

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011

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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team." With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad." It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles. John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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TODAY'S READING

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).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	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
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm CLOSED
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch. CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY.**

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

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrow

Saturday, Dec 10th

School Book Fair
3:00 – 3:30 Confessions
Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 11th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
K of C egg Breakfast after 8 am Mass
PRE – 9 am
Mass – 10:30 am
Fundraiser OLS GYM 4pm
Mass – 5:00 pm, Spanish

Mon, Dec 12th

Mass- 8:00 am
Basketball practice 3:30 -5:00 pm GYM

Tuesday, Dec 13th

Mass – 8:00 am
School Advent Carols, 6:30 pm Church
K of C Meeting 7pm KH

Wed. Dec. 14th Rectory Closed

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
Hispanic Meeting for flood victims gym
6:30pm

Mass – 6:30 pm,
RCIA, 7 pm KH

Thurs. Dec 15th

Mass– 9:00 am
Basket ball practice GYM 3:30-5:00 pm
STVDP 7:00 pm KH

Friday, Dec. 16th

Communion Service-8:00 am
School ½ dismissals for Christmas break
Posadas 7pm KH

Saturday, Dec 17th

School Book Fair
3:00 – 3:30 Confessions
Mass – 4:00 pm

Posadas 7 pm cafeteria

Sunday, Dec 18th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
PRE – 9 am Christmas Party, cafeteria
Mass – 10:30 am
Mass – 5:00 pm, Spanish
Posadas 7:00 pm cafeteria



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

Altar Guild has Cheese ravioli for sale, if interested please call Patty at 353-0316 or 283-2500.

The students of Our Lady of Sorrows school will be presenting “**Advent Lessons and Carols**” on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the church. Come out and support our students their presentation will leave you filled with expectation.

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Dec 10 & 11***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry G. Hooten	B. Plessinger M. Hensley	G. Pannell L. O'Donnell	E. Roque R. Roque
Reader:	B. Roth	J. Bish	M. Monter	D. Marquez E. Roque
Altar Servers:	C. Sawicki Al. Martini	K. Hudson J. Lopez L. Lopez	M. Najera A. Bowers	Javier Roque Jose Roque

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Dec 17 & 18***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	E. Monroe Deacon Henry	S. O'Brien L.Hall	K. Pope B. Allard	N. Vinturella R. Roque
Reader:	G. Taulman	J. Hall	L. Pope	J. Isabel/Maria Barrera
Altar Servers:	L. Carter W. Durbin	An. Martini K. Owen	K. Hissong J. Sterling	B. Barrera E. Barrera

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, Deacon Don Bennis, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Rena Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Roy Bridges, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Jessica Mann Dean, Abrahan Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Bill Johnson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Joseph Mangold, Alex Mosby, Dewitt O'Brien, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Ester Ralph, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, Jean Shemwell, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Mike Walsh, Victor Weirich, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, 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.

Singing the Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe! This Sunday, December 11th, at 11:00 p.m. we will be singing the Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is a tradition throughout Latin America and Mexico, honoring her and thanking her on the vigil of her Feast Day, December 12th. The Church Choir from Saint Paul Catholic Church will be joining us in offering to our Heavenly Mother and Patroness and Protector of the Unborn, "La Morenita," our love and devotion. So please come and join us! We will have a warm refreshment to enjoy afterwards.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec. 10th 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee

Hooten+

Sunday, Dec 11th 8:00 am

Int. of Nina Dooley

Sunday, Dec 11th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Dec 11th 5:00 pm

