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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

December 15 de Diciembre 2013



MASS SCHEDULE ~ LA MISA

Saturday 5:00 pm OLF
Sunday 9:30 am St. Gregory
Domingo 11:30 am San Gregorio

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Saturday 4:00 pm OLF
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15-22 de Diciembre

Sun/Domingo	G	Rectory Open House	2-4:00 pm
		OLF Christmas Pageant & Potluck	5:30 pm
Mon/Lunes	G	Prayer Group	8:00-9:00 am
		OLF Quilt Club	10:00 am-3:00 pm
		OLF Confirmation Class Cookie Bake	6:30-8:00 pm
Wed/Miércoles		Food Pantry/Dispensa de Comida	3-5:00 pm
	G	No 1-5 Faith Formation	
	G	No 6-7 Faith Formation	
	OLF	Children's Christmas Mass Practice	3:30-4:45 pm
	OLF	No K-6 Religious Ed	
Thurs/Jueves	G	No Bible Study	
	G	Advent Penance Service	7:00 pm
Sat/Sabado	OLF	Church Decorating	6:00 pm
Sun/Domingo	G	Church Decorating	12:30 pm

LITURGY ~ LITÚRGIA December 16-22 de Diciembre

Tuesday/Martes	9:00 am	G	Mass
Thursday/Jueves	5:15 pm	G	No Mass
	7:00 pm	G	Penance Service
Friday/Viernes	9:00 am	OLF	Mass
Saturday/Sabado	5:00 pm	OLF	Joseph & Alice Eilers
Sunday/Domingo	9:30 am	G	Henry & Lillian Lehman
	11:30 am	G	Familia Parroquiál



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, December 19,
7:00 pm at St. Gregory

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24:

5:00 pm OLF Vigil Mass

8:00 pm St. Gregory
Children's Mass
Misa de Familia—Bilingüe

December 25:

9:00 am Mass, St. Joseph-Weare

10:00 am Mass, St. James-Montague



MINISTRY SCHEDULE/MINISTERIOS de la MISA December 21-22 de Diciembre

Ministers of the Word/Lectura

5:00 pm	Andrea Bosse
9:30 am	Pat Campbell
11:30 am	Eduardo Méndez

Ministers of the Eucharist/Comunión

5:00 pm	R Pochyla, T Kersjes, P Kersjes
9:30 am	M Mahynski, S Hedinger, A Bosse
11:30 am	A Contreras, L Ybarra, H Madrigal

Altar Servers/Acólitos

5:00 pm	B Cerquist, J Kersjes
9:30 am	J Wittman, J Vanderstelt
11:30 am	AJ Bernal, A Martinez

Ministers of Hospitality/Bienvenida

9:30 am	C Aerts, L VanZoeren
11:30 am	Miguel y Olivia González

Ushers/Colecta y Ofrendas

5:00 pm	A Revilla, J Wade, D Zaverl, K Kludy
9:30 am	A Bosse, D Schaner, J Dennert, D VanderZanden
11:30 am	Efigenio Barron y Familia



RECTORY OPEN HOUSE: Members and visitors of both parishes are invited to stop in at Fr. Tom's (rectory in Hart) on Sunday, Dec 15, 2-4:00. Come share the Christmas Spirit!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday, Dec 15, 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima. Come celebrate the meaning of Christmas with our students and enjoy a potluck supper following the performance.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Please plan to help decorate the weekend of Dec 21/22. Many hands, for a short time following masses, will make things fun and easy. We need you! Saturday, Dec 21, 6:00 pm at OLF & Sunday, Dec 22, 12:45 pm at St. Gregory.

PARISH CENSUS: If you have not yet completed a parish census form, please do so this week and return it to the parish office or leave it in the entry at either church.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Beginning in January, *Little Rock Scripture Study* on Hebrews begins on Thursdays at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Fatima and 7:00 pm at St. Gregory. Sign-up sheets are in the back of each church. A minimum of six participants at each location is needed. Commentary/study guide \$14. Carpooling is a possibility. Info/questions: Sharon Hedinger 873-4253.

K of C CHRISTMAS PARTY: Wednesday, Dec 18, 7:00 pm, 109 Washington, Hart. Members, their families and guests are welcome. Bring a dish to pass. Santa Claus will be visiting.

