

**ST. MARY CHURCH  
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA**

**December 1, 2013**



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**MONDAY**                    **DECEMBER 2, 2013**  
No Mass

**TUESDAY**                    **DECEMBER 3, 2013**  
No Mass

**WEDNESDAY**                    **DECEMBER 4, 2013**  
12:00 NOON    Mercy Hospital Chapel  
**†John Laudick** - Lucille Laudick & Family

6:00 PM                    Adoration – *Divine Mercy Chapel*

**THURSDAY**                    **DECEMBER 5, 2013**  
9:00 AM                    **†Peter, Mary Magdalene, & Luca Dao**  
- Long & Anna Dao

**FRIDAY**                    **DECEMBER 6, 2013**  
12:00 NOON                    **†Larry Kopera**  
- Charlie & Georgia Tanner

**SATURDAY**                    **DECEMBER 7, 2013**  
5:30 PM                    **Intention for Sam Bowman**  
- Melissa Bowman

**SUNDAY**                    **DECEMBER 8, 2013**  
8:00 AM                    For the people of the parish

10:45 AM                    For the people of the parish

**Readings for next weekend Dec. 7-8, 2013**

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*  
Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*  
Gospel: *Luke 3:4, 6*

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**    **DECEMBER 7, 2013**                    **5:30 P.M.**  
Lectors:                    (1) Julia Roberts (2) Marilyn Neubauer  
C. Ministers:                    RC & Evelyn Sandvick, Chris & Wendy Craddock, Julie Keys  
Altar Servers:                    Emily & Patrick Clowe  
Ushers:                    Robert Petz, Tim Vandagriff  
Offerings:                    Ushers

**SUNDAY**                    **DECEMBER 8, 2013**                    **10:45 A.M.**  
Lectors:                    (1) Kathy Maher (2) Bob Bates  
C. Ministers:                    Gus Orellana, Toribio & Evelyn Velasquez  
Jaime Wallace, Marilyn Rice  
Cross Bearer:                    Troy Velasquez  
Altar Servers:                    Owen & Clara Anderson  
Ushers:                    Kathryn Strong, Joe McMahan  
Offerings:                    Ushers



**Amy Conley, Jamey Echer, Floyd Forbes, Gigi and Elaine Fritz, Georgia Vandagriff, Janiece Vinson's mother, Kayla Zeitler.** Continue to pray for those on the December prayer sheet.



Altar flowers provided by:  
Mercy Hospital Ardmore

**LOAVES & FISHES NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENT  
DRY PINTO BEANS - 1LB PACKAGE**



***Faith Formation News***

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Bazaar on December 15th! This gives kids a chance to buy inexpensive presents for family and friends for Christmas. All gifts are under \$5. The Bazaar will run from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. and from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the Second Grade classroom.

The office annex has been undergoing a "facelift" with new paint, carpet, furniture and blinds. We'd like to do a collage of crosses in one of the rooms. If anyone has a cross/crucifix they would like to donate for this purpose please bring it by the church office. Thank you.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration** - all are invited to attend this celebration on December 7th in the parish hall after a special Mass. Bring a dessert to share.

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

**Victimized Children.** That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.  
**Prepare the Savior's Coming.** That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

**Reminder:** Please call the office and let us know if you need Father Tom to visit you or a loved one that has been hospitalized.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and overall economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18)



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* is held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The Divine Mercy chaplet is said at the beginning of Adoration. Please come take advantage of this special blessing for our parish.



The Women of St. Mary will have their meeting and Christmas ornament exchange on Wednesday, December 4th in the Catholic Center at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a wrapped ornament to the meeting.

### ALL ARE INVITED TO THE



**"Men of St. Mary" Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, December 8th (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)  
Come join us in the parish hall!**

There will not be a Men of St. Mary Dinner for December due to the holidays.

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**CRADDOCK FUNERAL HOME**

**OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME** to a Catholic exchange student from Germany for the coming 2014-2015 school year. Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. It is not too late to apply. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at [www.emfusa.org](http://www.emfusa.org)

**CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE:** At Christmas time, foster parents are not allotted any extra money to purchase gifts for children in their care. For the last 40 years, St. Philip's has administered a program which obtains Christmas wishlists from foster children, then distributes the wishlists to parishioners who purchase the children's gifts (within certain monetary guidelines). The program also collects money from those simply wishing to donate but not shop. St. Philip's is seeking St. Mary's participation in a variety of ways: parishioners adopting wishlists and purchasing the gifts with their own funds, monetary donations from those who want to help but not shop, help shopping with the donated funds, gift wrapping, etc. Wishlists will be distributed November 17th & November 24th, and the gifts must be turned into St. Philip's on December 8th. If you are interested in helping in any of the above ways, please contact Anne Stolfa-Beard at 226-5469 H & 490-6777 C. or call the St. Philip's program coordinator, Katie Morgan at 580-222-9027 for information or to volunteer. There will be a red Christmas box labeled for the Foster Children's Christmas in the vestibule where you can place donations.