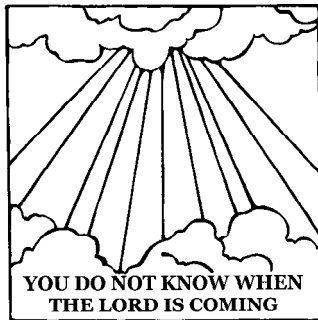


## First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2008

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.



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**November Rosary:** For the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

### Music for Nov 29 & 30

319 – O Come, O Come

Emmanuel

530 – Abba Father

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

Lamb Of God

773 – See Us, Lord About Your Altar

335 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier

Thursday: St. John of Damascus

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Nicholas; First Saturday



### Advent Begins on the Last Sunday of November

– Be sure to have your Advent supplies ready for the start of the “season of preparation” for Christmas. The Altar Guild has Advent wreaths and candles available. The “Little Blue

Books” of daily prayer and reflection for the season will be available the weekend before Thanksgiving



### Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

– The Latino community will be offering a dinner for all parishioners on Saturday, Dec. 13, immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patron Saint of the Americas and of the Pre-Born.

Advance tickets will be available beginning Thanksgiving weekend. Adults \$8, child \$4. Family of more than 4 -\$ 25 Walk-ins will be welcome. Watch the bulletin for more details in coming weeks.

### Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of

**Guadalupe** – All are invited to join Bishop Steib for the annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A procession to the cathedral will begin from Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 p.m.

### Advent Penance Service

– Once again, Our Lady will join with several other parishes for an Advent penance Service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, Dec. 11. The service begins at 7:00 p.m., and there will be at least a dozen priests available to hear confession in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.



Fr. Timby invites parishioners who attend to join him at the Spaghetti Warehouse for a “dutch” treat dinner after the conclusion of the service to continue our fellowship as penitents who rejoice in God’s mercy.

### UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

## This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

### Saturday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:15 am  
Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm

### Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm ,  
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm Krug Hall  
PRE Spa Lunch after 10:30 Mass

### Mon, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass– 8:15 am

### Tuesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass– 8:15 am  
Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm Krug Hall

### Wednesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

School Dismiss 11:30 am  
Mass 6:30 pm  
Legion of Mary Meeting 5:15 pm Lucius Hall  
RCIA after Mass in Krug Hall

### Thursday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass- 8:15 am  
STVDP meeting 6:30 pm

### Friday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass– 8:15 am  
**Adoration 9:00 am**  
**Benediction 12:00**

### Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:15 am  
Altar Guild Christmas Breakfast & Meeting  
Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm  
Trivia Night after 4:00 pm Mass

**SCHOOL NEWS** - If you have an old monitor you want to get rid of, the school is in need of monitors. Please call Lisa Petzinger at 358-7431.

**Attention Catholic Nurses** – The Mid-South Area Association of Catholic Nurses is hosting an “Advent Gathering” on Tuesday, December 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m. The evening is being hosted by the board members. Please bring a monetary donation for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Memphis. For location and to make reservations: call Tina Warden, 373-1237.

**Winter Coat Collection** – Can you donate a winter coat to someone this year? We need new or gently used winter coats for distribution to those who are in need of warmth during the harshest months of the year. Last year, we had a man break into the school just to find warm enough to fall asleep without fear of freezing to death. (Too bad he didn’t know the church is always unlocked.) Many people are forced to live in their cars in which there is little warmth on winter nights. Can you help to keep them warm? We will collect the coats on the four Sundays of Advent.

### **GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For “behold, you are angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God’s hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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**dates\*\*\***  
**for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule**  
*Ministers & Altar Server*  
*Schedule*  
 – for Nov. 29 & 30

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
M.Kissell	D.Bennis	H.Littleton	
L.Macdonald	L.Hall	S.O'Brien	
<b>Lector</b>			
B.Pettit	J.Hall	M.Standridge	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
A.Younger	G.Williams	R.Fowler	J.Rivera
	H.Williams	K.Hissong	A.Zemero

**Ministers & Altar Server Schedule**  
 – for Dec 6 & 7

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
H.Littleton	D.Bennis	J.Destefano	
G.Hooten	P.Stavrum	L.O'Donnell	
<b>Lector</b>			
B.Roth	D.Gohman	M.Owen	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	S.Gilbreath	J.Romero



**We are missing some of the Spanish advent books  
 If you happen to pick up one thinking it was in  
 English and it wasn't, please return to church.**

**In your prayers please remember:** Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Louis Bompreszi, Crissy Brigance, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, Paula Busby, John Calipari, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Bonita Comans, Eloise Davis, Abraham Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, James Humphrey, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Robert Kuehner, Pat Kurrus, Butsie Lanigan, Mildred Lewis, Bill Lindsley, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Nanette Quinn, Kenneth Rainey, Louisa Reilly, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Florence Taulman, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

