

December Bible Readings

New Testament		Old Testament	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> JOHN 14:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> REV. 1:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> JOB 23	<input type="checkbox"/> HOSEA 1-3
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 14:15-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:9-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-6
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 14:22-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:18-29	<input type="checkbox"/> 27	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-12
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 15:9-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 28	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-14
6. <input type="checkbox"/> 15:18-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:14-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 29	<input type="checkbox"/> JOEL 1
7. <input type="checkbox"/> 16:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3
8. <input type="checkbox"/> 16:12-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 31:1-23	<input type="checkbox"/> AMOS 1-2
9. <input type="checkbox"/> 16:25-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 31:24-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4
10. <input type="checkbox"/> 17:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 32	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-6
11. <input type="checkbox"/> 17:6-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 33:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-9
12. <input type="checkbox"/> 17:20-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 33:12-33	<input type="checkbox"/> OBADIAH 1-21
13. <input type="checkbox"/> 18:1-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 34:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> JONAH 1-4
14. <input type="checkbox"/> 18:19-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 34:21-37	<input type="checkbox"/> MICAH 1-3
15. <input type="checkbox"/> 18:28-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 35	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5
16. <input type="checkbox"/> 19:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 36:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-7
17. <input type="checkbox"/> 19:17-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 36:16-33	<input type="checkbox"/> NAHUM 1-3
18. <input type="checkbox"/> 19:28-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 15	<input type="checkbox"/> 37	<input type="checkbox"/> HABAKKUK 1-3
19. <input type="checkbox"/> 19:38-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 38:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> ZEPHANIAH 1-2
20. <input type="checkbox"/> 20:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 38:22-41	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
21. <input type="checkbox"/> 20:10-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 39	<input type="checkbox"/> HAGGAI 1-2
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 20:19-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 40	<input type="checkbox"/> ZECHARIAH 1-5
23. <input type="checkbox"/> 20:24-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 41:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-9
24. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 21	<input type="checkbox"/> 41:12-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-14
25. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:15-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 42	<input type="checkbox"/> MALACHI 1-4



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December Birthdays

12/2 Tom Thornton
12/2 Karla Gould
12/16 Erica Peddy
12/25 Lori Smithwick
12/27 Henry McWilliams
12/27 Fr. Stan

Happy Birthday!!!



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Matthew 2.11

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Giving gifts is not a peculiarly Christian or Biblical activity. Gifts given to honor a birth or birthdays are common across many cultures. Gifts given at Christmas take on a special meaning.

Let's consider what is common to all gift giving and what is special about Christmas gifts.

Gifts are given as tokens of love, esteem and favor. We express our love for others by giving them that which we consider precious and meaningful. Engagement rings are one of these gifts. We honor others by presenting them with a token of our esteem for their character or devotion to duty, such as when a soldier is awarded a medal of honor for saving comrades lives. We also offer gifts in order to gain the favor of the recipient. Quite often government officials will present gifts to leaders of other nations to win their approval and cooperation. If the truth be told, elements of all three may be present when we engage in gift giving.

Christmas, and Christian giving has a special significance. From the earliest celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christians gave gifts of food, clothing, shelter, care and cover to those who could give nothing in return. For Christians giving is a reflection of God's love for us, undeserved, unmerited and unsought. Christians give gifts in the recognition that "God so loved the people of the world that He gave His one and only Son that anyone who puts their faith in Jesus would not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3.16) The gifts given by the magi, or wise men, to the infant Jesus, draw our attention to this unique aspect of gift giving common to Christians.

The "gold, frankincense and myrrh" were costly and precious. Gold for a King; Frankincense for a God; and Myrrh for a Sacrifice. These gifts acknowledge the GIFT given, "for unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Is. 9.6) As the magi gave the costliest gifts they could offer, let us also bring the costliest gift we can bring: bring ourselves to the Lord Jesus, acknowledge Him as our King, worship Him as our God, and Honor Him as the Sacrifice who took away the sin of the world. As we give ourselves to the Lord, let us share Him with those around us who need to know His love this Christmas too! Blessed Advent and Christmastide!

We are securely Christ's own forever,

Stan Burdosh +

Father Stan+

ADVENT APPEAL **Clean Water for Every** **Community**

Anglican Relief and Development Fund is the Financial Aid arm of the Anglican Church in North America. This Advent season ARDF is appealing for funds to develop clean fresh water sources for underserved communities.

ARDF information is on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and Mite Boxes and information will be available in the Narthex for home use during the Advent season. Pray and make a commitment to place a designated offering in the Mite Box each day as you do your Advent devotions individually or as a family. Bring the Mite Boxes to the Christmas services as a special offering for those in need of clean water resources. You can also make a donation on line at

www.anglicanaid.net/advent-2014.

Advent **Quiet Day** **Saturday, December 13** **9:00 am -3:00 pm.**

Watch for details in the Sunday bulletin, and sign up in the Narthex of the church. Members are encouraged to invite family and friends to participate. Bring your own lunch, and beverages will be provided.

