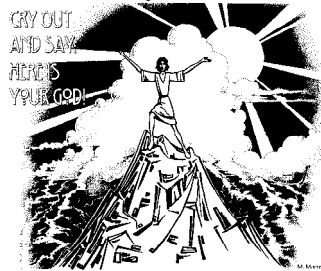


Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.



— Isaiah 40:4

December Rosary: For the lives of children who are threatened by abortion.

Music for Dec. 6 & 7

328 – On Jordon’s Bank

322 – Patience People

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

Lamb Of God

155 – Taste & See

320 - Every Valley



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 112; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: 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

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Eid al-Adha (Muslim feast of the sacrifice of Ishmael) celebrated this week
Tuesday: St. Juan Diego
Thursday: St. Damasus I
Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday: St. Lucy



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.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday Dec. 6th

Mass 8:15 am
Altar Guild Breakfast after 8:15 am Mass
Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Mass 4:00 pm
Trivia 6:30 door opens GYM
K of C Selling Christmas Cards after Mass

Sunday, Dec. 7th

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
K of C Selling Christmas Cards after all Masses
Altar Guild Hospitality after 8 am & 10:30 am Mass in
Krug Hall
Rite of Acceptance 10:30 Mass
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm , Potluck in Cafeteria
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm Krug Hall

Mon, Dec 8th Rectory & School Closed

Mass– 9:00 am & 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec 9th

Mass– 8:15 am
K of C Business Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec 10th

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

Thursday, Dec 11th

Mass- 8:15 am
Spanish Baptism Meeting 7:30 pm Krug Hall
School Christmas Play Gym 6:30 pm

Friday, Dec 12th

Mass– 8:15 am

Saturday, Dec 13th

Mass 8:15 am
Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass 4:00 pm
K of C Xmas Party after Mass Krug Hall
Mexican Dinner after Mass cafeteria
8th Bake Sale after Mass
K of C selling Xmas Cards after 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.

Padre's Kitchen Is Open Today – New jellies are available from Padre's Kitchen after all Masses this weekend. Supplies are limited at each Mass so all four Masses have a chance at each new flavor. All jellies and pickles are available in the rectory through the week. If you can't come by the rectory, just call us and we will get your order together and have it waiting for you next weekend. New flavors available this week are; orange marmalade, black currant jelly, blackberry jam, orange marmalade with Splenda, and pomegranate jelly. Some of your favorite flavors are also available, e.g., fig jam, apple butter, strawberry jam with Splenda, pear jam, sour cherry jelly, apple jelly and more. Special thanks this week to Debra Bunch for the blackberries and Donna Churchill for the oranges.

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.

St. Ann Parish in Bartlett is sponsoring a series of Advent Novena masses from Monday, Dec. 15 through Tuesday, Dec. 23. The "Simbang-Gabi" Novena will be held in the St. Joachim Chapel at St. Ann Catholic Church, 6529 Stage Road in Bartlett. Mass will be celebrated nightly at 7:30 p.m. by Fr. Dennis Manzano.

OLS Parish

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, and support. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful Parish family. Thank you very much and please continue to Pray for my healing. Peace Pat Kurrus

Please note the dates
for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule
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	
Lector			
B.Roth	D.Gohman	M.Owen	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	S.Gilbreath	J.Romero

Ministers & Altar Server Schedule
 – for Dec 13 & 14

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
H.Littleton	D.Bennis	S.O'Brien	
F.Bursi	L.Hall	K.Pope	
Lector			
B.Pettit	J.Hall	L.Pope	
Altar Server			
L.Carter	G.Williams	C.Sawicki	A.Roque
	H.Williams	R.Fowler	S.Roque

December 2008						
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28	29	30	31			

**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, Abrahan 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, Joseph Mangold, 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 Dec 6th 4:00 pm

Jack Bolgeo+

Sunday Dec 7th 8:00 am

Thanksgiving to God

Sunday Dec 7th 10:30 am

Vito Scola+

Sunday Dec 7th 5:00 pm

People of the parish

Monday Dec 8th 9:00 am

Cafferkey Family+

Monday Dec 8th 6:30 pm

Int. of Pastor

Tues. Dec 9th 8:15 am

Fr. Patrick Heenan+

Wed. Dec 10th 6:30 pm

Int. of Nina Dooley

Thur. Dec 11th 8:15 am

Ofelia Harback+

Friday Dec 12th 8:15 am

Keane Family+

Saturday Dec 13th 8:15 am

Int. of Dr. Abbulah Baig

Saturday, Dec 13th 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee Hooten +

