

## **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

## ST. HYACINTH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# WELCOME!

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Parish registration forms are at the Information/Welcome Desk and on our website.



## Mass Intentions

Mon, Dec. 7, 2020	NO MASS
Tue, Dec. 8, 2020— Fr. Anselum	6:00 PM
Wed, Dec. 9, 2020—+ Paul Nguyen Troung Long	8:15 AM
Thu, Dec. 10, 2020— + Maria Hoang Thi Dang	8:15 AM
Fri, Dec. 11, 2020— + Paul Nguyen Troung Long	8:15 AM
<b>Sat, Dec. 12, 2020</b> — + Milfa Colaco	5:00 PM
Sun, Dec. 13, 2020— St. Hyacinth Parish Family	8:00 AM
Jeanette Simek	10:30 AM
Procuro Casas	12:00 PM

While we live on this earth, we have every opportunity to make things right with Our Lord. Every opportunity. Every minute of the day. When we die, we no longer have that opportunity. The opportunity is gone; it is no longer with us. There is no way of directly contacting the souls of the deceased. However, God has not left us totally out. We are allowed to pray for those in Purgatory, as in bending an ear to the One who can do all things. God is good. Forgiveness is eternal.

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By using the envelopes sent to you every other month, we can properly credit you for your contributions.





HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE

Mass Times: Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun 8:00 & 10:30 am

Noon on Sunday (Spanish)

Mass Live-stream: Sunday 10:30 am on our

Website: StHyacinthAmarillo.org

<u>Daily Mass:</u> Tue. 6:00 pm, Wed., Thu., Fri. at 8:15 am Adoration: Tue. 5:00—6:00 pm (Confession available)

OFFICE HOURS — (OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

Mon: Closed; Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon 10 days prior to publication Email: mail@StHyacinthAmarillo.com

STAFE

Parish Administrator: Rev. Guadalupe Mayorga

Deacons: Mr. Arnold Schwertner Mr. Henry Wilhelm

Secretary/Receptionist: Ms. Barbara Shipman
Business Mgr./Bookkeeper: Ms. Grace Stringer
Environmental Services: Ms. Nancy Garcia
Grounds Maintenance: Mr. Andres Albarran

**FAITH FORMATION** 

Director: Ms. Maria Dorotik

DRE@StHyacinthAmarillo.com

RCIA: Ms. Lori Wilhelm

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**SACRAMENTS** 

Weddings:

Baptism: Call office for appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Make appointment with Priest at least

six months prior to marriage

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Being officially registered in a parish is very important to every Catholic. If moving, or making any changes of address or phone number, please contact the church office.

Remember to wear a mask to Mass and during reception of Holy Communion. The "Amen" response to "The Body of Christ" is a communal response and does not need to be repeated when receiving.

The church and bathrooms are sanitized after each Mass but if you are sick, please stay home.







IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

# Prayer to ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.



5:00 pm Tuesday







We are asking for assistance in procuring any old, unused bronze or copper items such as old keys, blue jean zippers, bells, discarded bronze pieces, springs, sculptures, guitar or piano strings, etc. There will be a box in the Gathering Area beginning in December.



Genny Peters, Lena Bailey, Kendra Haiduk, Thomas Kempf, Gerald Michels, Robert

Birkenfeld, Brack Voyles, Pat Burns, Viola Keller, Victoria Barra, Alex Lor, Sandera Dear-DeWeese, Nikaia Lang, John Zimmerman

Join us in reciting the rosary prior to each weekend Mass.



#### CHILDREN AT ST. HYACINTH

The 2020-2021 Faith Formation school year classes are available online. Contact Maria Dorotik at 358.1351 for more information.



#### OFFERING FOR NOV. 22, 2020

 General Offering
 \$ 4,790.42

 Second Collection
 242.00

 On-line Giving
 000.00

TOTAL . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 5,032.42

During challenging times such as this, please remember



that giving donations online is simple, safe, and secure at StHyacinthAmarillo.org. Just click on e-Giving. Easy peasy! The church bulletin is now available by mail when requested. Call our office at 358-1351 to be added to the mailing list.

## **FORMED**

#### THE CATHOLIC FAITH — ON DEMAND

FORMED is a website that provides books, movies, audio talks, documentaries and studies with Catholic content and programs. This access is available in English or Spanish and paid for by the parish for you, the parishioner, so it is no cost to you!

- Visit Formed.org
- ♦ Click "Sign up"
- Select "Sign up as a Parishioner"
- Enter 79106; select St. Hyacinth
- ♦ Enter your e-mail address—and you're in!

Blood Drive on Sunday
December 20, 2020
10:45 AM to 1:45 PM
Please give the gift of life.



### DECEMBER.

Second collection
December 20th
Retirement Fund
For Religious



#### **Knights of Columbus**

**Council #16205** 

Olive Wood Nativity Set Raffle December 13, 2020

Last chance to win this hand carved olive wood nativity set crafted by Christians in Bethlehem. Tickets available after Mass or call Jay 679.8595, Gilbert 654.4743, Frank 290.1400 or contact the office. Don't wait! The drawing is **NEXT SUNDAY!** 

Tickets are \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00

#### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Announces the State Cross Country meet results. The varsity boys' team placed 6th overall with Ezekiel Aranda placing 3rd and Rachel Lane placing 23rd.

The following players were chosen for the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) 1A-1 All-District volleyball team: Ariele Ronquillo, sophomore, 2nd team, and Kylee Johnson, senior & Bianca Ronquillo, sophomore, were both honorable mention. Congratulations, athletes!

### WEEKLY PRAYER

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

**SUN 12/6** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

MON **12/7** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

TUE 12/8 Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk

1:26-38

WED **12/9** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

THR 12/10 Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

FRI 12/11 Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. ]n 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

SAT 12/12 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/jdt 13:18bcde, 19

[15:9d]/

**SUN 12/13** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes

5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020**

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope

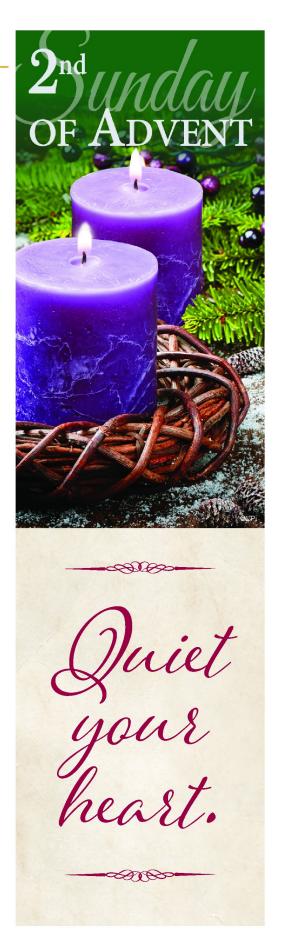
**Saturday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

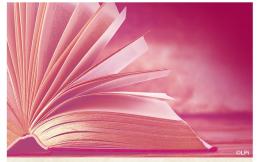
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.





#### **FIRST READING:**

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway
for our God! (Is 40:3)



#### **PSALM:**

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)



#### **SECOND READING:**

The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. (2 Pt 3:10)



#### **GOSPEL:**

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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### WORSHIP & MEDITATION



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?