

# DECEMBER 3, 2017

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish, Hostyn Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Plum**

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### Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4	<b>H 7:00 AM</b>	Wilfred Holtman
Tuesday, December 5	---	
Wednesday, December 6	<b>P 5:30 PM</b>	Rose Smith Henry Tripson
Thursday, December 7	<b>H 7:00 AM</b>	Jewel Shimek
<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
Thursday, December 7	<b>H 6:00 PM</b>	Virginia Adamcik Albina Urban
Friday, December 8	<b>H 7:00 AM</b>	Parish Families
	<b>M 10:15 AM</b>	Leonard Supak
	<b>P 6:00 PM</b>	Joe & Gary Belota, Frank Kruppa
Saturday, December 9	<b>H 5:00 PM</b>	Martha Hrachovy Evelyn Ripper
Sunday, December 10	<b>H 8:00 AM</b>	Richard F & Frances Kallus Family
	<b>P 10:00 AM</b>	Frances Anderle Fred & Annie Belota

**H** - Hostyn    **P** - Plum    **M** - Monument Hill Nursing Center

**Prayer List** We offer our prayers for Chris Lena, Irene Banse, Laura Beth Janda Perez, Jackie Ripper, Mary Ann Holtmann, Karin Dwight, Susan Vecera, Janice Brandt, Jo Anne Cook, Mary Ann Holtman, Alton Demel, Kirtley Kallus, Dr. Jim Sladek, Ludie Dennis, James A Cook, Bernard Muras, Cyril Muras, Butch Gaddes, Richard Cernosek, A. J. Janda, Archer Foltermann, Steven Brothers, Lisa George, Kamren Bayless, Frank Castello, Prayer Blanket Recipients, and all those who are sick or injured. Please contact the parish office each month to have a name kept on the list, to remove names, or to add names. Please keep all the sick in your prayers.

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament** on Thursdays in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn. Sign-up sheet available in the narthex.

**Last Week's Income:** Plum: \$1432, DSA \$210, Building \$621    Hostyn: \$2851, DSA \$250, Building \$80

**The Emmaus Center** provides Catholic-based professional counseling and spiritual direction for the faithful of the Diocese of Victoria and others seeking such services. Call 361-212-0830 or go to [www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com) to make counseling and spiritual direction appointments.



**The Social Ministry Committee** is seeking names of our shut-ins, homebound and those in nursing facilities, and names and addresses of family members in the military. Please contact the parish office or Carol Janecka with information. We would like to remember them with cards and in prayer!

**Congratulations to the young people who have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week:** Brooklyn Barber, Tatum Bickly, Gabriel Haverda, Adysen Janacek, Dalton Janacek, Abigail Kates, Paige Michalke, Brooke Ulrich, Carley Ulrich, Brady Wagner, James Zbrank. May the Lord Always Bless You and Keep You!

## Plum & Hostyn

### Advent Schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Plum – Friday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 20 before & after the 5:30 PM Mass.

Hostyn – Saturdays 45 minutes before the 5 PM Mass, Thursdays, December 14 & 21 from 11 AM to noon in the Chapel, and Thursday, December 21, from 6 – 7 pm in the Chapel.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 23: 5 PM at Hostyn

Sunday, December 24: 9 AM at Plum

#### Christmas Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 24: 4 PM at Plum

and 6 PM at Hostyn

Sunday, December 25: 9 AM at Hostyn

***Generations of Faith – Faith Formation for all ages*** and for both the Hostyn and Plum Parish Families – Second Wednesday of each month, starting with a meal at 6 PM, and the class lasting until 8 PM. December 13 session is at the Hostyn Parish Hall.

***First Wednesday*** faith formation for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Next session is December 6, 7 – 8:30 PM.

***Confirmation Preparation*** class is Wednesday, December 6, 7 – 8:30 PM, Hostyn Parish Hall.

***RCIA classes*** are held each Wednesday evening beginning at 6 pm. Come join us for Mass in Plum at 5:30 pm followed by the class in the Church Rectory. Contact Callan Oltmann (979-966-8123), John McCourt (979-966-2272) or the Church office (979-247-4441) for information.

***Young Neighbors in Action and Just5Days*** - Fair Trade Sales start on November 18. Next meeting is December 6.

***Hostyn Plum Youth Group*** – Caroling at the Nursing Homes and Christmas Social, Sunday, December 10. Meet at Monument Hill Nursing Center at 10:45 am (to start singing about 11) and Jefferson Place at about 12:30 pm. ***(all adults and youth are invited to join in the Caroling at the Nursing Homes!)*** Then the youth group will meet at the Plum Dining Hall for a Christmas Social. Bring snacks, pizza will be provided. ALL youth and their families are invited.

***Social Ministry*** – meeting is December 13, 9:30 AM, Office Conference Room at Hostyn.

***Scholarship Breakfast*** – December 17 at Hostyn.

***Homemade Noodles*** by YNIA for Christmas - \$6.50 per bag. Call the parish office to place your order.

***Ready to Bake Apple Strudel*** is also available.

***La Grange Community Blood Drive*** -Tuesday, December 12, 9 AM to 6 PM, at First United Methodist Church.

***The KJZT Society #23 Juniors*** wish to thank everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. It was a great success! May God Bless you all.

