

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG  
WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE  
FRUIT OF THY WOMB.



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mass Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm

**CONFESSIONS** There will be confession on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00  
-8:00 pm. There also will be confession on our regular Saturday at  
4:00-5:00pm.

**SVDP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned Meat, Spam, Chili,  
Tuna, Beef Stew, Canned soups, Fruit and Jelly. Please put donations  
in the blue box in the Church entry Thank You All For Your support

**MATERNAL BOND** The Sculpture of the Madonna & Child has  
started coming in. Those who have not paid can come by the office to  
pick up and pay. The office is opened Mon – Fri from 8:30 – 4:30. If  
you need a little bit more time I would be glad to wait. Just call the  
office at 536-6351

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** there will be a second  
collection the weekend of Dec. 9-10, benefits the Retirement Fund for  
Religious. This annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for the  
Religious helps communities of men and women religious to provide  
for the health care and living expenses or their elderly members

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND OUR CHEF** Richard Eddy,  
would like to say thank everyone, who attended our  
Thanksgiving Meal.

**TALK OF THE TOWN DANCE** Invites you to dance on January  
14<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 pm in the gym. The cost is \$35.00 a couple. For more  
information call the office at 536-6351

**PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS DINNER** Primetimers will be  
having a Christmas covered Dish Dinner on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, from noon –  
3:00 pm. There will be a gift exchange \$5.00 max. Bring a gift for  
women or men. For reservation please call Joe Brown 536-7901 or  
the church office at 536-6351.

**Holy Family Walkers** will host their annual Christmas walk, Friday,  
8 December 2006. Start walking any time between 4PM and 7PM  
with everyone off the trail by 10PM. Unless you are in the incentive  
program the event is free. For more information call (580) 357-2930,  
email [walkingfan@aol.com](mailto:walkingfan@aol.com) or pick up a brochure from the bulletin  
board in the church vestibule. Thanks George

There will be **No Coffee & Donuts** when there are no RE Classes

**ADORERS PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDER**

Our yearly meeting is Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church.  
This is your opportunity to sign up for the hour you want and we  
need your input. Thank you Celine

**STANDING MEETING**  
(Unless otherwise noted)

Catholic Daughters 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30 am.  
(September through June)

Catholic Youth Organization Every Wednesday at 5:30pm.  
(during school year) in the Family Life Center Library.

Charismatic Prayer Group Each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in  
the FLC Library.

Choir Practice each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church  
(Fall through Spring).

Christian Meditation Group Wednesday morning at 8:00  
a.m. in the FLC Library. For information call Celine at 536-  
6351.

Columbian Squires: (Young men 10-18) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each  
month at 1:00 p.m. in the P.H. Conference Room. Mike  
Romaka, 536-3960

Hispanic Choir Practice Friday 7-9pm in the FLC  
Conference Room

Hispanic Renew: Each Sunday 11-12pm in the FLC Library.

Knights of Columbus: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00  
p.m. in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Officers meeting  
last Tuesday at 6:30.

Prime Timers: Please watch the bulletin for meeting times.

Ladies Guild: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.  
September through May, in the Parish Hall. Craft workshops  
every Tuesday March to November Bazaar.

Parish Council meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:00  
p.m. in the Family Life Center Conference Room (except  
Dec. Jul. & Aug.). Watch the Bulletin for Changes.

Safe Environment Video Training 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's at  
1:00 p.m. in Church Conference Room unless otherwise  
noted. Contact Vicki @ 536-6355

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, after the  
11:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Life Center Conference  
Room.

