



Second Sunday of Advent December 10 & 11, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Joe Lacoy / Bob & Jill Caudill
Sunday
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM ✠ Deacon John Cretaro / JoAnne Cretaro
Monday – Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 AM ✠ Joe Lacoy / Altar Society
Tuesday
8:00 AM ✠ Ruth Sas / Altar Society
Wednesday
8:00 AM ✠ Edwin Lee Peters / Ashley Riis
Thursday
8:00 AM ✠ Michael Scott / Ashley Riis
Friday
8:00 AM Steve & Peg Misztal (Anniversary)
Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Michael Barnett / Ashley Riis

For Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, contact the office at 251-962-3649.

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Martha Broz, Pat Chubb, Pat Clemens, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Barbara & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Judy Jordan**, Cece LaManna, Mary Link, **Curtis Malone**, Monk Manning, Richard Mueller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Richard Peterson, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, Mary Stenzel, George & Margaret Schaff, **Rick** & Pat Van Norden, Cece Vaness, Sr. Thérèse West

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you know of someone or if you are homebound, ill, due to have surgery, or in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family

✠ James E. Link
✠ Deacon John Cretaro
✠ Anita Warriner
✠ Joseph LaManna
✠ Doris Mullek
Frank Mullek, Jr.
✠ Mignon Kilday

Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Lang & Pope Families
Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Schedule

Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Tuesday	8:30 AM	SVdP Meeting – IM Hall
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – IM Hall All are welcome!
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Chair Aerobics – IM Hall
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Saturday	6:00 PM	CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY
	7:00 PM	Filipino Carolers (See Below)



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 88 8 AM = 55 10:30 AM = 77 Total = 220

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for December 4 = \$2,889.00
Maintenance = \$1,845.00
Hurricane Relief Special Collection = \$369.00
Second Collection – **TODAY** – Retired Religious
(envelopes are in the pews)



Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews. Please fill one out and place it in the offertory collection. Thank you for all you do to help beautify our church.

PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER



Saturday, December 17, after the 5:00 PM Mass followed by caroling with the Filipino Carolers at 7:00 PM. Fried chicken, bread and beverages will be provided. **Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share.** Come join us for good food, fun and fellowship! For more details or to help, please contact Sr. Thérèse at 979-6515.

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

Dec. 19 -	5:00 PM -	Advent Parish Confessions
Dec. 24 -	6:00 PM -	Children's Posada
	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Mass
	8:30 PM	Adult Choir Carols
	9:00 PM	Christmas Night Mass
Dec. 25 -	9:00 AM -	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 31 -	5:00 PM -	New Year's Eve Mass
Jan. 1 -	9:00 AM -	New Year's Day Mass



The Season of Advent

Origins of Advent ~ Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of preparation for Epiphany—not in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the Magi and the Baptism of Jesus. At that time, new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early Church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.

Later in the 6th century, St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. However, originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but rather the Second coming of Christ.

By the Middle Ages, the Church had extended the celebration of Advent to the familiar format we know today. The prophecies of Isaiah remind us to wait and prepare. By December 17, the pace quickens and we focus more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth.

SINGERS NEEDED ~ for our 8:30 PM Christmas Eve Prelude. If you would like to sing with the choir, practice can be set up for the convenience of singers. Please call Kim Kaminiski at 850-458-0304 to set time and date.

Look **ST. JOSEPH PARISH COOKBOOK SPECIAL**
Our cookbooks are on sale during the month of December for **\$9.00**—just in time for Christmas gift giving! Available in the office, or call Harriet Shields at 1-205-405-7499.

HELP IS NEEDED to clean and decorate the church and vestibule for Christmas on the following days and time:
Cleaning – December 22 at 9:30 AM
Decorating/Cleaning – December 22 & 23 at 9:00 AM
“Many hands make light work.”

“**CIRCLE OF CARE**” ~ If anyone is in need of a ride to the doctor, store, church, etc., please call Sr. Thérèse or the office. See Circle of Care cards in the vestibule.

Knights of Columbus Council #2736 Annual 50/50 Raffle Winners – week 13

Annie Geri, Sally McKinney, Deacon Richard Sullivan

Church Cleaning – December 2016

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump
Floors/Pews – Marlene Fuller, Karen Service
A schedule is posted on the bulletin board. If you are not able to keep your commitment, call Harriet Shields.
Instructions are posted on cabinet door in sink closet.

Dec. 17 & 18

Sat.: 5:00 PM
Sun.: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Lectors

P. Marceau
Z. Zieman
B. Johnston

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Therese
J. & N. Alemany
B. & W. Zielinski

Gift Bearers

F. Wabnitz / M. Miller
S. & M. Hillestad
Jarveis Family

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone
R. Geiger / S. Hillestad
J. Crump / B. Jarveis

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Sam Williams and Lucille Willis on being elected and to Jason Crump for being re-elected for another term. **Thanks** to Jennifer Edwards, Michael Handzus and Jackie Johnston for making themselves available for our election. **Many thanks** to Pat Chubb, Pat Clemens, and Michael Handzus for their service on previous terms of office. **A special thank you** to Susan Donovan for preparing the ballots. Our new members begin their duties January 16, 2017.



“**Coffee with the Padre**” – Thank you to our Parish and Finance Councils, who were hosts for December. We are looking forward to our January hosts, who will be the CCD parents, teachers and students. Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship on the 1st Sunday of each month from 9 AM to 10 AM. If you would like to help, check the schedule of hosts posted on the bulletin board and call the contact person listed.

Catholic Social Service Food Pantry

December is our month to provide nonperishable food for the CSS food pantry in Robertsedale. Please place items in the container provided in the vestibule or bring them to IM Hall during office hours. Monetary donations are also accepted – make checks payable to CSS. For more information, call Sally McKinney. Please check bulletin board notice for urgent needs.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES of Mobile is pleased to announce that seminarians from St. John Vianney Seminary will be here in late January 2017. Our Archdiocese has been blessed to have seminarians come and serve in our community who are interested in serving homeowners with minor home repairs. Services will be provided in conjunction with Catholic Social Services. Contact Joseph Bayer: email jbayer@mobarch.org or call 251-434-1550.

CSS ONE HARVEST FOOD MINISTRIES ~ December Menu flyers are available in the vestibule. For more information, call Phyllis Beam at 251-947-2384.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
—Galatians 6:9

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Lord, help me turn the other cheek
when someone does me wrong.
Help me be forgiving and in my heart keep a song.
For You said we should forgive seventy times seven.
Help me so that one day I'll be with You in heaven.