

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2007

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”



— Matthew 24:44

December Rosary – For those suffering from AIDS

**Music for Sunday,
December 1st & 2nd:**

319 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

287 – Remember Our Love

773 - See Us, Lord, About Your Altar

590 – Christ, Be Our Light



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Installation Sunday – On Sunday, Dec. 9, we will install our new Lay Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass. At this liturgy, we will also install our Parish Pastoral Council for another year of service to the parish.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John of Damascus;
Hanukkah begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



First Penance – Our children celebrating the Sacrament of Penance for the first time will gather for a communal penance service

on Saturday morning, December 15, at 10:00 a.m. at which time they will make their first Confession. Please keep our new penitents in your prayers as they prepare for this celebration of God's merciful love.

Parish Penance Service – This year, OLS is joining with several other parishes to offer a communal service of penance and

reconciliation. The Advent

Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. OLS, St. Paul and St. Joseph will join all the downtown and midtown churches. There will be at least ten priests available to hear confessions. Please join us as we celebrate the great mercy and compassion that God has for us who are repentant sinners.

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Penance

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is our patronal feast day as both a diocese and as a country. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics who have reached the age of reason (7 years and older). It is one of two holy days that must always be observed in our country even if they fall on a Saturday or Monday. (The other is Christmas.) Because the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday this year, the Mass schedule will be:

6:30 p.m. (Vigil and also First Friday)

8:15 a.m.

The obligation to assist at Mass on the holy day may also be fulfilled at the 4:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass; HOWEVER, to fulfill the obligation for Sunday one must return to Mass the following day. Holy Mother Church does not allow us to kill two birds with one stone, so to speak!

Mass Intentions

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, December 1st

Mass- 8:15 am
Altar Guild Christmas Breakfast
3rd Grade Gym- Rummage Sale
Confessions – 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 2nd

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
PRE - 9:00 am
Adult Classes – 9:15 am Krug Hall
Hospitality after 8 am & 10:30 am Mass(CANCELED)
Bible Study class 7-9 pm in Krug Hall
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm Potluck after Mass

Monday, December 3rd

Mass - 8:15 am

Tuesday, December 4th

Mass – 8:15 am
New Ministers Meeting in Church 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 5th

Mass – 6:30 pm
Legion of Mary – 5:15 pm in Lucius Hall
STVDP Meeting 6:30 Lucius Hall
RCIA 7:00 Krug Hall
Youth Group after Mass

Thursday, December 6th

Mass – 8:15 am
New Lay readers Member 6:30 pm Church

Friday, December 7th

Mass – 8:15 am
First Friday Adoration 9:00 am
Benediction 12:00 pm
Mass Vigil 6:30 pm

Bible Study – Deacon Don Bennis will offer a Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans on Monday evenings in Krug Hall. Classes will begin on January 7 and conclude on March 3. Catholic Bibles and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are required texts. There will be a \$5.00 fee. This class is sanctioned by the Diocese of Memphis and teachers and catechists can earn up to 12 hours credit for participating. For more information call 353-1530.

Saturday December 1st 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee Hooten+

Sunday December 2nd 8:00 am

Kathleen Harley+

Sunday December 2nd 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Sunday December 2nd 5:00 pm

Charles & Lena Cianciola+

Monday December 3rd 8:15 am

Thanksgiving to God

Tues. December 4th 8:15 am

Rose Gleason+

Wed. December 5th 6:30 pm

Fr. Bryan Timby

Thur. December 6th 8:15 am

Josephine Massa+

Friday December 7th 8:15 am

Fr. Patrick Heenan+

Friday December 7th 6:30 pm

Gerald Jarnagin

Saturday December 8th 8:15 am

Frank Chaput+

Saturday December 8th 4:00 pm

Vito Scola+



Christmas Flower Collection –

The annual collection to assist the Altar Society in decorating the church for Christmas will be on Sunday, Dec. 2. Envelopes are in your annual set of contribution envelopes. There will also be envelopes in the pews the next two weekends for your convenience. Please be generous. The names of all those you honor by naming your gift in honor or memory of them will be listed in the bulletin the weekend before Christmas.

