, we listen to hear what God is calling forth from us. Then, like Mary, we say yes! We reach into our most generous spirit and proclaim "yes" to even the most difficult, mundane, or boring aspects of our vocation.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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**VOCATION CROSS FOR THE HOME:** Please volunteer to take home the Vocation Cross that is located on the table in the church foyer. The parish is invited to join your family in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS** situation, we will not have the Children's Dramatization of the Nativity at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** December 12-13, 2020 with 1290 families:

Envelopes and Checks .....	18,290.00
Loose Plate .....	535.26
Other Contributions .....	903.01
Building Fund.....	85.00
 Total Income.....	 19, 8136.27
 Collection for Retirement for Religious .....	 3,530.00

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Children's Christmas Mass	5:30 p.m.
Music Prelude & Christmas Eve Mass	8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Music Prelude & Midnight Mass	12:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass	11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Mary, Mother of God - Vigil Mass (New Year's Eve)	6:30 p.m.
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Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Mary, Mother of God – Mass (New Year's Day)	11:00 a.m.
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To accommodate social distance requirements, all Christmas Eve/Day Masses will be livestreamed. Should we reach maximum capacity in the Church, people will be invited to go to the Parish Center and view the Mass on TV.