

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009



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With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

— *Isaiah 12:3*

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — Shout for joy!
Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult!
The LORD, your God, is in your
midst, a mighty savior
(Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and
gladness: for among you is the
great and Holy One of Israel
(Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice!
The Lord is near. Make your
requests known to God
(Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers
to share their possessions with
the needy; be honest; do not
threaten or accuse others falsely
(Luke 3:10-18).

REJOICE!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.

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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:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Rosary Dedication: December 2009:

For the lives of children who are threatened by abortion.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Dec 13th

Mass – 8 am

PRE – 9 am

Bake Sale after all Masses 1st & 6th grade

K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass

Mass – 10:30 am

Christmas Caroling after 10:30 Mass

Spanish Mass - 5:00 pm

Bible Study Class 6:30 pm

Mon, Dec 14th

Mass, 8:15 am

Tuesday, Dec 15th

Mass – 8:15 am

Students Mass KN- 4th grade

Wednesday, Dec 16th

Legion of Mary 4:30

RCIA – 7 pm

Youth Group – 7 pm

Mass – 6:30 pm

Thurs., Dec. 17th

Mass– 8:15 am

Bible Study Class 9:30-11:30

Posados, 6pm Krug Hall

Friday, Dec 18th

Communion Service - 8:15 am

School Break starts 11:30 dismissal

Faculty & Staff Christmas Party 12:00

Posados, 6pm Krug Hall

Christmas Baskets, STVDP cafeteria

Saturday, Dec 19th

Confessions, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Mass – 4:00 pm

Egg Nog Social 5pm, Rectory

Posados, 6pm Krug Hall

Sunday, Dec 20th

K of C Rosary 7:35

Mass – 8 am (Youth Group)

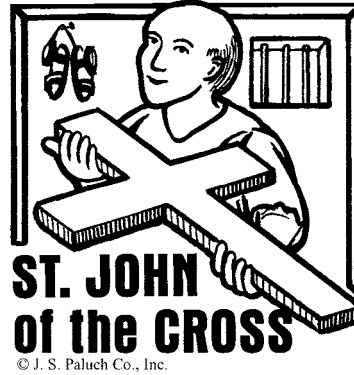
PRE Christmas Party– 9 am

Mass – 10:30 am

Spanish Mass - 5:00 pm

Posados, 6pm Cafeteria

Bible Study Class 6:30 pm



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross

Tragedy Strikes – Fire destroyed the home of Sonja Ayers, the mother of OLS Pre-K student Tyler Nicole Ayers last weekend. The fire is attributed to defective wiring in the wall of the home. Please call the parish office to find out how you can help the Ayers family get past this tragedy. All the diocesan schools will be joining us in our effort to assist them so please call first for suggestions based on what each school is doing to help.

Cursillo Christmas Social Tuesday, December 15th @7pm at Holy Rosary Church for the whole family with Advent Wreath lighting, Pot-Luck dinner, witness talk by Dr. Santiago Vera, and an Altar Visit. Call 901-756-4562

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Dec 12 & 13***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Henry Littleton Gordon Hooten	Don Bennis Carmen Vasquez	Kay Pope Linda O'Donnell	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Bill Roth	Brenda Plessinger	Tanya Floyd	C. & R. Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Heather Martini Angelica Martini	Shelby Gilbreath Will Solomon	Sarahi Roque Abigail Roque

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Dec 19 & 20***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Henry Littleton Gina Pannell	Don Bennis Theresa Acklen	Janet DeStefano Barbara Allard	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Rick Pannell	Bonnie Williams	Anne Humphrey	C. & R. Roque
Altar Servers:	Lacey Carter Warren Durbin	Bradley Hudson Kacee Hudson	Katie Hissong Antonio Lopez	Juan Rivera Beatriz Barrera

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, Rachel Beaty, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Crissy Brigance, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Abraham Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Karen Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Lance Garrett, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Justin Kitts, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Bill Lindsley, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Betty Marshak, Thomas Miller, Alex Mosby, Tama Numera, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Rita McKenzie, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Ester Ralph, Louisa Reilly, Bea Remmert, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Stephen Thompson, Fr. Bryan Timby, Mary Timby, Keith Trenham, Henry NanNess, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Louise Winter and Angie Wright..

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



Altar Guild will be selling Cheese Ravioli after all Masses this weekend if interested you can call Patty Bridges at 353-0316 or 283-2500.