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

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES -- Our new Parish Pictorial Directories will be available next weekend for those who had their portraits included in the directory. Someone will be in the vestibule of the church to assist with the distribution. Please be patient. We ask that you pick up only your copy of the directory and no one else's. Directories for those that did not have their portraits included are available from the Parish Office at a cost of \$10/copy. We want to thank everyone for their cooperation in making the new directory such a huge success. We have over 67% of the parish included in this edition!!! We have done our best to find any errors, but even with four sets of eyes reviewing the directory there are bound to be a few that we missed. We apologize, but we really tried to get it right. If all the photographs you submitted are not included please understand that space was limited and we did our best to offer a full snapshot of our parish family at work, at play and at prayer.

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 30th
2008**

Envelopes	\$ 2,224.00
Loose Checks	440.87
Loose Currency/Coin	255.00
Cycle of Poverty	5.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,924.87
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
Collection Diff for the Week	\$ (1,969.36)
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$85,437.73
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>107,673.06</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ (22,235.33)



Flowers on altar in memory of
The Specht Family
By Carol Specht

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.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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Thanks to all of you that helped make the **PRE Spaghetti Lunch** a huge success. The children will be providing Christmas to a needy family and will also make a donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. May the Peace of Christ be with you during the Holidays.

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.

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.

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.

Tony & Kim Scola
32 Haley Lane
Munford, TN 38058

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 your 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.

Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:



Saturday 4:00 pm Frances Peacock & Eula Eaves

Sunday 8:00 am Michael & Annie Robinson

Sunday 10:30 am Daniel & Colette Fields

Sunday 5:00 pm Julio Ledesma

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.

Coach Robinson's Annual Holiday Hoops Boys Basketball Camp, grades 1-8. St. Benedict High School in Cordova, Mon. & Tues., Dec. 22 & 23, 9:00-2:00, \$65.00. Enjoy last minute shopping while boys have fun at basketball camp. For information, call 260-2887 or visit www.sbaeagles.org.



2009 Parish Calendars -- The new parish calendars for 2009 will be available next weekend. We ask that you take only one per family on the first weekend to allow distribution to all the parishioners and for some to be held over to the next weekend for those who miss Mass at Our Lady next weekend. Be sure to thank the sponsors of the calendars for assuming the cost of their publication.

Diocesan Marriage Preparation in Spanish

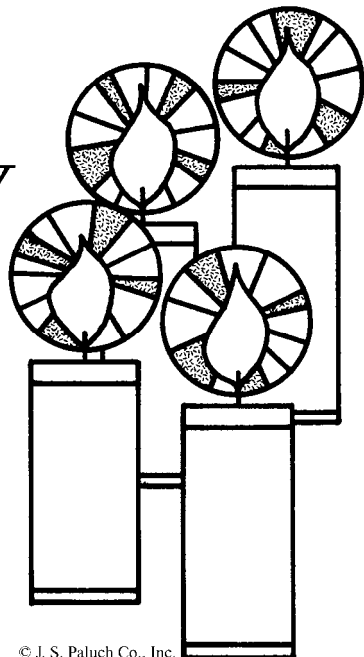
Spanish Marriage Preparation Class will be offer at Sacred Heart Church, 1324 Jefferson Avenue. **Saturday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2009**

Sessions will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.
For information, please call Sacred Heart Church (901) 726-1891

Diocesan Preparation Class for Quinceañera

Preparation Class for Quinceañera will be offer at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road. Sundays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 2009. Sessions will begin at 9:00 am. Candidates must have received the sacrament of confirmation. Please pre-register by calling St. Joseph's office (901) 396-9996

***Make
Ready
the
Way
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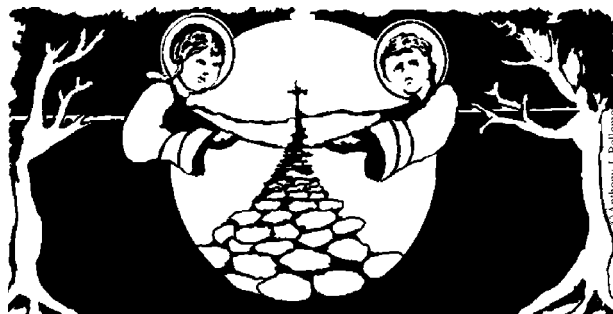
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presipio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presipio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a "Where's Waldo?" children's book. The oldest surviving *presipio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presipio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presipios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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