TOY DRIVE: The K of C are hosting a toy drive, to reach out to children in our parishes and community. You are invited to bring a new unwrapped toy to either church, geared to children under age 12, and leave it in the back of church. If you know of a child under 12 in our parishes who needs a gift this Christmas, please fill out the form in the back of church and leave it there. Names and gifts are needed **by Dec. 17**. THANKS for sharing your holiday spirit with those in our parish families who are less fortunate financially this year. Questions: Hector 873-3445.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRACTICE: For those children who are singing carols or placing manger figures, practice will be Wednesday, Dec 18, 3:30-4:45 pm. If you are not attending the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at St. Gregory, there is no need to attend practice.

OLF GIVING TREE: The annual OLF giving tree for C.O.V.E is ready for those who wish to participate in donating a gift. Simply take an ornament(s) from the tree and place your purchase under the tree. For more information contact Kathy Grantz 861-5472.

FAITH FORMATION: Classes are cancelled Dec 18-Jan 1. Classes resume on Jan. 8, 2014. Merry Christmas!

OCEANA SINGERS: The annual Christmas concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 4:00 pm at Shelby Congregational Church.

FAMILY CONCERT: Michael Russell O'Brian will be at St. James, Montague on Monday, Dec 16, 7:00 pm. Tickets available at the door; \$5/each or \$20/family. For more info call Kathy 861-5472.

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Worship the Lord in Giving

December 7-8 de Diciembre

Our Lady of Fatima		St. Gregory	
Envelopes	\$1,908.00	Envelopes	\$1,901.00
Loose	<u>85.00</u>	Loose	<u>794.00</u>
	\$1,993.00		\$2,695.00
10% Tithe	\$199.30	5% Tithe	\$134.75

OLF NEWS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Kevin Kludy 12/16;
MaryAnn Mead 12/17



Last week we received the first CSA billing from the Diocese for Our Lady of Fatima's shortfall. As many of you know, last spring my sister, two brothers and I sold my deceased parents' Florida home. I decided then that my tithe from that would go to paying off this

shortfall, so that it's not taken from our savings.

The Lord tells us not to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing when we're giving, but I'm sharing this personal decision with you to explain my beliefs in generosity, tithing, and the legitimacy of CSA. I hope that every one of you will respond to the 2014 spring campaign's annual challenge to give 1% of your income. My gift of \$3,060.00 to pay off this past year's OLF shortfall is in addition to pledging 2% of my income to CSA; 1% to each parish. There are some from both parishes, including myself, who need to complete paying last year's pledge by April. When you pledge to pay a certain amount each month, it's easy to see that it's doable. Thanks to each of you who made a sacrificial gift to CSA.

Upon sale of my folks' home I knew a tithe was forthcoming. CSA is a good program to support. It pushes us beyond the comforts of our parish family boundaries to encounter the diocesan and universal Church. I believe with Pope Francis that my humanity is bound up with those who most need the Church's services, especially those suffering in poverty.

Perhaps that is the message America needs most today. The United States is experiencing a crisis of community, evidenced by the House of Representatives recent vote to cut \$4 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Is our country so individualistic that we do not feel a moral responsibility to feed the hungry? The Gospel, Advent, and Pope Francis remind us that Christ entered into our community by becoming vulnerable and going to the margins. How do we respond to Christ in others, especially the marginalized?

Peace, Fr. Tom

LA ALEGRÍA DE LA BUENA NOTICIA

La conclusión del documento *La nueva evangelización para la transmisión de la fe cristiana* regresa al fundamento de todo esfuerzo evangelizador y lo encuentra en María y en Pentecostés. Comenta el documento que la primera evangelización comenzó el día de Pentecostés, cuando los apóstoles reunidos con la Madre de Jesús, recibieron el Espíritu Santo.

Clarifica este capítulo que nueva evangelización no significa nuevo Evangelio, ya que Cristo es el mismo ayer, hoy y mañana. Nueva evangelización es más bien una respuesta adecuada a los signos de los tiempos, a las necesidades de las personas de hoy y a los nuevos escenarios que diseñan la cultura.

