

ST. MARY CHURCH
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

December 8, 2013



MASS INTENTIONS



MONDAY **DECEMBER 9, 2013**
 12:00 NOON **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

TUESDAY **DECEMBER 10, 2013**
 No Mass

WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 11, 2013**
 12:00 NOON Mercy Hospital Chapel
 †**Jose Mendez** - Olga Mendez

6:00 PM Adoration – *Divine Mercy Chaplet*

THURSDAY **DECEMBER 12, 2013**
 9:00 AM †**Martha Riddles** - Jerry Storts

FRIDAY **DECEMBER 13, 2013**
 12:00 NOON **Intention for Maggie East**
 - Melissa Bowman

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 14, 2013**
 5:30 PM †**Mary Wood** - Charlie & Georgia Tanner

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 15, 2013**
 8:00 AM For the people of the parish

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Readings for next weekend Dec. 14-15, 2013

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 (7A)*
 Second Reading: *James 5:7-10*
 Gospel: *Matthew 11:2-11*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 14, 2013** **5:30 P.M.**
 Lectors: (1) Cyd Jordan (2) Jim Delano
 C. Ministers: Anne & Riley Beard, Pablo Fuego, Cathy Biddick, Susan Gonzales
 Altar Servers: Zach Pratt, Christine Fuego
 Ushers: Robert Petz, Jim Supan
 Offerings: Ushers

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 15, 2013** **10:45 A.M.**
 Lectors: (1) Krys Smith (2) Mark Urbanosky
 C. Ministers: Jim & Maureen Schumacher, Sheila Kearney, Beth Ridley, Jose Romo
 Cross Bearer: Ethan Lyles
 Altar Servers: Mickey Hunnicutt, Ryan Hilmes
 Ushers: Tom Betzen, David Tresp
 Offerings: Ushers



Stephanie Merlyn McGuire. Pray for the repose of the soul of Carmela Aranda, who passed away on 11/21/13. Continue to pray for Amy Conley, Jamey Echer, Floyd Forbes, Gigi and Elaine Fritz, Georgia Vandagriff, Janiece Vinson's mother, Kayla Zeitler those on the December prayer sheet.



Altar flowers provided by:
 Mercy Hospital Ardmore

LOAVES & FISHES DECEMBER ASSIGNMENT
PEACHES OR MIXED FRUIT - 150Z CANS

Our church is scheduled to serve at **LOAVES & FISHES** on December 23rd - 27th (closed 24th & 25th). If you can help, please call Ron Deyalsingh at 223-5796.




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.

CHOIR PRACTICE for the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass begins this Sunday, Dec. 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the choir loft. All who love to sing are invited! Practices will continue on Dec. 15th and 22nd.

 **Thank you** to all who helped serve and cook at the soup kitchen. Your time was greatly appreciated.
 - Lisa McCormick

Mass: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated Monday, December 9th at Noon.

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

MIGUEL CAMACHO, MD