



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2009
 With Joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation
 — *Isaiah 12:3*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 Dec. 14-20, 2009



Monday
8:00 am Antonia Alaniz† - Joe & Gloria Alaniz
Tuesday
 8:00 am Mary Swetlick† - William & Kyle Swetlick
Wednesday
 6:30 pm Consuelo Rodriguez† - Elida Torres
Thursday
 8:00 am Dan & Claudia Menn(Anniv.) - Charlotte Byerly
Friday
 8:00 am Jesse Hernandez† - Roy & Jenell Richter
Saturday
 6:00 pm Albert Ayarzagotia† - Oralia Gamez & E. Ayala
Sunday
 8:00 am Gilbert Martini† - Evelyn Martini & Family
 9:30 am Antonio & Reyna Lopez† - Pedro & Ninfa Lopez & family
 10:00 am People of the Parish
 12:00 pm Dolores Dimas - Grandparents
 6:00 pm Israel Salinas† - Connie Stephens

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelope Contributions (376)	\$17,914.00
Loose Collection	\$708.13
Children's Collection	\$281.92
Other Fees	\$748.00
Total	\$19,652.05

Thank You!

ST. MARY MISSION

Envelope Contributions (21)	\$482.00
Loose Collection	\$ 88.75
Total	\$570.75

Dear Friends,

Since many of you will take time out this week to make a good Advent Confession at one of our Communal Penance Services (See schedule on next page) I thought it worthwhile to print below an "Examination of conscience" and I pray it will be beneficial to you and your family. The Sacrament of Confession is still the best way to "Prepare the way of the Lord" and become worthy to receive Jesus into our lives in Holy Communion.

Yours sincerely,
 Msgr Morgan

AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Do I love God above everything and everyone else? Do I live as a child of God, confident in the Father's mercy? Am I humble? Do I depend on God as I should? Am I prideful? Do I try to make the world revolve around me? Do I live out of a sense of self-sufficiency...imposing my will on others...acting as if I were the cause of the good in my life?

Am I presumptuous? Do I think I can do whatever I want and that it will not matter to God? Do I yearn to know God's will and do I abandon myself to divine Providence moment by moment? Do I pray every day? Do I go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day? Do I devote myself to growing in faith? Am I thankful? Do I express my gratitude sincerely and outwardly, especially in works of mercy? Do I make excuses for my faults, blame others, rationalize or relativize? Am I self righteous?

Am I forgiving? Do I harbor grudges and resentments...Do I take delight in misfortunes of others? Do I judge others, label others, exclude others, condemn others? Is my life in any way ruled by anger, jealousy, envy, or impatience? Do I make gods of money, power, prestige, accomplishment, materialism, sensuality, vanity, pleasure, comfort, leisure, complacency, apathy, or anything else?

Do I put myself first through self-centeredness, egoism, selfishness, vanity, self-aggrandizing, etc.? Do I engage in extra-marital sex? Do I use sex recreationally? Do I dedicate myself to knowing, loving, and living the Truth as it is taught by the Catholic Church?

Do I live in the Truth and do I tell the truth, always and without compromise? Do I misuse speech through cheating, gossiping, back-biting, profanity, blasphemy, complaining, being silent when I should speak, etc.? Am I true to my vows, my commitments, my contracts, my word? Is my mind filled with thoughts that a lustful, vicious, carnal, mean-spirited, prejudicial, venal, worldly, etc.?

Do I waste time? Am I generous with my time, talent and treasure? Am I lazy or slothful? Do priorities in my life reflect and serve the precious gift of faith God has given me? Do I live life more for myself than for God and others? Do I live by faith...or by emotions...by worldly philosophy...by current fads...by popular ideologies...by the pressures and deceptions of media and culture? What important things do I omit to do? Do I recognize how God is present and active in every moment of my life? Do I live by any standard other than the way of love revealed by Jesus Christ?

This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m.. Feast of St. John of the Cross. K.C. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Bible Class 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Novena & Rosary 6:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Mass 8 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7-9 p.m. RCIA Meeting 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8 a.m.

