



# Holy Family Catholic Church

307 Black Oak Ridge Road  
Seymour, Tennessee 37865

## Diocese of Knoxville

*"The Lord set His heart on you and chose you, the smallest of all because He loves you ...the faithful God who is true to His covenant."  
Dt 7:7-9*

### Welcome to our Community!

#### Office Contacts

**Pastor**—Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

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**Deacon**—Deacon Dean Burry 865-579-9196

Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040

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**Office Assistant**—Patricia Hosea 865-573-1203

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#### Sacramental Ministry

##### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

Mon, Tues, Thurs 8:30am & Wed 7:00pm

Holy Days: 7:00pm Vigil & 8:30am

1st Friday of the Month: Mass 8:30am followed by

Adoration 9:00am-5:30pm & Benediction 5:30pm

##### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:30 to 5:00pm (or by appointment)

**Anointing of the Sick**—Contact the office 865-573-1203

##### **Communion for the Sick and Home Bound-**

Contact the office 865-573-1203 or Claudia Burton 573-0056

**Baptism**—Contact Deacon Dean Burry (865)579-9196,

one month in advance.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion**—Contact Office (865)573-1203

**Confirmation**—Contact Office (865)573-1203

**RCIA**—Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz (865)573-1203

**Marriage**—Contact Fr. Gilbert (865)573-1203 or Deacon Dean

Burry (865)579-9196, four months in advance for preparation

and scheduling. \*Annulments: Contact Fr. Gilbert M. Diaz

(865)573-1203, Deacon Gil Campos 865-805-9040,

Victor Whelan, Delegate 577-3100

#### Parish Contacts

**Parish Council**—Meeting 3rd Monday of every other month

**Parish Chair**

Erik Preske

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**Administration**

Juan Rivera

Charlie Robinson

Misti DeGroot

**Education**

**Parish Life**

**Social Action**

Scott Hosea

**Liturgy/Spiritual Life**

Fr. Gilbert Diaz,

Deacon Dean, Deacon Gil

Owen Poveda

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**Family Life**

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865-573-1203

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Charlie Robinson

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Office

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#### Ministry Contacts

**Liturgy Committee Secretary**

Karen Burry

865-579-9196

**Readers**

Deacon Gil Campos

865-805-9040

**Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion**

Deacon Dean Burry

865-579-9196

**Ushers**

Juan Rivera

865-850-5229

**Altar Servers**

Deacon Dean Burry

865-579-9196

**Music/Choir Consultant-5:30pm, 8am & 10:30am**

Todd

865-573-1203

**Choir Practice: Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am**

### **Office Information**

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs—9:00am to 2:00pm

865-573-1203, FAX 865-579-3645

Website: [www.holyfamilyseymour.org](http://www.holyfamilyseymour.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul** —————865-360-5202

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# First Sunday of Advent

## Holy Family Financial Report

07/2017 - 06/2018 Fiscal Year

Yearly Budget \$393,757.90  
Weekly Budget \$ 7,572.26

### Last Weeks Collection

Regular \$ 4,255.50  
Debt Reduction \$ 180.00  
Renovate/Repair \$ 260.00  
Charity \$ 341.89

### Year to date:

Expenditures \$ 166,904.50  
Surplus/Deficit (\$ 497.40)

Mortgage Balance (as of the end of October) \$45,787.33

## Ministry Schedule

### Dec 09 5:30 PM

Reader: **JoAnn Tusinski**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Deacon, Ray S., Howard**

Altar Server: **Domonic Burry, Toby Mikdusicak**

Usher: **Dennis Conner, Robert Ruiz, John Casey**

### Dec 10 8:00 AM

Reader: **Immaculata Barndt**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Deacon, Lynette, Marie**

Altar Server: **Ava Williamson**

Usher: **Scott Hosea, Patricia Hosea**

### Dec 10 10:30 AM

Reader: **Lisa Happ**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

**Deacon, Margaret, Linda A.**

Altar Server: **Emma DeGroot, Hannah Preske**

Usher: **Steve Smith, Eric Preske**

*Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers & Ushers:* If you ever know ahead of time that you will be unable to serve on your scheduled week please let the Mass coordinator know or ask someone in your group to trade with you.

\*\*\*Also, check in with the Mass coordinator when you arrive.