People of the Parish

**Sunday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Deceased Priests

**Sunday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Juanita Dwyer+

**Sunday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Ramiro Pineda+

**Monday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 8:15 am**

Lena Cianciola+

**Tues. Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:15 am**

Kathleen Harley+

**Wed. Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm**

Keane Family+

**Thur. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Thomas Patton & Family+

**Friday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Russell McKenize+

**Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Altar Guild Members

**Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Jack Bolgeo+

**LIKE A CHILD**

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas

**PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**Carolyn Fracchia  
St. Peter Villa, 331-A  
141 North McLean  
Memphis, TN 38104**

**Jackie Perfetti  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119`**

**Helene Weiss  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119**

**Ginger Shemwell  
Luther Tower  
274 S. Highland apt. 106  
Memphis, TN 38111**

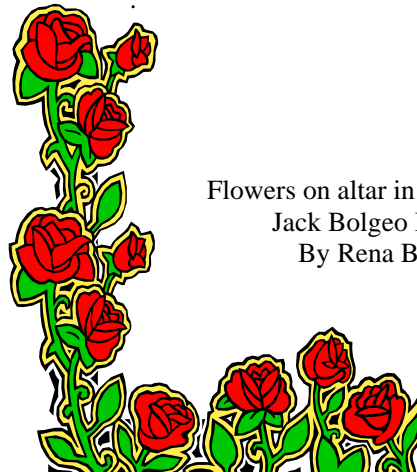
*Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten*

**New Parish Directories** – The final proof of our new Parish Pictorial Directories was mailed to Olan Mills on Thursday, Nov. 6. It takes about five weeks to receive our directories, which means they should be here in time for Christmas. Every family that had a portrait taken for the directory and members who joined the parish after the last scheduled portrait sessions (July 7, 2008) will receive a complimentary directory (one per household) to be distributed at church on a weekend to be announced at a later date. A limited supply of directories will be available to all others at a cost of \$10.00/directory with a limit to one per household and can be purchased in the Parish Office the week after the scheduled distribution of directories.

**ALTAR Guild** - Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of – anniversary – birthdays and any other occasion. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

**Financial Report for  
Weekend of Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2008**

Envelopes	\$ 2,433.00
Loose Checks	315.00
Loose Currency/Coin	201.20
Improvements	40.00
Cycle of Poverty	91.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,080.20</b>
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
<b>Collection Diff for the Week</b>	<b>\$ (1,814.03)</b>
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$82,512.86
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>102,778.83</u>
<b>Collections Deficit Y-t-D</b>	<b>\$ ( 20,265.97)</b>



Flowers on altar in memory of  
Jack Bolgeo Birthday  
By Rena Bolgeo

**We are scheduling MASS INTENTIONS for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.**

**Sunday Social for People with Disabilities & Special Needs** – The monthly social will be held at St. Paul Church on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please call Tina Warden at 373-1237 for more information.

**Deadline for bulletin news is on  
Tuesdays by 4:00 pm. Please call the  
office with any news.**

**Catholic Ministry to Prisons** – Have you ever thought about the need for those in prison to receive the Good News of Jesus? Perhaps your heart is telling you that you should do something to help the imprisoned to discover, rediscover or grow the presence of Christ in their lives. The Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Memphis is seeking new members to assist with visitation, celebrating Mass, catechesis, etc. If you are interested, please take one of the brochures in the vestibule of the church or contact Deacon Bill Davis at (901) 373-1299.

**Holiday Trivia Night** – The theme is Advent – Christmas – New Year's and the game is TRIVIA. Come enjoy a chili dinner after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6 (the Feast of St. Nicholas), and play a friendly game of Trivia. \$10.00/person admission. Call the parish office for reservations.

**PRE Spaghetti Luncheon** – Help support our PRE students' efforts to assist the poor during this holiday season by coming to their Spaghetti Luncheon immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Nov. 30. You KNOW you will be tired of turkey every-which-way by then. Adults \$ 5 children \$5 families more than 4 is \$20.



**Christmas Baskets for the Needy** – The St. Vincent De Paul Society is building 75 baskets to be distributed to the needy at Christmas. They are asking for donations from the parishioners of Our Lady, especially **APPLE SAUCE** and **POWDERED MILK**. Please bring the items with to Mass over the next several weeks and place them in the containers in the vestibule of the church. Your kindness will be returned to you many times over.

**Stewardship Envelopes** – Boxed sets of envelopes for your weekly donations are available in the vestibule of the church. It is very important to use these envelopes when making your weekly offering because they are the only means by which a parishioner's financial support of the church can be known and financial support of the parish is essential in order provide necessary services to those who worship at OLS. Those who support the parish by use of their envelopes and/or checks also receive the benefit of having access to parish facilities at a reduced rate when they have a special celebration like weddings, baptisms, quinceaneras, etc. Remember, God has asked for the first 10% of our selves – Time, Talent AND Treasure – in thanksgiving for all he has done for us. Please pick up your box of envelopes before Christmas. If there is not a box for you, please call the Parish Office and speak to Carolyn and one can be prepared for you to pick up next week.