SATURDAY: Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

CHOIR PRACTICE for HS is every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Come join us in singing praise to the **LORD**.

YOUTH NIGHT, Christmas Caroling and Party will be Sunday, Dec. 20th. FMI call Audri @ 779-5750

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

Each year we have a Children's Christmas Mass involving the children in our parish. The Mass will take place on Thursday, Dec. 24th at 5 p.m. At the beginning of Mass (4:45) some of the children process in as angels, shepherds, sheep, the little drummer boy and Mary & Joseph.

We will also have a Children's Choir that will sing Christmas Carols during the Mass. If your son/daughter is interested, please return the form to the Religious Education Office **no later than Wednesday, Dec. 16th**. You may also drop off the form in the mail slot on the front door of the CCD Center.

SCHEDULED PRACTICES: Parts and costumes for the angels, shepherds, sheep, the little drummer boy and Mary & Joseph will be assigned on **Thursday, Dec. 17th @ 7 p.m. in the Church**. The Children's Choir will also practice at this time. All will practice on **Saturday, Dec. 19th @ 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Church**.

YOUR CHILD MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PRACTICE(S) IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE!

If your child did not get a form or FMI, call Priscilla @ 241-3372 or 241-3369

CHRISTMAS CCD HOLIDAY SCHEDULE LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, December 13 Monday, December 14
Wednesday, December 16

CONGRATULATIONS to Amber Escobar. She celebrated her 15th birthday with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 in St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church.

Upcoming Events

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND "GAUDETE" SUNDAY. Please light two purple and one rose candle this week on your Advent Wreath and pray the following prayer. "Loving God, we believe that you always listen to us and hear our prayers. We pray that by the time we celebrate Christmas we may be different and better than we are now, living in the Spirit of Christmas, through Christ our Lord and Brother. Amen. Add your own special prayers and Bible Readings. See our web-site www.stpeterprince.net for information on how to say the Rosary, Morning and Night Prayers.

ELECTIONS FOR OUR PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD AT ALL MASSES TODAY. You are asked to vote for six of the candidates on the ballot. Please do so by just checking off the names of the candidates you have selected to serve on this Parish Advisory Board and sign the ballot.

SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO THIS AFTERNOON FROM 2-4 P.M. By popular demand we are having this Christmas Bingo Session in our St. William Family Center and all our over 55 years of age are invited to come and enjoy the food, fun, fellowship and bingo. See you there.

CONFESSIONS FOR ADULTS THIS TUESDAY FROM 7-9 P.M. All adults should come to our Communal Penance Service this Tuesday and make their Advent Confession to one of the ten priests who will be present to help us prepare spiritually for Christmas. See Examination of Conscience on first page. We will use Form 2 - FMI go to "Ten Tips for a Better Confession" on the web page.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO HAVE CONFESSIONS THIS WEDNESDAY FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M. All children, youth and their parents are urged to come to receive pardon and peace at this special Communal Penance Service. We will have ten priests and we will take the boys and girls from the different CCD classes at their regular times. Call the CCD office at 241-3372 for more information.

THE LONGING FOR THE HOLY SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS ARE SET TO BEGIN ON THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10TH. If you have not yet signed up for this wonderful opportunity to grow in holiness and grace, please do so ASAP. You may select the night you are free to meet for the 12 sessions and even choose the Group you would like to join. There are sign up cards in the bulletin racks at all exits. These sessions will fulfill requirements for Sac. 2 parents. FMI call 241-3249.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 24 & 25
St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church
Christmas Eve Masses (Dec. 24) are:
5:00 p.m.

Children's Mass & Nativity Procession
begins at 4:45 p.m. **8:00 p.m.** Mass
with Youth Choir

11:00 p.m. Mass with Adult Choir.
Christmas Day Mass (Dec. 25) 9 a.m.
St. Mary Mission (Dec. 25) Christmas Day Mass, 10 am



ST. PETER, ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY will have a Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of December 19 & 20th after all the Masses. Leave your holiday baking to us!