Attention NEW Liturgical Ministers! There will be a meeting of NEW Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Tues., Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the church to familiarize ministers with the procedures followed at Our Lady of Sorrows. A similar meeting for NEW Lay Readers (lectors) will be held in the church at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6. These meetings should last little more than half an hour.

Congratulations to Heather Martini and Grace Williams who were acknowledged at the 10:30 a.m. Misa this weekend for having successfully completed the course at the Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by the Diocese of Memphis this past summer. These young women are wonderful examples of the Young Church in action today developing leaders of the Church for tomorrow.

HOLY MEALS ON WHEELS – Maureen Spain, a true leader of the Frayser community and member of OLS, has been diagnosed with bone cancer and is unable to prepare meals for her husband herself. Some parishioners have volunteered to prepare meals and deliver them to the Spains during her treatment period. Would you like to extend the hand of Christ to a fellow parishioner in a time of need? The more people involved means less burden on each participant. Call Linda O'Donnell at 382-2167 to volunteer.

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION!

Do you want to receive the New Year Joyfully? As the year 2007 approaches its conclusion and we meditate on how to receive 2008; there is no better way to celebrate than including Christ in our lives! The Hispanic Community of Our Lady of Sorrows is sponsoring a special evening of fellowship, food, music and entertainment for our entire parish community. Everyone is invited! The cost for this event is \$35.00 per family and \$15.00 single person. All proceeds will benefit our parish school. The menu includes rice, beans, flautas, salad, desserts and a regular drink. There will be piñatas for the children as well as other activities, as The New Year's Baby costume contest (for babies of one year and under); the winner will receive an age appropriate gift. Cocktails are available at additional cost. So shake the old way of living and step into the New Year filled with hope and with the love shared among us The Body of Christ! To purchase your ticket, please contact Mrs. Carolina Roque at 357-5245 or Mrs. Wanda Rivera at 872-1281. Also, we will have the tickets available after every weekend Mass.

Ministers Schedule – for TODAY

Weekend of Dec 1st & 2nd

*****Please note the dates*****

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
F.Bursi	M.Hensley	J.DeStefano	
R.Pannell	B.Hall	K.Pope	
G.Pannell	P.Stavrum	L.O'Donnell	
Lectors			
B.Pettit	D.Gohman	M.Standridge	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Owens	S.Hupp	A.Zemero
	D.Owens	C.Hupp	A. Flores

Ministers Schedule – for NEXT

Weekend of December 8th & 9th *Please note the**

dates***

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
N.Vintruella	D.Bennis	B.Bustos	
C.Specht	L.Hall	A.Humphrey	
G.Taulman	M.Kissell	S.O'Brien	
Lectors			
B.Roth	J.Hall	J.Collier	
Altar Server			
L.Carter	H.Martini	K.Hissong	S.Roque
	R.Martini	S.Bland	J.Rivera

Financial Report for Last Week

November 25th 2007

Envelopes	\$1,698.00
Loose Checks	590.00
Loose Currency/Coin	206.50
Debt reduction	100.00
Improvements	635.00

Total Collection	\$3,229.50
Church Budget for the Week	- 5,324.00
Collection Diff for the Week	(\$2,094.50)
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$95,846.37
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>117,128.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ 21,281.63

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In your prayers please remember: Barbara Allard, Bill & Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Robert Butler, Carolyn Fracchia, Trudi Collier, Sarah Copeland, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Peggy Hooten, Michael Jackson, Earline Johnson, Paul Kennedy, Robert Kuehner, Mildred Lewis, Jerry Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Buddy McEwen, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Louisa Reilly, Nancy Sasser, Fran Schmitt, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