First Sunday **in Advent**

The four week preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ begins on Sunday, November 30. Two daily devotional booklets for the Advent season will be available in the Narthex: [A World Awaits](#), Daily Reflections by C.S. Lewis, and [Faithful Facts for Advent](#) by Paul L. Maier. You may pick them up at your convenience beginning Nov. 16. We again distributed Advent Calendars to the children of the church and the students of Classical Conversations Home School Academy which meets at Good Shepherd.

Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, December 21 we will gather for a lunch of pizza and salad in the Parish Hall at Noon, and at 12:30 begin to decorate the church for the Twelve Days of the Christmas Festival. Everyone is invited to take part!

Congregational **Christmas Card**

The Daughters of the Holy Cross are again supplying a congregational Christmas card. A paper will be supplied for you to write your name and a brief message if desired. Donations will be applied to the Pregnancy Help Center.

Men's Retreat

Thirteen men participated in the weekend retreat at the Great House in Junction where the study and discussion focused on "A Man And His Work." The study of God's vision for a man's vocation was discussed and ideas shared for how to glorify God in whatever work He has us doing. Thank you to all who prayed for us, and to the men who participated.

News from Judith and Alekcey Murillo in Costa Rica

Hello dear saints of The Lord

Since we are back here, we have experienced three "rock and roll" earthquakes and one tremendous volcanic explosion. The volcano is pretty close to the mission Emanuel, but thank the Good Lord, the wind is blowing the gases and ash AWAY from the mission.

The work Judith is doing with pregnant and new mothers is saving lives. There is a need for baby clothes. Maybe the word can be spread. The baby clothes do NOT need to be new. Nice used clothes from garage sales of thrift stores would be gratefully received and thoroughly used and shared.

Another bridge project is ready to start after the rainy season is over. Because of the bridges Alekcey has been able to initiate, even more lives are being saved. Generous people and nations have contributed to the success of the bridges being built. When every bridge is finished, Alekcey and Judith organize a dedication service giving thanks to The Lord for the bridge and the safety of the workers during the completion.

Clinica, Biblica, the hospital where Alekcey works two days a week, has adopted Project Emanuel as a social outreach. Last Friday the hospital director took all the heads of departments via helicopter to the reservation to see the progress there. They saw all the bridges and heard testimonies of hope from the Indians. Some of the girls Judith has trained told their success stories about sighting pregnant women and seeing them through safe deliveries. One of the girls stated her desire to go to medical school and wheels are working now to help her achieve that goal. After Christmas(and during dry season) , Judith will start another year long training session with another group of young women.

If you think about it please pray for the Cabecar Indians. Lord, please turn their hearts toward you.

Love to you saints of The Lord,

Rolly

The Church Office
will be closed
December 25
in observance of Christmas.

January Agnus
Dei Deadline is
December 15

Annual Stewardship Dinner



Our Annual Stewardship Dinner was a wonderful evening of sharing, dining, laughing, singing, praising and prayer, and an inspirational and challenging report from Fr. Robert Mbinda about the Good Samaritan Orphanage, Mbeya, Tanzania. \$3,075.00 in offerings were made to GSO that evening. We are committed to our ministry partnership with GSO as they seek to raise up leaders for the Church and Nation of Tanzania. A Teacher's College is now under construction with six classrooms completed that remain to be furnished. Building materials are on site for the construction of the administration and library building, with two dorms and a lab facility in the last stage of planning. We are blessed to be a part of this life changing work among the orphaned children of the region, and the development of leaders for a renewed Tanzania.



Father Robert Mbinda's Visit

Father Robert wishes to convey his heartfelt thanks for your love and concern for he and Mariam and the children of GSO. He asked that we be reminded that he wants to welcome us guests before his return to the USA in three years, and asked that we pray for his health as he seeks to realize the mission and ministry the Lord has called us to at GSO and in Mbeya region.



The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christ Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24 with Candlelight Holy Eucharist at 7:00 PM, and on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 with Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM. Christmas is a wonderful time to pray for and invite unchurched or unbelieving family and friends to worship with us.

Concho festival of lights

On Sunday, December 28, our parish will host the CONCHO FESTIVAL of LIGHTS along the river from 6-10 pm. We will collect donations; pass out church brochures, information on the light display and candy canes to the visitors. Mark your calendar, and watch for the signup sheet in the Narthex. Tony Bartl is the chairman for the event.

Secretarys Maternity Leave

April Wilson, our church secretary, will be on maternity leave for six weeks after Christmas. If you can help out volunteering in the office to answer the phone, work on the bulletins, welcome guests and add a cheery presence for whoever might come by, contact Fr. Stan. We have a volunteer to cover afternoons (Noon-2:00), and need folks to cover the morning hours (9-Noon Monday through Friday).

ELEVENTH DAY CELEBRATION

Reaching Others With The Transforming Love Of Jesus!

Sunday, January 4, 2015 we will celebrate the Eleventh Day of Christmas with a roast pork dinner and all the trimmings. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We are asking all members of the Parish to invite and bring someone who is alone or unable to participate in family celebrations of the Lord's Birth. For more information, contact Jean Yarbrough. Dinner is free of charge, and reservations are requested. You may sign up in the Narthex of the church. Ladies and men are asked to bring one of their favorite Christmas desserts to share. Set up and clean up committees are needed. Contact Jean to help.