Office Hours This Week – Carolyn Roberts is taking some vacation days this week so the Parish Office will only be open on Monday and Tuesday. If you need to reach Fr. Timby, call the rectory and leave a message if he doesn't answer. He will be checking messages every three hours or so and will return your call as soon as possible within 24 hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 12th 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray & Rachel Renee Hooten

Sunday, Dec 13th 8:00 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Dec 13th 10:30 am

Kenneth & Anna Rainey +

Sunday, Dec 13th 5:00 pm

Charlena Lobianco+

Monday Dec 14th 8:15 am

Kathleen Harly+

Tuesday, Dec 15th 8:15 am

Deceased Members of Specht Family

Wednesday, Dec 16th 6:30 pm

John Viglietti+

Thursday, Dec 17th 8:15 am

Fr. Patrick Heenan+

Friday Dec 18th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Dec 19th 4:00 pm

Bursi & Ciacciola Family+

Sunday, Dec 20th 8:00 am

Anna Stavrum+

Sunday, Dec 20th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Dec 20th 5:00 pm

Charlena Lobianco+



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PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

**Carolyn Fracchia
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**Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
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274 S. Highland apt. 106
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**Rachel Beaty
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**Dolores Bair
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**Henry Van Ness
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177 North Highland, room 124
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**Amanda Hall
Signature Healthcare
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PARISHONER IN HOSPITAL:

**Marvin Sanford, Healthsouth, 1036
Rachel Beaty St. Francis, Park ICU 355**

**Financial Report
Weekend of 12/6/09**

Envelopes	\$3,307.00
Loose Checks	395.00
Loose Currency/Coin	106.10
Cycle of Poverty	7.00
Christmas	25.00
Immaculate Conception	35.00
Improvement	101.00
Debt	1,808.85
Total Collection	\$5,749.95
Church Budget for the week	<u>4,387.00</u>
Collection Diff for the week	1,362.96
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$89,782.85
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>96,514.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$(6,731.15)

December 2009						
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27	28	29	30	31		

Padre's Kitchen – Jams and Jellies will be available for three weekends. There is a new supply of Pear Jam and Spiced Pear Jam (thanks to Art Stavrum), Memphis Blueberry Jam (thanks to Roberta Albertson, Three Way Baptist Church, Madison County, TN), Scotch bonnet Pepper Jelly, Three Berry Jam and Blackberry Jam (thanks to Debra Bunch). We have also added Muscadine Jelly to our shelves (thanks to Agnes Matocha, St. Mary's in Jackson, TN). Homemade jams and jellies make wonderful Christmas and birthday gifts for family, friends and co-workers. Buy several and put them in a decorative basket or give individual jars decorated for the occasion. Our homemade jams and jellies are a bargain beginning at \$5.00. Paula Deen charges \$7.95 for an 8-ounce jar of her jellies. You might get a fancier label, but you won't get near as much the love that went into the making of Padre's jellies and jams!



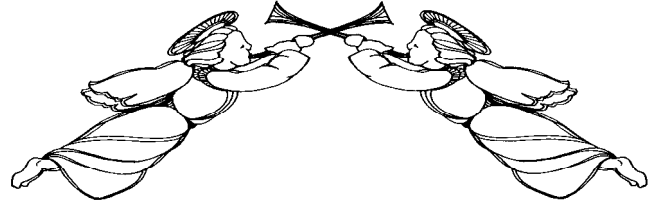
Christmas Baskets for the Needy – The St. Vincent De Paul Society is building 75 baskets to be distributed to the needy at Christmas. They are asking for donations from the parishioners of Our Lady, especially **BOX INSTANT POTATOES** and **POWDERED MILK**. Please bring the items with to Mass over the 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

Posadas – The Latino community of OLS will be celebrating the Posadas beginning Wednesday, Dec. 16. All gatherings will on the parish campus. Please watch the bulletin on Dec. 13 for more details. The Posadas is a spiritual exercise (novena) in which participants come together to reflect on Scripture readings, pray and then share in Advent fellowship for the nine evenings before Christmas Day. Traditionally, after the last gathering on Christmas Eve all the participants go to Midnight Mass.

Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:



REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



Saturday 4:00 pm Louis Bompreszi & Shorty Zsidi
Sunday 8:00 am Dewitt & Sharon O'Brien
Sunday 10:30 am Derek & Ashley Goode
Sunday 5:00 pm Barrera Family

December Bulletin Deadlines –The Bulletin deadline every week in December will be on Monday at 12:00 noon due to the many short work weeks. Please be considerate of the office staff and get your bulletin items to Carolyn Roberts **before** the deadline.



Our Lady of Pilgrims

Under this title Mary is venerated in Manila in the Philippines as patroness of pilgrims, travelers, expectant mothers, childless couples, midwives, the sick, and health workers. Her pilgrimage to visit her cousin Elizabeth is recalled in the straw hat that she wears and her wooden staff with a gourd of oil at the tip.

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Christmas Flower Collection – the annual collection for Christmas flowers will be on the weekend of Dec. 19-20. Please use the envelopes that come in your sets or the ones included in Fr. Timby's Advent letter, which you should receive in coming days. Please print the names of those you will remember with your donation so that we can print the names in the weekly bulletin the weekend after Christmas.

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul*, through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."

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Christmas Mass Schedule – the following is the schedule for Christmas liturgies at OLS this year:

Thursday, December 24

Vigil Mass (English) – 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Musical Program – 10:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass (Bilingual) – 11:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25

Mass in the Morning (English) – 10:00 a.m.