**Retreat Day for Single Adults Saturday,  
December 6, 2008, 9:30-2:30 \$25.00 per  
person**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center  
Come for a day of reflection and companionship with other single adults (divorced, widowed, never married) The day will consist of prayer, conference on persons in scripture who were also single and an opportunity to dialogue with other singles.

Mass will be celebrated and there will be an opportunity for reconciliation. Breakfast and lunch included.

To register call : 731-548-2500 online: [cdom.org](http://cdom.org) (OLQP registration)

**Asparagus Fern for Sale** – Fr. Timby has potted up some of the Asparagus Fern (Sprinerei) he grew in the rectory garden this past season and is offering it to you in exchange for donations to the Air-Conditioner Fund. This fern needs to be kept moist and daily misting to raise humidity, and it needs to be sunny location but not in direct sunlight through a southern winder or it will burn. The pots are new 8-inch plastic pots; some have hangers for suspension of pot. All pots have crushed gravel in the bottom, drainage holes, and are filled with fresh potting soil, perlite (aids drainage and root development, and time-release fertilizer. These plants can were grown in the rectory window boxes and can be transplanted outdoors after the danger of front has passed in the spring. The suggested donations are \$10, \$15 and \$20. There are only eight (8) available at the present time, but there may be a couple more available next week.

## *Welcome* **to Our New Parishioners ...**

The following people have recently registered as new members of Our Lady of Sorrows. Please add them to your old Parish Directories until our new directories are available, and be sure to greet them and welcome them to Our Lady.

Armanda Barreto  
2538 Steele  
Memphis, TN 38127

Jorge & Lorena Gavilanes  
3871 Rocket Drive  
Memphis, TN 38127

Jaime & Graciela Delao  
4091 Shelby Rd  
Millington, TN 38053

Rogelio & Lorena Ordodez  
3916 Winfred Circle  
Memphis, TN 38127

Delfino & Patricia Barreto  
4304 Lady Slipper Lane  
Memphis, TN 38141

**We Are Looking for Volunteers** – Advent begins on the last Sunday of November. We are looking for families and individuals, even groups of friends to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of every Sunday Mass (that includes 4 o'clock on Saturday!) during the season of preparation for Christmas. Please call the Parish Office to tell us what Mass you would like to light the wreath. To ease you mind, you don't have to say a word, just light the appropriate candle(s).

**Do You Know a Family in Need This Christmas?** – The parish staff is not always aware of people in need, even among parishioners because people are ashamed to call. Friends know the real situation, however. If you know a parishioner or neighbor in particular need this Christmas, please call Carolyn at the Parish Office so they may be offered as a family to be adopted this year. Your call will be kept in the strictest confidence as we tend to our brothers and sisters. Last year, parishioners were so generous in adopting families that we didn't have enough families for everyone with a desire to help. Let's see if we can be as bold this Christmas ... even if these aren't the best of times for us.

Lectors and Ministries Schedule available for pickup this weekend in the Vestibule for DEC & JAN. be sure to sign your name when you pick up your schedule.

**Padre's Kitchen** – Fr. Timby will have new items from his kitchen available next weekend. He has made some orange marmalade, sugar-free orange marmalade, black currant jelly, and a new batch of sour cherry jelly. There is a possibility that he may also have some pumpkin butter available. Supplies will be limited at each Mass to allow everyone an opportunity.

## Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bill Aspinnall**, a long-time parishioner who died on Sunday, November 23. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

December 2008						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** – Monday, Dec. 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of both our nation and our diocese. **IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!!!** All Catholics and those preparing for reception into the Church are required to assist at Mass on that day. One may fulfill this obligation at a Mass on the evening before the Holy Day or on the Holy Day itself. Since the Solemnity falls on a Monday there will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday evening, but the obligation may be fulfilled by assisting at the 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass even though it will not be a Mass designated for the Immaculate Conception. One may not fulfill her/his Sunday obligation AND Holy Day obligation at the same Mass. Masses on December 8 will be at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Change in Mass Schedule** – Because of the very low numbers of people who take advantage of the daily morning Mass on Saturdays and the absence of commissioned lay readers to proclaim the readings of the liturgy, the Saturday morning Mass will be discontinued effective in January 2009. This decision was reached after consultation with Bishop Steib about the spiritual needs of the parishioners of OLS and the number of liturgies offered on the weekends in the parish. There will continue to be a Mass celebrated on the First Saturday of each month when the Altar Guild has its monthly meeting.


**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and new-fangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany’s Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children’s books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ’s coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:**



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Saturday 4:00 pm Neil & Edie O’Donnell

Sunday 8:00 am Bonnie Williams & family

Sunday 10:30 am Lisa Fernandez & Tasha Wood

Sunday 5:00 pm Erika Lopez