

## Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2008

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.



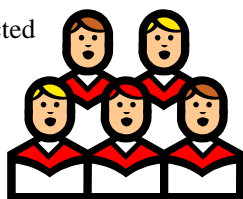
*Thessalonians  
5:16*

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

### Music for Dec. 13 & 14

332 - Come, Thou Long Expected  
Jesus  
322 - Patience People  
Holy, Holy  
Memorial Acclamation  
Amen  
Lamb Of God  
570 - Gifts of Finest Wheat  
328 - On Jordon's Bank



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
Tuesday: *Las Posadas* begins



### 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.

### REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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**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.

## **This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows**

### **Saturday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:15 am  
Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm  
Mexican dinner after 4pm Mass in Cafeteria  
K of C Selling Christmas Cards after Mass  
8<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale after Mass

### **Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
K of C Breakfast after 8 am mass  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Bake Sale after all Masses  
K of C Selling Christmas Cards after all Masses  
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm ,  
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm Krug Hall

### **Mon, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am  
School ½ day dismissal  
Faculty Christmas Lunch at Rita's 12:30 pm

### **Tuesday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am

### **Wednesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mass- 8:15 am  
Bible Study class 9:30 – 11:30 Krug Hall  
STVDP Meeting 7pm Krug hall

### **Friday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am  
STVDP Food Basket Cafeteria after 12pm  
Pow Wow Meeting Krug Hall 6:30 pm  
School dismissal at 11:30

### **Saturday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:15 am  
Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm  
Egg Nog after 4pm Mass  
K of C selling Xmas Cards after Mass

**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.

## **Funerals**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Faye Mahannah (**Ronnie**

**Bolgeo aunt**) whom passed away Wed. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**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.

**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.

**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.

\*\*\*Please note the dates\*\*\*  
**for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule**  
*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	
<b>Lector</b>			
B.Pettit	J.Hall	L.Pope	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
L.Carter	G.Williams	C.Sawicki	A.Roque
	H.Williams	R.Fowler	S.Roque

*Ministers & Altar Server Schedule*  
*- for Dec 20 & 21*

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
H.Littleton	D.Bennis	M.Standridge	
M.Kissell	M.Carpenter	B.Bustos	
<b>Lector</b>			
E.Monroe	J.Bish	B.Allard	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	J.Romero	S.Roque

December 2008						
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			

**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, Johnny Mitchell, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee Hooten

**Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Kathleen Harley+

**Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

People of the Parish

**Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Int. of Charles LoBianco

**Monday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Deceased Members of Specht Family

**Tues. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Int. Reba Fricks

**Wed. Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

Bill Aspinall+

**Thur. Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Mathilda Gyda+

**Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Keane Family+

**Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Thanksgiving to God

**Saturday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Angelo Bursi+

**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*

**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.

**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 you 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.

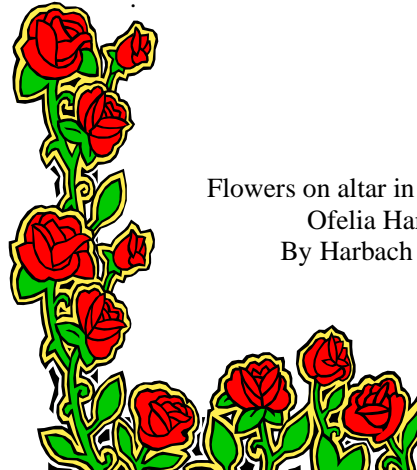
**We are scheduling MASS INTENTIONS for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.**

**Financial Report for  
Weekend of Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>  
2008**

Envelopes	\$ 3,633.00
Loose Checks	690.00
Loose Currency/Coin	148.05
Debt	1,768.00
Improvements	56.00
Christmas	165.00
Retirement Vianney	70.00
Immaculate Conception	327.92

Total Collection	<b>\$ 6,857.97</b>
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
<b>Collection Diff for the Week</b>	<b>\$ 1,963.74</b>

Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$92,295.70
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>112,567.29</u>
<b>Collections Deficit Y-t-D</b>	<b>\$ ( 20,271.59)</b>



Flowers on altar in memory of  
Ofelia Harbach  
By Harbach Family

**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.

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

'Tis the Season Trivia night, fun night  
All enjoyed, some scored high  
Round the gym friends made teams  
For first place made them beam.

Air conditioning money we raised,  
For when the summer rays,  
Come back into play  
Our debt will be closer to nay.

New faces we saw that night,  
Made the night bright  
And the OLS spirit we showed,  
Our parish was a glow.

Come join us in March, fun night  
You will see it just might,  
Earn you a prize to take,  
A new friend you might make!

Thank you to all who supported, worked and  
enjoyed the evening with us!

Linda

#### **UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE**

Most people are bothered by those passages in  
Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have  
noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me  
most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain

#### **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.

#### **Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:**



Saturday 4:00 pm Vickie Hayslip & Josephine  
Thorne

Sunday 8:00 am Pat & Art Stavrum

Sunday 10:30 am Manuel & Maria Najera

Sunday 5:00 pm Raymundo Rodriguez

#### **ANGELS OF PEACE**

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels  
of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

#### **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