Tops: (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): Each Friday at 8:30 a.m.  
in the Family Life Center Conference Room

Ultrea: (Cursillo Reunion) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4:00  
p.m. in Family Life Center Conference Room.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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To you, my God, I lift my soul. I trust in you, let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is even put to shame. (Ps. 24: 1-3)

### YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lock- In December 15-16 Fri Night to Sat in the gym**

**COME JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP!** At Holy Family Catholic Church to feed the poor. Sunday December 24, from 10- 12:00pm everyone is welcomed for more info call Jay at 353-3063 or the parish office at 536-6351

**Lawton Catholic Charities** is once again asking for help in making Christmas a bit brighter for some less fortunate families and individuals. St. Mary's School is going to help with toys and gifts for several of our families, but we need help with food vouchers for them and for some single **adult** clients. We could also use gift cards from Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc, and gas cards. Generous donations from last Christmas enabled us to help many disadvantaged families. Anything you can help with is much appreciated. You have been so generous in the past and you have been a real blessing to many people. For more information, please contact Catholic Charities Lawton Regional Office at 353-1811. Thank you so much. Mellissa Cryer Secretary

**Everyone at St. Mary's Catholic School would like to thank you** for your support of their Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels and Tyson's Project A+. This past year was a record setting year! We were able to place rubber mulch under one of our climbing areas on the playground and added many great art supplies. Saving Campbell's Soup Labels just got easier now that we only save the UPC code. Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, you can call St. Mary's at 355-5288 or Julie Whitney at 595-9698

**Join the Catholic Charities Hurricane Recovery Mission Trip** Make plans now to join Catholic Charities January 6-13 in Biloxi, MS, for a hurricane recovery trip to the Gulf Coast area. Plans are being made to take a recovery team during that time. People with construction skills are especially needed, but everyone can help! Lodging and meals are provided. Please call Debi Wagner at 523-3009 for more information.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart toward the Lord. If we look only at ourselves, with our own limitations and sins, we quickly give way to sadness and discouragement. But if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life.

### Mass Schedule, Intentions and Readings

#### MONDAY Dec 4<sup>th</sup> St. John of Damascus

Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5, Mat. 8: 5-11

**No Service**

#### TUESDAY Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10, Luke 10: 21-24

**5:30 PM. Mass + Lowell Stensrud**

**by Mgmt & staff Best Western -Lawton**

#### WEDNESDAY Dec 6<sup>th</sup> St. Nicholas

Reading Isaiah 25: 6-10a, Mat. 15: 29-37

**9:00 AM. Mass + Kevin Leis**

**by Jane & Paul Fisher**

#### THURSDAY Dec 7<sup>th</sup> St. Ambrose

Reading: Isaiah 26: 1-6, Mat. 7: 21, 24-27

**6:30 PM. Mass Tom Wade**

**by Mary Lara**

#### FRIDAY Dec 8<sup>th</sup> THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Reading Genesis 3: 9-15, 20 Eph. 1: 3-6, 11-12

Luke 1: 26-38

**12:00PM Mass Helen Klick**

**by Sue Vamosy Stancil**

#### SATURDAY Dec 9<sup>th</sup> St. Juan Diego

Reading Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26 Mat. 9: 35—10: 1, 5a 6-8

**5:30 PM. Mass + M. J. Heptig**

**by Bob Heptig & Family**

#### SUNDAY Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Reading Baruch 5: 1-9, Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11 Luke 3: 1-6

**8:30 AM Mass +Bob Cramer**

**by Rutti Cramer**

**11:00 AM Mass People of the Parish**

**1:00pm Spanish Mass**

### STEWARDSHIP

***Is what I do after I say "I believe"....***

<b>Amount needed each week</b>	<b>\$13,614.04</b>
<b>Collection for Nov 25/26</b>	<b>\$14,094.14</b>
<b>Special Collections to Support Outside Organizations</b>	
Birth Choice & St. John's Kitchen	\$75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$392.00
Archdiocesan Special Collections	\$146.00
St. Mary's	\$128.00
<b>Remaining for Parish Operations</b>	<b>\$13,353.14</b>
<b>Building Debt After <u>Nov</u> Payment</b>	<b>\$303,893.77</b>

### CARTRIDGE RECYCLING CENTER

**Help!** We've got a new and easy fundraiser! Bring your empty ink cartridges to Mass with you and deposit them in the specially marked box in the entry. We can earn up to \$4.00 per cartridge. When the box gets full we send it in, and they send us a check. Finally, we can do something worthwhile with all those cartridges. Collect them from your friends and neighbors.

**The money will go to help pay off our building debt.**