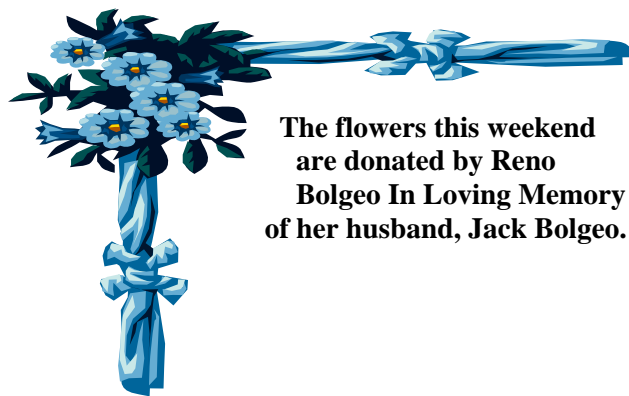
Parish Retreat Weekends – The Cathedral parish has invited members of Our Lady of Sorrows to join with them in making a spiritual retreat at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Danceyville, TN (I-40 East, exit #47). A Men’s Retreat is scheduled Feb. 8-10, and a Women’s Retreat is scheduled for April 4-6. Henry Littleton is coordinating our participation in these retreats. If you are interested in participating in one or more of the retreat weekends, please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Day Schedule – Beginning in January, the Holy Day Mass schedule will change a little. The times will remain the same with liturgies at 6:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass), 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The change will affect the 6:30 p.m. liturgy on the actual Holy Day. Beginning on January 1, the 6:30 p.m. Mass on the actual Holy Day will be a Spanish liturgy to meet the needs of our Spanish-speaking community and their obligation to assist at Mass on days of obligation. The 6:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) and the 9:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass will both continue to be celebrated in English.

CONTINUE TO CHANGE

When you’re through changing, you’re through.

—Anonymous



The flowers this weekend are donated by **Reno Bolgeo** In Loving Memory of her husband, **Jack Bolgeo**.

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

—*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 39

Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:



Saturday 4:00 pm Kathy & Woody Warden

Sunday 8:00 am Martha Hensley & Bradley & Kacee Hudson

Sunday 10:30 am Lyons, Kay & Fredia Pope

Sunday 5:00 pm Caroline & Miguel Roque

The Giving Tree will make its annual appearance again this Advent. This year we will again focus on the needs of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the nuns at Poor Clare Monetary. Each year, the generosity of our parish does indeed make an impact in helping these ministries. Indirectly we are feeding, clothing and sheltering the poor as Jesus would have us. Please remember those in need in your Christmas plans this season.



Posadas – Do you have room for the baby to be born? Do you want to be part of the journey that the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph went through trying

to find a place to bring Baby Jesus into the World? Then, open your home and your heart to the Holy Family and your Church family. Starting December 16th thru December 24th we will be celebrating the Posadas: the Posadas are a Hispanic celebration that symbolizes the trials which we believe the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph endured before finding a place to stay and where Jesus could be born. Your fellow Christians will knock on your doors as Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph did, to bring the Good News of Salvation. We worship the Lord by singing to Him with traditional Christmas carols and meditating the Scripture. If you will like to open your home for the posadas, there will be a sign up sheet on the back of the church with the dates; just put your name on the date that you will like to host your posada. The time for each posada is at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Wanda Rivera 271-2535 at work or at 872-1281 after 7:00 p.m.

Living Nativity – Our children in Sunday School Parish Religious Education will present a Living Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 17, 9:15 a.m., in front of the church. Please come by and support our children as they become the living Word of God in this presentation.



Chili Dinner



Please help our Parish Religious Education program Help a family in need!

Our program teaches that we serve as Jesus would serve. Our teachers and children are sacrificing a Saturday to raise money to buy gifts for a family that might not have gifts under their tree this year.

The teachers and children of our program will prepare a Chili supper to serve after 4:00 Mass on December 8.

We will serve delicious homemade chili, drink & dessert for
Adults - \$5
Children \$3

Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

I hope to see everyone there!

Theology of the Body

Sin caused man to change his focus from giving of himself to Eve to the taking of Eve for his own pleasure. This shows the opposite of love is not hatred. The opposite of love is to use another person for our own gratification, including sexual gratification. Marriage is not a license for lust. Lust seeks gratification only and is an intensely selfish act.