The final day for the annual ***Fair Trade Gifts Sale*** to benefit SERRV/ Catholic Relief Services, is Sunday, December 3 at Sts. Peter & Paul, Plum.

***Advent Solemn Vespers***: December 3, 10, & 17.

Incarinate Word Convent, Victoria. 5 to 5:45 pm in the Convent Chapel.

***Silent Guided Day Retreat***:

Saturday, December 9, Theme: “Silence: The Christmas Noise” *Sister Rose Miriam Gansle, IWBS* 9:30 am—3:30 pm in Auditorium. For information contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at 361-575-7111. Open to the public.

***Ladies of the Parish*** – What better way to start Advent than to attend an inspiring Evening of Recollection for Women on Monday, December 11 at Featherock Conference Center, 934 Holub Rd, Schulenburg! The first Meditation begins at 7 PM, and Benediction will conclude the evening at 9 PM. Come and prepare for the gift of Christ’s birth!

***Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz***, the moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Holy Family Catholic Church, Victoria on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission is free. For information: Holy Family Parish Office at 361-573-5304 or [www.hfccvic.org](http://www.hfccvic.org).

***Advent Saturday Seminar: Waiting on God through the Holy Spirit*** - December 9, 9 am to 1 pm, High Hill Conference Center of God's Embrace: 2911 FM 2672 Schulenburg. Presented by Dr. Michael Fonseca of God's Embrace Ministries. \$25/person includes lunch. Register by calling (979) 561-8883 or online at [www.godsembrace.org/events](http://www.godsembrace.org/events).

**FOOD and FELLOWSHIP** by La Grange Ministerial Alliance and the City of La Grange – providing hot meals for those displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Harvey. **Hostyn and Plum Catholic Churches will host the meal on Thursday, December 14**, at the VFW Hall at the Fairgrounds from 5 – 6:30 PM. Our main course will be a Delicious Ham Casserole. If you would like to help provide the meal, items needed are: garlic bread, fruit or fruit salad, and cookies. If you would like to help prepare or

help serve the meal, or if you have any questions, please contact Gina or Peggie at the parish office.

**Our Annual Angel Tree** program is underway!

Angels represent youth in Child Protective Services, disabled adults and senior citizens in our area.

Please bring all gifts to church by December 12.

**KC #2574 and CDA #1962 & #2282 Family**

**Christmas Party** is Sunday, December 3, **Social begins at 4 PM**, at the Plum Dining Hall. The KC's will provide Ham. CDA members with last name that begin with the letter A-P are to please bring a side dish, and the letter Q-Z please bring a dessert. Cookies would be appreciated as the dessert.

**KC Meeting** is December 12 at the Plum Dining Hall. Social & meal at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting.

## Hostyn

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**, for ages 4 – 11, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month: Dec. 16, Jan. 20

**Vigil Lamps** – A Holy Family Lamp is offered for a Special Intention+.

**Rosary Leader** at MHNRC – Lillian Kallus

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays, 7 PM.

**Cemetery Volunteer** Group#2 Mowing, Dec. 7, 9 am  
**CDA** – MHNC monthly Birthday Party is December 8, hosted by Joyce H Muras, Mary Jane Muras, Mary Muras, Monica Muras & Gloria Oeding. Meeting & Christmas Party is December 11, bring snacks.

**CDA State Memorial Scholarship Applications** are now available for graduating seniors in accredited high schools who are related to living CDA members in good standing and/or who are members of JCDA. Requirements are listed on the application.

Applications and essays must be postmarked by January 31, 2018. Please contact Scholarship Chairperson, Carolyn Surface, @ 281-468-5441 if you have any questions.

**KJT & KJZT Christmas Party** – after Mass, Saturday, December 2, Hostyn Parish Hall.

**Annual Polishing Party!** Wednesday, December 13, at 9 AM, to help with the polishing of the candlesticks, etc. in Church. Volunteers welcome!

**Children's Christmas Pageant** – will be part of the Vigil Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24, 6:00 PM. Sign up forms are in Church and at the Parish Office

**Light up Hostyn for Advent/Christmas!**

**Tuesday, December 5, 8 AM**, we will continue to decorate the church grounds –

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Contact Miguel, or Gina at the Parish Office, for information.

## Plum

**Vigil Lamp** – The Sacred Heart of Jesus Lamp is offered in memory of Frank Svoboda by Joan Smith. The Blessed Mother Lamp is offered for a Special Intention+.

**Preparation Volunteers for next weekend:** Mary Vasek, Mary Lou Anderle, Pat Leer

**Anniversary Blessings** – December 17

**The Altar Society Raffle Drawing** will be Dec. 3, after the Mass. **The Plum Parish Appreciation Meal** will be served at 11:30 AM.

## Dear Padre

DECEMBER 3, 2017

**Why do we have Advent?**

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.

Fr. Thomas Santa, CSsR

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