



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Communal Penance Rites:

**December 10th** - Holy Cross Church, Madill, 6:00 p.m.

**December 17th** - St. Mary Church, 6:00 p.m.

### ROSARY HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE -

Rosary will be said each night from December 3rd through December 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

**MAÑANITAS** – Special prayers honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe will be in the church on Wednesday, December 11th beginning at 11:00 p.m., Mañanitas at midnight. *Español*



All are invited to the **Filipino Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 14th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come share in the celebration!

**Second Sunday of Advent** - We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." See Matthew 3:10

**The St. Mary Outreach program needs canned fruit.**



### NATIVITY FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

The church is planning to have a live Nativity again this year. All children are invited to participate - the more the merrier! The children participating need to be sure that their families will be attending the Christmas Eve Family Mass on December 24th at 6:00 p.m. It will be a very simple Nativity - information sheets will go out to the kids at Faith Formation this Sunday. Practice will be on Dec. 24th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. If your child wants to participate, they must sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please call Julie at 223-0231 or 465-0639.

**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. 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.

### 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.

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.

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