Hablando de esto, insiste el documento en el significado del término "Nueva evangelización" y toma las palabras de Juan Pablo II para ello: Nueva evangelización significa "reavivar en nosotros el impulso de los orígenes, dejándonos impregnar por el ardor de las predicación apostólica después de Pentecostés...es un compromiso cotidiano de las comunidades y de los grupos". Y comenta el documento: "la nueva evangelización es una nueva proclamación del mensaje de Jesús, que infunde alegría y nos libera. Esta palabra clave puede ser el fundamento de una visión de la que sentimos gran necesidad".

Continúa un apartado que ahonda más en este aspecto de la alegría de la evangelización. Como los cambios y la dificultades de la sociedad podrían sembrar el desaliento y la falta de esperanza, la nueva evangelización tiene que infundir nuevo aliento. "Se presenta no como un deber o como un peso que hay que soportar, sino más bien como medicina capaz de dar nuevamente alegría y vitalidad a situaciones personales encerradas en sus propios temores".

Pide a los evangelizadores entusiasmo. Y concluye con un párrafo admirable de aliento y gozo: "Recuperemos la dulce y reconfortante alegría de evangelizar, aunque a veces parezca que el anuncio sea una siembra entre lágrimas...como esa multitud de admirables evangelizadores que se han sucedido a lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia. Con un ímpetu interior que nadie ni nada sea capaz de extinguir. Sea esta la mayor alegría de nuestras vidas entregadas. Y ojalá que el mundo actual—que busca a veces con angustia, a veces con esperanza—pueda así recibir la Buena Nueva, no a través de evangelizadores tristes o desalentados, impacientes o ansiosos, sino a través de ministros del Evangelio, cuya vida irradia el fervor de quienes han recibido, ante todo en sí mismos, la alegría de Cristo y aceptan consagrar su vida a la tarea de anunciar el Reino de Dios y de implantar la Iglesia en el mundo".

Por Carmen F. Aguinaco



REUNIÓN EN LA CASA DE PADRE TOMÁS: Todos son invitados a la casa de Padre Tomás en domingo, 15 de diciembre, de 2:00 a 4:00.

ADORNANDO LA IGLESIA: Necesitamos su ayuda en domingo, 22 de diciembre después de la misa de español, a preparar la Iglesia de San Gregorio para la Navidad.

REPRESENTACION DE NAVIDAD: Domingo, 15 de diciembre, 5:30 pm, a OLF. Todos están invitado a celebrar con los estudiantes y participar en el potluck después de la presentación.

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE: No hay clases los días 18, 25 de Diciembre, y 1 de Enero. Se reanudan las clases el día 8 de Enero.

PRACTICA DE NAVIDAD: Los niños y niñas que cantan y los que colocan las figuras Navideñas en el pesebre deberán estar el día 18 de Diciembre de 3:30 a 4:45 pm en a Iglesia. Si no van a asistir a la Misa de Navidad no necesitan venir a la práctica.

K of C están haciendo una colecta de **JUGUETES PARA LOS NINOS** menores de 12 años. Si conoce de un niño en la iglesia quien necesita, escriba su nombre en la hoja que se encuentra en la parte de atrás de la iglesia. Uds. También pueden donar juguetes nuevos si gustan.

LAS POSADAS

Lunes/Mon, 16 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
Catequistas del Verano, San Gregorio/St. Gregory		
Martes/Tues, 17 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
German Ortega, 155 Ferry St., Shelby 49455		
Miércoles/Wed, 18 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
Angelica Ortiz, 125 W. Johnson, Hart 49420		
Jueves/Thurs, 19 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
David y Reyna Ramirez, 409 Dryden St., Hart 49420		
Viernes/Fri, 20 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
Eduardo y Ashley Mendez, 419 Water St., Hart 49420		
Sábado/Sat, 21 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
Simon y Sofia Escoto, 75 Sessions Rd., Shelby 49455		
Domingo/Sun, 22 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
Dale y Estela Krause, 3737 Jefferson Rd., Pentwater 49499		
Lunes/Mon, 23 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:00 pm
Israel y Reyna Picon, 619 Dryden St., Hart 49420		
Martes/Tues, 24 de Dic	<i>Posada</i>	7:30 pm
San Gregorio/St. Gregory		
Misa de Navidad	8:00 pm	San Gregorio/St. Gregory




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