All Parish Retreat Scheduled

The Great House Retreat Center has been reserved as the location of our ALL PARISH RETREAT. The dates are April 10-12, 2015. This is the weekend following Easter. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this special time together growing in our knowledge and love of the Father through His Son Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PERFORMANCE OF "THE MESSIAH"

On Friday, Nov, 21, the parish musicians and spouses celebrated a Christmas dinner at the Black Sheep Restaurant and attended the performance of Handel's Messiah at the McNease Convention Center. We are all inspired as we begin our Advent observance preparing for the celebration of the Lord's Nativity.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 2 PM - Stitchers 6 PM- DOHC	2 9 AM—CC 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	3	4 10 AM – Intercessory Prayer	5 9 AM—CC	6
7 8 AM - HE 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM – HE Noon– Nominat- ing committee.	8 2 PM - Stitchers	9 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	10 6:30 PM – HE 7:15 PM – Bible Study	11 10 AM – Intercessory Prayer	12	13 9 AM—Quiet Day
14 8 AM - HE 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM – HE	15 2 PM - Stitchers 6 PM Vestry Meeting	16 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	17 6:30 PM – HE 7:15 PM – Bible Study	18 10 AM – Intercessory Prayer	19	20 8 AM—Men's breakfast at the Peppercorn Res- taurant
21 8 AM - HE 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM – HE Noon– Pizza & Salad Lunch 12:30—Hanging	22 2 PM - Stitchers	23 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	24 7:00 PM – Christ Mass Eve Service	25 10:30 AM – Christ Mass Day Service	26	27
28 8 AM - HE 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM – HE 6PM—Concho Festival of Lights	29 2 PM - Stitchers	30 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	31 6:30 PM – New Years Eve Service			

December 2014 ~ Minister's Schedule

Duty	December 7 2nd Sunday In Advent	December 14 3rd Sunday In Advent	December 21 4th Sunday In Advent	December 24 Christ Mass Eve	December 25 Christ Mass Day	December 28 1st Sunday after Christmas
Vestry In Charge	Tony Bartl	Billie Smithwick	Nan Barber	Jean Yarbrough	Teddye Read	Jim Cogan
Teller	Billie Smithwick	Bob Masterson	Charles Westbrook	Anngie McWilliams	Rodney Brown	Jim Cogan
Altar Guild	Holloway/ Wallace	Yarbrough/ Baker	Anaya/Read	Robken/Weber	Johnson/ Springer	Holloway/ Wallace
Usher	Bob Masterson	Jackie Jennings	Nan Barber			Charles Westbrook
Crucifer	Deacon June	Deacon June	Deacon June			Deacon June
Lector	Craig Porter Isaiah 40:1-11	Jo Millican Isaiah 65:17-25	Paul Millican 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16			Jean Stinnett Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Eucharistic Minister	Pam Jennings Psalm 85 2 Peter 3:8-15a,18	Pam Jennings Psalm 126 1 Thess 5:16-28	Craig Porter Psalm 132 Romans 16:25-27			Pam Jennings Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25
10:30 Service	Christ Mass Eve Service @ 7:00 PM					
Greeters	Barbara Robken/ Katie Harrison	George Butler/ Barbara Robken	Rodney Brown/ Rita Baker	Nan Barber/ Bob Masterson	Teddye Read/ Katie Harrison	George Butler/ Erlene Springer
Ushers	Teddye Read/ Larry Weber	Erlene Springer/ Bob Masterson	David & Katie Harrison	Larry Weber/ Rodney Brown	Springer/ Bob Masterson	Teddye Read/ Larry Weber
Crucifer	Mark Brown	Atusonje Dube	Larry Weber	Sharon Weber	Mark Brown	Atusonje Dube
Torch Bearers	Atusonje Dube	Nandi Dube		Atusonje Dube	Nandi Dube	
Lector	George Butler Isaiah 40:1-11	Nancy Shaw Isaiah 65:17-25	Austin Nixon 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16	Nan Holloway Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7	Anngie McWilliams	Steve Woolard Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Eucharistic Minister	Eileen Burdock Psalm 85 2 Peter 3:8-15a,18	Mark Findlay Psalm 126 1 Thess 5:16-28	Sharon Weber Psalm 132 Romans 16:25-27	Rudy Wallace Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14	Billie Smithwick Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7	Katie Harrison Psalm 147 Galatians 3:23-25
GOSPEL OF THE DAY	Mark 1:1-8	John 3:23-30	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 2:1-14	Luke 1-20	John 1:1-18
Nursery Worker	Sheri Brown	Nan Barber	Erlene Springer	Teddye Read	Sheri Brown	Nan Barber

Wednesday Ministers (6:30 PM)

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 31
LEM	Sharon Weber	Eileen Burdock	Eileen Burdock	Sharon Weber
Altar Guild	Erlene Springer	Sharon Weber	Jean Yarbrough	Ruth Ann Wallace