

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2007

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."



— Matthew 1:23

December Rosary – For those suffering from AIDS

Music for Sunday, December 22 & 23:

319 - O Come, O Come
Emmanuel
713 – Servant Song
776 – Shepherd of Souls
636 – Soon and very Soon



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. The dead are raised to new life! (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

[1-5, 9-14] 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Wednesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins;
Boxing Day (Canada)
Thursday: St. John
Friday: The Holy Innocents
Saturday: The Fifth Day in the Octave of
Christmas;
St. Thomas Becket

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

December 24:
4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass (Children's Liturgy)
10:15 p.m. – Music Program
11:00 p.m. – Mass During the Night

December 25:
10:00 a.m. – Mass During the Day
2:00 p.m. – Mass in Spanish

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and on Christmas Eve following the 8:15 morning Mass.

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Please pray for the repose soul of Sarah Copeland who passed away last Monday. Please pray for Sarah and her family.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, December 22nd

Mass- 8:15 am
 Confessions – 3:00 – 3:30 pm
 Mass – 4:00 pm
 Egg Nog after Mass in Cafeteria

Sunday, December 23rd

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
 Adult Classes – 9:15 am Krug Hall
 Bible Study class 7-9 pm in Krug Hall
 Spanish Mass 5:00 pm

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve

School & Rectory Closed

Mass – 8:15 am
 Mass – 4:00 pm (Children Mass)
 Midnight Mass 11:00 pm music starts at 10:15 pm

Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day

Mass – 10:00 am
 Spanish Mass 2:00 pm

Wednesday, December 26th

Mass – 8:15 am
School & Rectory Closed

Thursday, December 27th

Mass – 6:30 pm

Friday, December 28th

Mass – 8:15 am
 Parish Open House 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Rectory

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.

LORD OF ALL

Jesus Christ will be Lord of all, or he will not be Lord at all.
 —St. Augustine

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 22nd 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday December 23rd 8:00 am

Johnny Longo+

Sunday December 23rd 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Sunday December 23rd 5:00 pm

Cathy Van Waes+

Monday December 24th 8:15 am

Steve Stromberg

Monday December 24th 4:00 pm Christmas Eve

Intentions of the Pastor

Monday December 24th 11:00 pm Midnight Mass

Intentions of the Pastor

Tues. December 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day

Intentions of the Pastor

Tues December 25th 2:00 pm Spanish Christmas Day

Intentions of the Pastor

Wed. December 26th 8:15 am

James & Kathleen Harley+

Thur. December 27th 6:30 pm

Rose Gleason+

Friday December 28th 8:15 am

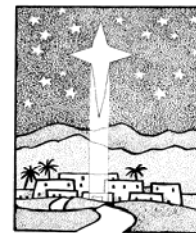
Dr. Abullah Baig

Saturday December 29th 8:15 am

Frank Chaput+

Saturday December 29th 4:00 pm

Ofelia Harbach+



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.

December 2007						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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.

In your prayers please remember: Barbara Allard, Bill & Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Robert Butler, Carolyn Fracchia, Trudi Collier, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, Peggy Hooten, Michael Jackson, Margaret Jones, 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.

Christmas Around the World – Someone loaned Fr. Timby a coffee table book about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. He can't remember who loaned it to him and would like to return it to the proper owner. Please help him by calling the Parish Office if you were the kind soul who shared this book with him. Thank you.

Ministers Schedule – for December 22ND & 23RD

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

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
G.Geer	D.Bennis	N.Caldwell	
G.Pannell	T.Acklen	B.Bustos	
R.Pannell	M.Hensley	J.DeStefano	
Lectors			
E.Monroe	D.Hall	M.Owen	
Altar Server			
L.Carter	H.Williams	P.DeStefano	
	G.Williams	K.Hissong	

Ministers Schedule – for NEXT

Weekend of December 29th & 30th *Please note the dates*****

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
L.Macdonald	D.Bennis	A. Humphrey	
C.Specht	C.Vasquez	C.Collier	
N.Vintruella	M.Carpenter	B.Comans	
Lectors			
B.Pettit	B.Williams	J.Collier	
Altar Server			
L.Carter	D.Owens	D.Butler	J.Rivera
	K.Owens	K.Hissong	

Financial Report for Last Week

December 16, 2007

Envelopes	\$2,358.00
Loose Checks	605.00
Loose Currency/Coin	119.10
Debt reduction	2,000.00
Improvements	30.00
Retirement	1.00
Immaculate Conception	1.00
Total Collection	\$5,114.10
Church Budget for the Week	- 5,324.00
Collection Diff for the Week	\$(210.10)

Collections Revenues Y-t-D	113,092.77
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>133,100.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ (20,007.23)

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

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 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 Monastery. 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.



Thinking of becoming a volunteer? DeNeuille Learning Center, a program of Sisters of the Good Shepherd, is in need of volunteers to assist adult GED students with their GED preparation classes (Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Social Studies, or Tuesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm English writing Wednesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Science). In addition, the center is in need of volunteer receptionists, especially for Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:15 to 8:30. Deneuille is located o 190 S. Cooper St (near Union Ave.). For more information, please call Sr. Lakshmire at 726-5902.

Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:



Saturday 4:00 pm Frances Bursi & Fran Schmitt

Sunday 8:00 am Art & Pat Stavrum

Sunday 10:30 am Jesse & Lisa Fernandez & Family

Sunday 5:00 pm Minerva Zumigh



Flowers on Altar in honor of Don & Dar Gohman 60th Wedding Anniversary

Tickets for the Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium – A limited number of tickets will be made available to the Diocese of Memphis for the Papal Mass to be celebrated at Yankee Stadium on April 20, 2008. If you would like to apply for a ticket, please call Shari Ollis at the Office of the Bishop (373-1216) BEFORE December 21, 2007 to furnish the necessary information. Applying for a ticket does not guarantee a ticket.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a “carol” anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. “Carol” comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren’t for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn’t make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn’t admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn’t make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol “Silent Night” comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church’s organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass.

Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the “Silent Night Memorial Chapel” at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!
—James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



Maureen Spain – Baptist East, room 511
Dewey Aureli – Meth North ICU 267
Bootsie Hammett – Meth Central 732

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

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



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



