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SAINT HYACINTH CHURCH

Diocese of
Amarillo

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2009



St. Hyacinth (1257)

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Adult Education

Meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or Tuesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. from September—May. Other opportunities are announced in the bulletin.

Religious Education

First grade through high school
Meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. from September—May. **Register in the office.**

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday evening Call Aline Stocker at 374-6673 for more information.



Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
Closed

Sacraments

Reconciliation -
4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m.
Saturday or by appointment

Baptism -
Call office for appointment

Weddings -
Make Appt. with Priest
6 months prior to marriage

Masses -
Check schedule below

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Parish Membership

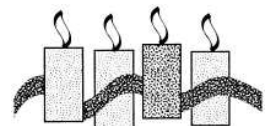
Being officially registered in a parish is very important to every Catholic. If moving, or making any change of address or phone number, please contact the church office.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday — 4:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12/21	5:00 PM	School Sisters of St. Francis by Debbie Gerber
Tuesday	12/22	5:00 PM	†Mickey Debner by S. A. Sisters
Wednesday	12/23	5:00 PM	†Msgr. Hand by S. A. Sisters
Thursday	12/24	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS For the Family of Arlene Pool
Friday	12/25	10:00 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS †Charles Tellman
Saturday	12/26	5:00 PM	†Msgr. Hand by S. A. Sisters
Sunday	12/27	8:00 AM	For the Parish
		11:00 AM	Special Intentions by Winnie Sweatt



Continue to Pray for: Curtis Anderson, Louis Baumhardt, Barbara & Jim Berry, Steve Berry, Clay Burney, Dorothy Burns, Betty Byrd, Nicky & Victor Cordova, **Carmen Crosier, Msgr. Raymond Crosier,** L. V. Dominguez, Darrell Duncan, Bob Forton, Alfred Garcia, Adam Gonzales, D. D. Homen, Goldie Hyland, Jane Judd, David Keller, B.B. Lane, Tim Marsh, Dorothy Massie, Daniel Minahan, Sue Moore, Herbert Morales, Patricia Nielsen, Carla Norberg, Emma O'Dell, Eva Pierce, Eran Ramos, Emily Schwertner, John D. Shelton, Winnie Sweatt, Geneva Tillman and Cathy Zoller.

Luke tells us much in this account of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Mary went to Judah to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who knew nothing of Mary's pregnancy before their encounter. Yet Elizabeth knew that there was something special about Mary and the baby she carried. This is made clear by her calling Mary the "Mother of my Lord." The baby that Elizabeth carried leaped for joy at the sound of Mary's voice. This completes the prophecy of the angel that Elizabeth and Zachariah were expecting a baby and is symbolic of John's announcing Jesus' coming.

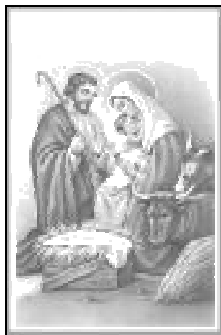


Holiday Schedule

December 24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Vigil Mass
December 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
December 31	5:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Mass
January 1	10:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Mass

DID YOU KNOW?

The birthplace of Jesus—Bethlehem—means "house of bread." Many ancient commentators interpreted this as prefiguring the Eucharist. Jesus came to earth in the "house of bread" and comes to us in the form of Living Bread every time we receive him in the Blessed Sacrament.



Holy Father establishes "Year for Priests"

Pope Benedict announced a special "Year for Priests" which will begin June 19, 2009, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and conclude with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father in Rome on June 19, 2010. The pope called for the year to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, who was famed for his priestly ministry.

AROUND AMARILLO

Nazareth Christmas Pageant at Holy Family Catholic Church on Sunday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 23rd at 7:30 p.m. No Admission.

The Altar Guild of St. Thomas the Apostle Church invites you to a **women's retreat with special guest speaker: Johnette S. Benkovic.** Johnette is Founder and President of Living His Life Abundantly International, Inc. and she is also host of Women of Grace Live, a one-hour radio talk show that airs live five times a week. She has also written several books. This event is on Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at St. Thomas. Cost : \$20 per person, includes lunch. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

Catholic Campus Ministry Auction, Steak Dinner, and Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 6:00 p.m.—midnight. The auction will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Amarillo, the tickets will be \$25 per person if bought in advance, however tickets will be \$35 per person at the door. Help support our ministry to the students at WTAMU and AC. To purchase a ticket, or make a donation to our silent and/or live auction please call the Catholic Student Center at 655-4345.



No Religious Education Classes, R.C.I.A. or Adult Education classes on December 20th or December 27th.

Mass Intentions for 2010

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the office. All request will need to be paid before the Mass is scheduled. You can mail a list of requested dates with payment and we will do our best to accommodate your request.



Thursday, December 24th
Friday, December 25th
Thursday, December 31st
And
Friday, January 1, 2010

ACTS

Retreats for men, women and teens

The retreat begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday at St. Mary's with the noon Mass (adults) or the 6 P.M. Mass (teens), followed by food and fellowship. The retreats are held at the DeFalco Retreat Center. Make plans now to have your SPIRIT RENEWED and your FAITH STRENGTHENED!!

DATES FOR UPCOMING RETREATS

Teens: December 31—January 3, 2010

For registration information or questions contact Kim Boyd at 381-9916.

Offerings: December 13

Sunday Offering	\$
Children's Offering	
Votive	unavailable
Second Collection-Local Charities	
TOTAL	\$

Scripture Readings for December 27

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm: 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

In compliance with IRS regulations all contributions are being recorded as of the date they are received by the church. All contributions to be credited for 2009 must be received by December 31, 2009. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

December 20-Retirement Fund for Religious
 December 27-Scholarship Fund



The Senior Citizen's monthly pot luck luncheon is held on the last Wednesday of each month at noon. Please join us on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Rachel's Corner

.....Abortion is a dark place.
An enormous emptiness.

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Next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is February 5, 6, & 7th After Abortion Care/Healing call Christina at 679-3370.

WOMEN'S CLUB

St. Faustina Circle meets the second Thursday evening each month at 7:00 p.m. in the small social hall. **Next meeting will be January 14th.** Please call the office for more information.



Prayer for the Gracious Holy Spirit, we come before you as the Church of the Diocese of Amarillo to ask your aid in our preparation for the Diocesan Assembly.

We are overjoyed to be able to honor the accomplishments of the past and all those who established and preserved our Faith in the High Plains. The great sacrifices that were made for the Church to flourish in this area are the foundation of our endeavor today to unite all the Catholics of the diocese to live, work, worship, and grow as one. As we release all past hurts and misunderstandings of the years behind, we look forward together to be able to assess our needs and to create a vision for the future of the Church in our beloved diocese. We beg for your inspiration, O Spirit of the Living God, and we ask our Blessed Lady of Guadalupe and St. Laurence to intercede for this purpose to live Communion and Unity with all the races and cultures with which we are so blessed. With gratitude, we ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

*Merry
 Christmas
 and a
 Happy
 New Year*

*Msgr. Ray
 and Staff*

ADVENT PENANCE/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday	December 21	7:00—8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 22	7:00—8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 23	7:00—8:00 p.m.