Mary Timby+

Monday Dec 12th 8:00 am

Ofelia Harbach+

Tuesday, Dec 13th 8:00 am

John Viglietti+

Wednesday, Dec 14th 6:30 pm

Kathleen Harley+

Thurs. Dec 15th 8:00 am

Anna & George Spangler+

Friday Dec 16th 8:00 am

Communion Service

Sat. Dec. 17th 4:00 pm

Louise Macdonald+

Sunday, Dec 18th 8:00 am

Anna Stavrum+

Sunday, Dec 19th 10:30 am

Int. of Jonovan

Sunday, Dec 18th 5:00 pm

People of parish

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Helene Weiss

St. Francis Nursing Home

5959 Park Ave, room 328

Memphis, TN 38119

Ginger Shemwell

King's Daughters & Sons

3568 Appling Rd, room 144

Bartlett, TN 38133

Dolores Bair

Ava Maria Home

St. Lukes

2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134

Henry Van Ness

Spring Gate Healthcare

3909 Covington Pike #302

Bartlett, TN 38135, 371-3182

Vera Trudell

Grace Healthcare

Room 306 A

955 N. Germantown Pkwy

Cordova, TN 38018

Jean Shemwell

Millington Healthcare Center

5081 Easley Ave, room 57

Millington, TN 38053

Rite of Acceptance: This Sunday at the 10:30 Liturgy we will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance with those involved in the R.C.I.A. process. In this Rite those people who have been exploring the Catholic faith in the Pre-catechumenate have made the decision to continue this exploration. This Rite establishes a relationship between the Church and the catechumen. Those participating in this Rite include Aseye Kofie, Michelle Rios and Teresa Varner. Please welcome them and pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.

Bishop Byrne Trivia "Knight": Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 6:00 pm; St. Louis Parish, gym #1, at 203 S. White Station Rd., to benefit Bishop Byrne Middle and High School academic programs. Register Now! Download registration form and event flyer at www.bishopbyrne.org or call the school at 346-3060 for more information. Bishop Byrne alumni and friends encouraged to join us for a night of fun, friends, and lots of prizes!

Women's Morning of Spirituality: The second Women's Morning of Spirituality will be held at the Church of the Incarnation, 360 Bray Station Road in Collierville on Saturday, February 18, 2012. There will be keynote speakers from around the country, an opportunity to go to confession and the celebration of Mass. Last year more than 800 women from across the Diocese of Memphis participated. Don't get left in the tailwind of the Holy Spirit!

**Financial Report
Weekend of 12/04/2011**

**I am a voice
crying out
in the desert**



Envelopes	\$3,082.00
Loose Checks & cash	260.00
Improvements	550.00
Debt	1,439.70
Total Collection	5,331.70
Church Budget for the week	- 4,449.00
Collection Diff for the week	\$ 882.70
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 78,830.26
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>97,878.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (19,047.74)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.
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Giving Tree 2011 –



Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, Catholic Charities 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.

Advent Penance Service: The annual Advent Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

2012 Mass Intentions – We are scheduling Mass intentions for the 2012 calendar year. The cost to have a Mass offered is \$5.00 for weekday Mass and \$10.00 for Sunday/Holy Day Masses. Dates fill up quickly. Call the Parish Office at 353-1530 and speak to Carolyn to schedule Masses.

Almanacs Needed: OLS School is in need of current almanacs for the library. If you have an almanac for 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011, please consider donating it to our parish school.

OLS Centennial of Catholic Ministry: Our Lady of Sorrows will be celebrating 100 years of Catholic ministry in the Frayser community throughout 2012. Our kick-off celebration will be on Saturday, January 21st, with Mass to be celebrated by Bishop J. Terry Steib followed by a catered dinner and dancing to a live band. Mark your calendars now! Reserve the date!

First Communion & Confirmation Mass Attendance: All OLS parishioners desiring to celebrate their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this Spring 2012 must meet the following criteria:

- Have been enrolled and an active participant in religious education for at least two full consecutive years at the time of the sacramental celebration;
- Participate in the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass;
- Receive a Mass attendance ticket from Fr. Timby following each Sunday liturgy and give it to their religion teacher for safe-keeping.

Those just beginning their sacramental preparation process must complete the following if they wish to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in Spring 2013:

- Be enrolled in and an active participant in religious education for at least two full consecutive years at the time of the sacramental celebration;
- Participate in the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass, even during summer months;
- Receive a Mass attendance ticket from Fr. Timby following each Sunday liturgy and give it to their religion teacher for safe-keeping.

OLS Alumni?: We are seeking the names addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of any and all who every graduated from or attend Our Lady of Sorrows School so we can invite them to our homecoming events planned for 2012. If you have children who attended OLS school please get the information to us by mail, telephone or email. Please do it even if you have supplied the information to us before because e lost a lot of data in recent years. Also, if you have friends and acquaintances who used to attend OLS Church but have moved away from the neighborhood, we are looking to contact them about our Big Homecoming events of 2012 so get out your Christmas card list, your address books, and work on your memories and sent the information to us ASAP by mail, telephone, or email. Thank you!

