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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm to 4:30pm

**Christmas Mass Schedule
Monday Dec. 24, 7:00pm**

**Tuesday Dec. 25,
8:00 am (Sonoita)
10:30 am (Patagonia)**

No Daily Masses Dec. 26-Dec. 28.

- **Angel Wings Thrift & Gift Shop will be closed from December 23-January 3, 2019.**
(Please hold your donations until then.)
- **BINGO!!**
Monday January 7, 2019
6:00 pm Parish Hall
Come join us for food, fun & games!

Prayer Request

Estela Padilla
Dick Klosterman
Ana Maria Miranda
Steve Biddle
Millie Benedict
Dora Barela
Walter Wolosik
Nancy Swyers
Bob Bilodeau
Dr. Jesse
Cruz Quiroga
Sadie G.
Joseph Hann
Waclaw Wolosik
Don Wilson Jr.
Pelagia Wolosik
Bill Swyers
Jeannette Swyers
Harold Swyers
John Swyers
Don Witt
Art Pena
Delfina Madrid
Amelia Barrios

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

A Word from Fr. George

As I celebrate my second Christmas with you, I am so thankful for the gift of Jesus and for all of you. It has been a wonderful experience. I wish each of you a Blessed, Holy and Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring you abundant peace and joy!

**God Bless,
Fr. George**

CCD NEWS

- Classes Wednesday from 3:30 pm- 4:30pm
- Youth confirmation class resume Sunday February 3, 2019 after 10:30am Mass

Week of 12/16/18	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$1,082.00	\$420.27	\$1,502.27
Goal			\$1,650.00
Over /Under Goal			\$(147.73)
2 nd Collection- Parish Priest Salary	\$421.00	\$263.35	\$684.35

Parish Office Hours

Monday 11:00am – 1:00pm
 Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm
 Wednesday 8:30am – 10:30am
 Thursday 8:30am – 12:30 pm
 Friday **Closed**

Parish Office Holiday Schedule.

**Only opening on
 December 26 & 27, 2018
 and
 January 2 & 3, 2019**

Upcoming 2nd Collections:
 December 23- Poor & Needy
 January 13- Parish Priest Salary
 January 20- Poor & Needy

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 22, 5:30pm
 Missa Pro Populo

Sunday December 23, 8:00am
 Missa Pro Populo

Sunday December 23, 10:30am
 † Ramon Tapia

Monday December 24, 7:00pm
 Deceased members of the
 Mihalik & Valenzuela Families

Tuesday December 25, 10:30am
 † Virginia Pesqueira

Merry

Christmas!

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date

Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule

Marriage: Contact Fr. George at least 6 months prior to desired date

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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