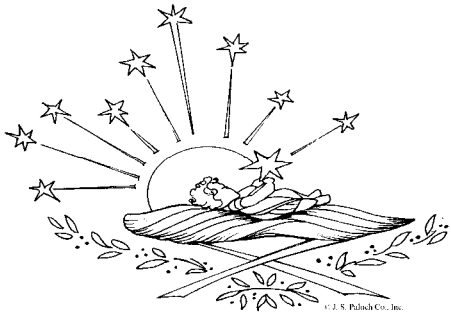


Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2008

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.



—Luke 1:35

Music for Dec. 20 & 21

316 – O Come, O Come
Emmanuel

490 - Holy Is His Name
Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

Lamb Of God

791 - O Sacrament Most Holy

320 – Every Valley

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

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

Thursday: 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]

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

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

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128 or Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;
Winter begins
Monday: Hanukkah begins
Tuesday: St. John of Kanty
Wednesday: The Vigil of Christmas
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Friday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
Saturday: St. John

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

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

December 24:
5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass (Children's Liturgy)
7:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass Spanish
10:15 p.m. Music Program
11:00 p.m. – Mass during Mid-Night

December 25:
10:00 a.m. – Mass During the Day English

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.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday Dec. 20th

Mass 8:15 am
Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Mass 4:00 pm
Egg Nog after 4:00 pm Mass at the Rectory

Sunday, Dec. 21st

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
PRE Christmas Breakfast 9 am
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm ,
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm Krug Hall

Mon, Dec 22nd

Mass– 8:15 am

Tuesday, Dec 23rd

Mass– 8:15 am

Wednesday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve **RECTORY CLOSED**

5:00 Vigil Mass
7:00 pm Vigil Mass Spanish Mass
10:15 pm Music Program
11:00 pm Mass during Mid-Night

Thursday, Dec 25th Christmas Day

Mass 10:00 am English

Friday, Dec 26th

Mass– 8:15 am
RECTORY CLOSED

Saturday, Dec 27th

Communion Service - 8:15 am
Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

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.

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

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.

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.

Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:



Saturday 4:00 pm William & Ethel Mosley

Sunday 8:00 am Don Gohman

Sunday 10:30 am Beverley Essiet

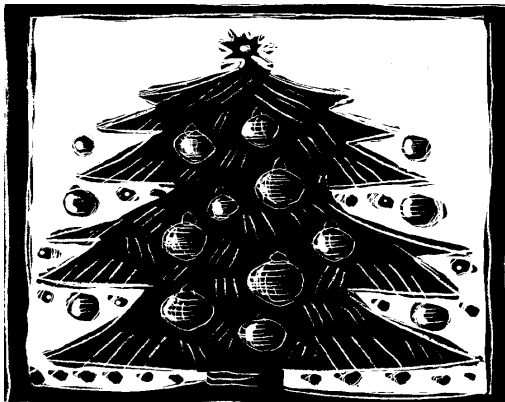
Sunday 5:00 pm Maria Sanchez

Please note the dates
for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule
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	
Lector			
E.Monroe	J.Bish	B.Allard	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	J.Romero	S.Roque

**Ministers & Altar Server Schedule
– for Dec 27 & 28**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
H.Littleton	D.Bennis	A.Humphrey	
L.Macdonald	B.Hall	B.Bustos	
Lector			
G.Taulman	B.Williams	T.Floyd	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	J.Romero	S.Roque



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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, Fr. Robert Ponticello, 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 20th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday Dec 21st 8:00 am

Anna Stavrum+

Sunday Dec 21st 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Sunday Dec 21st 5:00 pm

Int. of Juan Carlos Rivera

Monday Dec 22nd 8:15 am

Margie Patton+

Tues. Dec 23rd 8:15 am

James O'Harley Family+

Wed. Dec 24th 5:00 pm Christmas Eve

Int. of Pastor

Wed. Dec 24th 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Spanish

Int. of Pastor

Wed. Dec 24th 11:00 pm Mid-Night Mass

Int. of Pastor

Thur. Dec 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day

Int. Of Pastor

Friday Dec 26th 8:15 am

Int. of Louie Martini

Saturday Dec 27th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Dec 27th 4:00 pm

Ella Mae Zsidi+

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



Brinda Paravicini - Baptist East room
4210
Nancy Pope – Meth North ICU room
301

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.

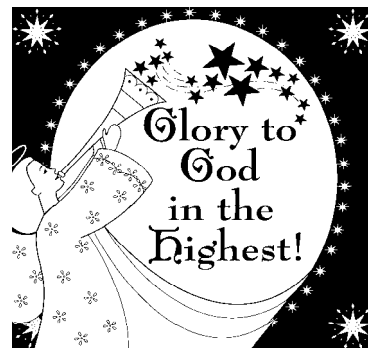
We are scheduling MASS INTENTIONS for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.

**Financial Report for
Weekend of Dec. 14th
2008**

Envelopes	\$ 2,667.00
Loose Checks	360.00
Loose Currency/Coin	109.00
Debt	120.00
Immaculate Conception	32.00
Total Collection	\$ 3,288.00
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
Collection Diff for the Week	\$ (1,606.23)
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$95,583.00
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>117,467.52</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ (21,884.52)



Flowers on altar donated by
Peggy & Gordon Hooten for birth of
Matt & Tracy Hooten Baby



Please add the following information to you new Parish Pictorial Directory; it was inadvertently omitted from the final draft.

Wood, Ricky & Tasha
9164 Morning Walk Lane
#206
Cordova, TN 38016
(901) 386-6110

The Parish Staff and Directory Review Committee sincerely regret this oversight. Four sets of eyes proofed the pages of the directory before it was submitted, but somehow this omission was not caught by any of the reviewers. We apologize to Ricky and Tasha and pray that they will forgive our incompetence.

Honors for OLS – Fr. Timby recently received notification from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization that all catechists (those who teach religion) in the school, P.R.E., and adult education are current in their certification and continuing education, making OLS the first parish in the Diocese to achieve perfection for the current year. Our thanks must be given to Mrs. Barbara Pettit, our school principal, and Brenda Plessinger, P.R. E. Director, for creating opportunities for our teachers to continue their religious education through quality programs on Sacred Scripture, Church History, and a number of other topics.

Adult formation and religious education is not something reserved for those who teach but should be the goal of every Catholic. If you are not involved in a Bible Study or other form or ongoing religious formation seek one out for your own good. It has been proven that those who study their faith find more contentment in life.

Martyrs of Memphis Award – It was announced by Bishop Steib this past week that Mr. Don Gohman of OLS will be one of the recipients of a Martyrs of Memphis Award for “outstanding service to the Church” at a celebration the commemorating the foundation of the Diocese of Memphis during the first week of January. All OLS parishioners are encouraged to attend and show our support for Mr. Gohman. When one of our own is honored, we are all honored. See next week’s bulletin for the exact date and time.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

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

“Ministering through the Arts: The Sounds of Music” Thursday, January 15, 2009 5:30 -8:00 PM; Shady Grove Presbyterian Church 5530 Shady Grove, Memphis, TN, Speaker, lee Cagle, President of The Memphis, Dulcimer Gathering
Sponsored by: Health Ministries Network of the Mid-South, RSVP to call Alma Abuelouf 373-1224.

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.