

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2007

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.



© Annika Nelson — *Isaiah 11:9*

December Rosary – For those suffering from AIDS

Music for Sunday, December 8 & 9:

331 – On Jordan's Bank
530 – Abba Father
776 - Shepherd of Souls
335 – Come O Long
Expected Jesus



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted;
the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD
(Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness
of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony
with one another, welcoming each other as Christ
welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism;
repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any
readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: International Human Rights Day
Tuesday: St. Damasus I
Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday: St. Lucy
Friday: St. John of the Cross



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

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

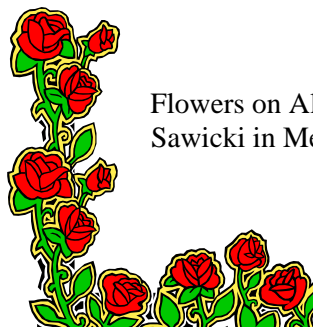


Installation Sunday – On Sunday, Dec. 9, we will install our new Lay Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass. At this liturgy, we will also install our Parish Pastoral Council for another year of service to the parish.

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives,
and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, English Quaker



Flowers on Altar donated by Mary & Jim Sawicki in Memory of her parents Bill & Ester Green

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, December 8th

Mass– 8:15 am
 Confessions – 3:00 – 3:30 pm
 Mass – 4:00 pm
 PRE – Chili Dinner after 4:00 pm Mass
 K of C Christmas Party after 4:00 pm Mass Krug Hall

Sunday, December 9th

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
 K Of C Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass
 Altar Guild Selling Cheese ravioli & Sauce after 8:00 am & 10:30 am Mass
 PRE - 9:00 am
 Adult Classes – 9:15 am Krug Hall
 Bible Study class 7-9 pm in Krug Hall
 Spanish Mass 5:00 pm

Monday, December 10th

Mass - 8:15 am
 School Practicing Christmas Play Gym
 STVDP City Wide Meeting Cafeteria 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 11th

Mass – 8:15 am
 School Practicing Christmas Play Gym
 K of C Business Meeting Krug Hall 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 12th

School Practicing Christmas Play Gym
 Mass – 6:30 pm
 Legion of Mary – 5:15 pm in Lucius Hall
 RCIA 7:00 Krug Hall
 Youth Group after Mass

Thursday, December 13th

Mass – 8:15 am
 CHRISTMAS PLAY 6:30 Gym
 Spanish Baptismal Class 7:00 pm Krug Hall

Friday, December 14th

Mass – 8:15 am
 School Dismiss at 11:30 am
 Faculty Christmas Party 1:00 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 8th 4:00 pm

Vito Joseph Scola+

Sunday December 9th 8:00 am

Anne Stavrum+

Sunday December 9th 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Sunday December 9th 5:00 pm

Charles Lobianco

Monday December 10th 8:15 am

Rose Gleason+

Tues. December 11th 8:15 am

Frank Chaput+

Wed. December 12th 6:30 pm

Nina Dooley Birthday

Thur. December 13th 8:15 am

Dr. Abbulah Baig

Friday December 14th 8:15 am

Delia Owen+

Saturday December 15th 8:15 am

Kathleen Harley+

Saturday December 15th 4:00 pm

Rex Mayo+



Christmas Flower Collection –

The annual collection to assist the Altar Society in decorating the church for Christmas, envelopes are in your annual set of contribution envelopes. There will also be envelopes in the pews this weekend 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.

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 Spain’s 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.

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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.

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.

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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Ministers Schedule – for 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

Ministers Schedule – for NEXT

Weekend of December 15th & 16th *Please note the dates*****

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
F.Bursi	D.Bennis	K.Pope	
E.Monroe	C.Vasquez	P.Badowski	
G.Hooten	B.Plessinger	B.Allard	
Lectors			
J.Pettit	J.Bish	T.Floyd	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Hudson	D.Bailey	J.Villanueva
	B.Hudson	C.Bailey	

Financial Report for Last Week

December 2, 2007

Envelopes	\$3,643.00
Loose Checks	981.00
Loose Currency/Coin	171.35
Debt reduction	2,031.75
Improvements	263.00
Christmas	50.00

Total Collection	\$7,140.10
Church Budget for the Week	- 5,324.00
Collection Diff for the Week	\$1,816.10

Collections Revenues Y-t-D	102,986.47
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>122,452.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ 19,465.53

Altar Guild will be selling Cheese Ravioli and Sauce after the 8:00 am & 10:30 am Mass this weekend.

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, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Louisa Reilly, Fran Schmitt, Maureen Spain, 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.



The Celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on Wednesday, December 12th. We will begin with the procession from Sacred Heart Church (1324 Jefferson Ave) to the Cathedral at 6:00 pm. Bishop Terry Steib will celebrate the Liturgy at 7:00 pm.

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.



Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:



Saturday 4:00 pm Ron & Ginny Geer

Sunday 8:00 am Don & Dar Gohman

Sunday 10:30 am Damien & Trinity Johnston

Sunday 5:00 pm Raymundo & Yaneth Rodriguez

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe’s Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father’s authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the “Lucias” are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone’s yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God’s grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent. —Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FOR RENT: One Bedroom Apt at 1246 Carrolton Ave if interested call Nick Vinturella at 358-1547.

Chili Dinner



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.



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.



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!

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



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