Church History, Part 2: Our study of Church history will resume on Thursday, January 19 (9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.) and Sunday, January 22 (6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.). The textbook (Epic: Church History) remains the same. There is only a charge of \$3.00 for the textbook if a participant is new. Please call the Parish Office (353-1530) to register for this class which will take us from the Crusades to the 20th century and introduce us to the Borgias, St. Pope Pius V, Bl. Pope Pius IX, the two Vatican Councils and much, much more.

Benefit Show at OLS for 8 year Tori Taylor is scheduled this Sunday, December 11, beginning at 4pm inside the OLS gymnasium. Tori Suffers from a fatal disease called, Ataxia Telangiectasia and is in desperate need of funds for further medical treatments and other expenses. Show stars Singing Impressionist, Tim Rowland along with many famous Stax records Artists as well as other talented performers! Food will be sold and all proceeds go to Tori Taylor Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 8 yrs old."

Posadas: In Hispanic culture it is customary to keep a novena leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Beginning on Dec. 16, members of the community gather for prayer, scripture reading and food or refreshments. Then, on the evening of Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), they come together for Mass and a festive dinner afterward. If you are interested in participating on the Posadas this year, please sign up in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to put how many family members will participate.

Christmas Flower Collection – the annual collection for Christmas flowers will be on the weekend of Dec. 17-18. 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 to remember with your donation so that we can print the names in the weekly bulletin the weekend after Christmas. Extra envelopes are in the pews.



The Scholastic Book fair is here again! The Book Fair will be open after all Masses the weekend of December 10th. The Fair will run that following week each day during regular school hours, ending on Thursday Dec 15th. This is a great way to support the school and buy some great Christmas gifts.

Christmas Liturgies: OLS will celebrate her Christmas liturgies as follow:

Christmas Eve		
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Confessions	
5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass (English)	
10:30 p.m.	Music Program	
11:00 p.m.	Midnight Mass (English)	
Christmas Day		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (English)	
10:30 am	Mass (Spanish)	

Our Lady of Guadalupe: A procession and Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, December 12. The procession will depart from Sacred Heart Church, 1324 Jefferson Ave., at 6:00 pm going to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue. Liturgy will be at 7:00 pm. Presider: Most Reverend Bishop J. Terry Steib, S.V.D. Homilist: Rev Juan Antonio Romo-Romo, S.V.D. Reception will follow after Mass in Marion Hall. For more info, call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 722-4759

OLS Children's Choir: Will your child be interested in singing in our Children's Church Choir? This will be a great opportunity for your child to learn Spanish through music, and if they know some Spanish, they will be able to refine their language skills. This will be a bilingual choir open to all children in our parish community. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, December 14th, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the details for our children choir. For more information, please contact Wanda I. Rivera at 268-0799.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta Dinner: To benefit Our Lady of Sorrows School Saturday, December 10, OLS School Cafeteria Immediately following 4:00 p.m. Mass. The dinner consists of: *Spanish rice with Beef, Chicken & Mexican Sausage Fajitas, regular drink and dessert.* Adults: \$8.00 Children (age 2-11): \$4.50 We will offer Margaritas for a \$4.00 donation. Tickets on sale this weekend and next weekend after all Masses.



OLSS "Reading Counts" Needs Help: Our Lady of Sorrows School has a program called "Reading Counts" that encourages our students to read outside the classroom. For each book that a student reads the student earns points which are accumulated so they can choose a prize for the prize closet. Prizes range from small toys to larger toys and board games and stuffed animals. Our school needs help in replenishing the display case closet this Christmas. When you are out shopping for family and friends could you pick up an extra toy or two, a board game, a children's book, or a stuffed animal to add to our collection? To get an idea of appropriate items just stop by the school anytime we are open or during PRE on Sunday mornings and someone can show you the "Reading Counts" display case. We LOVE visitors to the school!

OLS School Registration: Our Lady of Sorrows School will begin registering students for the 2012-2013 school year on Monday, January 9, 2012. The tuition rate is \$5,000 per student for all students. Substantial tuition grants will be available to all students, but students must be registered BEFORE they can apply for financial assistance. There is a registration fee of \$75 for new students and \$50 for returning students. There is a maximum registration fee of \$200 per family. Documents needed to complete registration are:

- 1) A copy of each child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE, if not already on file;
- 2) If Catholic, a copy of each child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE;
- 3) A current immunization record for each child, if not already on file
- 4) A statement of church affiliation or non-affiliation.

Please note, that all immunization records must be updated each year and should be done before the start of classes in August.