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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Advent Wreath Lighting – Advent begins in just a couple of weeks. We are looking for families or individuals to light our Advent candle at the beginning of each of our weekend liturgies. That means we need four

families or individuals per weekend. There is no reason to be afraid because you don't have to say a thing; you only have to light the proper number of candles at the appropriate time during the Penitential Rite. Call the parish Office at 353-1530 to volunteer.

Christmas Basket Food Collection – The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing food baskets to families in need on December 22. The following is a list of items needed for the baskets and the dates individual items will be collected:

- Sunday, Nov. 25 – canned green peas & canned corn
- Sunday, Dec. 02 – canned green beans & canned yams
- Sunday, Dec. 09 – instant potato flakes & brown sugar
- Sunday, Dec. 16 – stuffing mix & canned cranberry sauce

Please bring your food donations to Mass on the weekends between now and Christmas and put them in the containers provided.



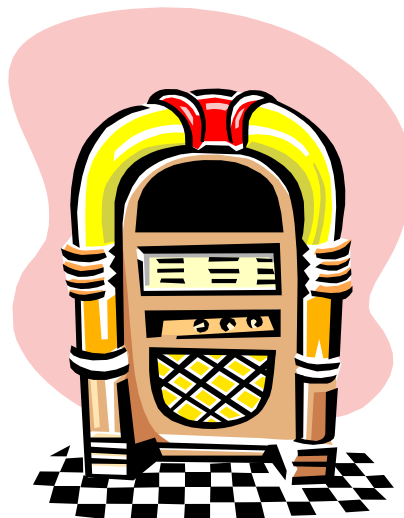
Rite of Acceptance

The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated this Sunday, Dec. 2, at the 10:30 liturgy for Natalie Rodriquez, a catechumen seeking the membership in the Body of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism. Please keep Natalie in your prayers. Natalie's sponsor is Martha Hensley.

From *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2685

The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the "domestic church" where God's children learn to pray "as the Church" and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit.

ROLLIN' BACK THE MEMORIES DANCE



Sunday, December 2, 2007 4P.M. – 8 P.M.

Neil's Music Room – 1835 Madison Ave
For Our Lady of Sorrows Alumni, Parish & Friends
\$20 single / \$30 couple / add'l donations welcome

"Twist" contest and 50's costume contest

Door prizes!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

"It's a Wacky/Tacky Dance" to be held at OLPH in Germantown on Friday Dec.14 from 8 – 11 pm. Hit the thrift stores or your mom's closet for a funny holiday sweater or sweatshirt or pick up an amusing holiday hat.

Cost is \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door and includes light refreshments. Tickets can be obtained from any youth group member, at a TIMS meeting or by calling 754-1204 x 119. Music provided by DJ's Etc. This is not a fundraiser but an annual opportunity to get together with other youth in the Diocese.

Preparation Class for Quinceañera – Classes will be held at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road, on the 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of January and on the 3rd of February after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting one hour/ All candidates must have received the Sacrament of confirmation before they can celebrate her Quinceañera. Families may register by telephoning St. Joseph at 396-9996. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



Barbara Allard – Methodist Central, room 930
Maureen Spain – Baptist East, room 4108

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Sarah Copeland
St Peter Villa, room 314
141 N. McLean
Memphis, Tn 38104

Paul Kennedy
Ave Maria Nursing Home
2805 Charles Bryan Road
Bartlett, Tn 38134

Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 306
Memphis, Tn 38119

Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten

Parish Census Update:
If you have not fill out a new census card, please call the office at 353-1530 and ask for Carolyn.

Adopt a Family for Christmas - Would you be interested in adopting a parish family for Christmas? Because of confidentiality, we can't give out names but we can supply you with ages of the children, sizes, etc. You will be asked to purchase gifts and bring them to the rectory no later than Thursday, December 13th. If you are interested please call Carolyn at the Rectory 353-1530.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS – If you have been attending OLS and would like to register as a member, please contact Carolyn Roberts, our parish secretary, at 353-1530. It is very important to register as a member of a parish, especially if you live outside of a particular parish's geographical boundaries, to insure that your rights to pastoral care are not in question.



December 2007						
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