Giving Tree 2009- Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, the Christian Homeless Mission on Thomas Street, and the St. Vincent De Paul Society with gifts from the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament from the tree for each gift you wish to provide. Do not send private checks or deliver individual gifts to the organizations for which you take ornaments. This is a parish project and we want to deliver the gifts as a parish. If writing a check, please make the check out to OLS and indicate what organization you wish to assist. When you deliver your gifts in fulfillment of your ornaments selection, please take a red or green leaf ornament and place it on the tree so that the parish can see the generosity of our community bloom before our eyes.

Social Action Committee – Fr. Timby seeks parishioners with a social conscience to form a committee that will offer assistance that is beyond the scope of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the Frayser area. There are many needs beyond emergency food and assistance with rent and utilities that need to be addressed. The committee will work with Mrs. Mona Hector of the Parish Health Ministry in establishing services other than equipment exchange, i.e., dental care, health screenings, etc. It will work with Catholic Charities in making OLS a satellite location for counseling services. It will work with the school administration in the establishment of outreach programs to neighborhood children through summer camps, parents' days out, etc., and offering adult education opportunities, e.g., ESL, computer training, GED classes, etc. If you would be interested in volunteering or learning more, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number with Carolyn Roberts.



Lent Is Just Around The Corner – The Advent-Christmas Season is upon us, but Lent Easter will be here before we know it. Plans are being made to have a lectionary-based Bible Study in homes throughout the parish Lent. It will be based on the Sunday readings of the season hosted by parishioners and conducted by parishioners. It will be available in both English and Spanish. Please pray during this holy season about your level of participation in this Bible study as a gift from you to the People of God. Will you participate? Will you open your home to a group of

10-12 each week for 7 weeks? Do you have the heart necessary to lead the sessions with the help of a guide? Can you provide refreshments one week? The group leader does not host the meetings, and the host does not provide the refreshments. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule of the church in a few weeks. Pray. Pray always. Pray hard!

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.

THE LORD IS NEAR

Historical records indicate that the birthday of our Savior was not celebrated at all for at least the first two centuries of the church's existence. For the early Christians, Easter was the primary feast in the church year. The Nativity of Our Lord did not finally enter the calendar until around 350 A.D., when it was settled on the date of December 25. Nowadays, Christmas is treated even in the civil calendar as the most important holiday in the year, and for reasons that have gone far beyond its true religious significance. Beginning with Charles Dickens and all the way through to Hallmark, a vision of the perfect Christmas has danced in our heads. Yet many treasured customs of today, such as the decorated tree, greeting cards, and the exchange of Christmas presents, originated only just over a century ago. Christmas has become more complicated in recent decades, and some of us get so tangled up in decorating, shopping, baking, parties, and family gatherings that we experience considerable stress. Others feel left out, isolated, and depressed by all the jollity. Now, with changing times, many Catholics have begun to refocus not only on *why* we celebrate Christmas, but *how* to celebrate in ways that are truly in harmony with the meaning of Christ's birth. In today's second reading Saint Paul assures us that "The Lord is near" (Philippians 4:5) and urges us to stop our worrying, knowing that God will bring the gift of peace to our hearts, a peace beyond human understanding. Like the crowds surrounding John the Baptist in today's Gospel, we may say, "What should we do?" (Luke 3:10). John's answer holds true today: Share with others, act justly, and be satisfied with what we have. Only then can "Emmanuel" truly be, as the name means, "God with us."



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ATTENTION ALL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS – The Diocese of offering a retreat for Parish Pastoral Council members under the direction of Deacon Jack Conrad at the Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Dancyville on Saturday, January 9, 2010. The theme is "Revisiting the Parish Pastoral Council" and will begin within arrival at 8:30 a.m. and close with prayer at 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$30.00/person. Lunch is included. OLS will reimburse any of its Pastoral Council members that fully participate in this wonderful opportunity. Please make checks payable to *Queen of Peace Retreat Center* and bring it by the parish office so your reservation can be made as part of the OLS group.

Congratulations! – OLS offers congratulations to Mandy Presson, daughter of Mike and Linda O'Donnell, for graduating with honors from Nursing School on December 10 and for being inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the honor society for nursing students on Dec. 3. Another OLS graduate is making us proud!

Rachel Morin, the daughter of Ada Morin, died on Saturday, Dec. 5, and was buried from OLS on Friday, Dec. 11. Please keep the Morin family, especially her three boys that are students at OLS, in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Through the mercy of God, may her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed rest in peace. Amen!

Bake Sale This Weekend – The 1st and 6th grade students of OLS school are having a bake sale this weekend after all Masses. Please help to support the students of our parish school by purchasing a cake or some cookies or brownies. Or, you could just make a donation. Thank you for all you do to support the school.

New Parishioners – We welcome a new family to the parish:
Heriberto & Maria Espino
3846 Vagabond
Memphis, TN 38127