## Pray for the Sick:

Please call **Claudia Burton** at 573-0056 to be added

Ed Bigelow, Irwin Bromberek, Elaine Shields Bryant, Kevin Evans, Carmen Fernandez, Leo Fragapagne, Paula Goan, Warren Hager, Donna Haskett, Lorraine Hendricks, Peggy Hood, Mike Hugh, Dorothy Jenkins, Roger Jessup, John Kruzal, Lorraine LeCocq, Regina Long, Bella Manna, Hennie & Maggie Mauer, Mike Muga, Jeanette Ormazabal, Gloria Pizzolongo, Lorraine Quilliams, Joan Renaud, Andrew Renchko, Dorothy Runevitch, Jen Sabol, Judy Sevin, Mary Lu Shipstad, Steve Smith, Rita Stuekerjuergen, Victor Whelan, Ted Zwolinski

## Legion of Mary

Meeting Time: Every Monday 9:00am  
In the Family Life Center  
Contact David Burton 865-573-0056

## Mass Intentions

Dec 02 05:30 PM *Mary Sheahan* ☩ by M/M Winchester  
Dec 03 08:00 AM *People of the Parish*  
10:30 AM *Paul Houston* ☩ by Julia Jowdy  
Dec 04 08:30 AM *Special Intentions*  
Dec 05 08:30 AM *Kyle Moroney* ☩ by Family  
Dec 06 07:00 PM *People of the Parish*  
Dec 07 08:30 AM *People of the Parish*  
07:00 PM *Vigil Mass*  
Dec 08 08:30 AM *Holy Day-Immaculate Conception*  
Dec 09 05:30 PM *People of the Parish*  
Dec 10 08:00 AM *Arthur Wojda* ☩  
10:30 AM *Jennie Sperolongo* ☩ by Holy Family  
*May the souls of all our Faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen* ☩deceased

## Parish Calendar

C=Church, GL= Garden Level, FLC= Family Life Center, P=Pavillion

12/02 Sat: 04:00pm Choir Practice-C  
05:00pm Rosary-C  
12/03 Sun: 09:30am Choir Practice-C  
10:30am Rosary-C  
12:00pm Landscaper/Usher Lunch-FLC  
12/04 Mon: 09:00am Legion of Mary-FLC  
12/05 Tues: 11:00am Crafty Ladies Christmas Party-FLC  
07:00pm Advent Confession-C  
12/06 Wed: 07:30pm RCIA-FLC  
12/07 Thur: 07:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting-GL  
12/08 Fri: \_\_\_\_\_  
12/09 Sat: 10:00am St Vincent de Paul Meeting-FLC  
04:00pm Choir Practice-C  
05:00pm Rosary-C  
12/10 Sun: 09:30am Choir Practice-C  
10:30am Rosary-C



The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase  
-Psalm 85 :13

God being perfect becomes perfect man, and brings to perfection the newest of all new things (cf. Eccles 1:10), the only new thing under the sun, through which the boundless might of God is manifested. For what greater thing is there than that God should become man?

~St. John of Damascus (645-749), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day Dec. 4

## Second Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 10, 2017

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11  
Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14  
Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

# PREPARE *the way*

Reflections on the First  
Sunday of Advent

## Watching and Waiting

Mark 13:33-37

The Greek word *kairos*, translated into English as “time,” refers to uncommon time, within which uncommon events occur. *Kairos* is God’s time. Because there was no way of knowing, in the un-chronicled time of God, when the Lord will return, Christians are admonished to “watch!”

In the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent, the command “watch” is repeated three times. Believers, who are watching

for God, are like the servants in the parable who remain behind when the owner of the house leaves to travel abroad. The servants are not to wait idly for the owner’s return, nor are Christians to wait idly until the Lord returns. They are to perform their regular duties and be watchful.

Interestingly, the four periods of time that are listed in the parable as possibilities for the Lord’s return — evening, midnight, cockcrow, and dawn — are the four night watches of the Roman military.

Like soldiers, Christians are

exhorted to stand the “watch” and not be caught asleep. The day of the Lord is not simply something that will happen at the end of time. Rather, we need to be watchful to see how every day of our faith lives is the day of the Lord.

We all wait. Whether it be in traffic, in the checkout line at the supermarket, or on the telephone, waiting is simply part of life. Advent is a season for believers to patiently watch and wait for the God of surprises. God is always simultaneously present and elusive, but watching and waiting for God is always worth it.

*“The season of Advent, which we begin again today, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint because it is founded on God’s Word.*

*A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints!  
He is faithful!”*

— POPE FRANCIS, ANGELUS,  
DECEMBER 3, 2013

### POINTS TO PONDER

Have you ever had to wait a long time for something important to happen in your life?

What role did the practice of your faith and prayer play while you were waiting?

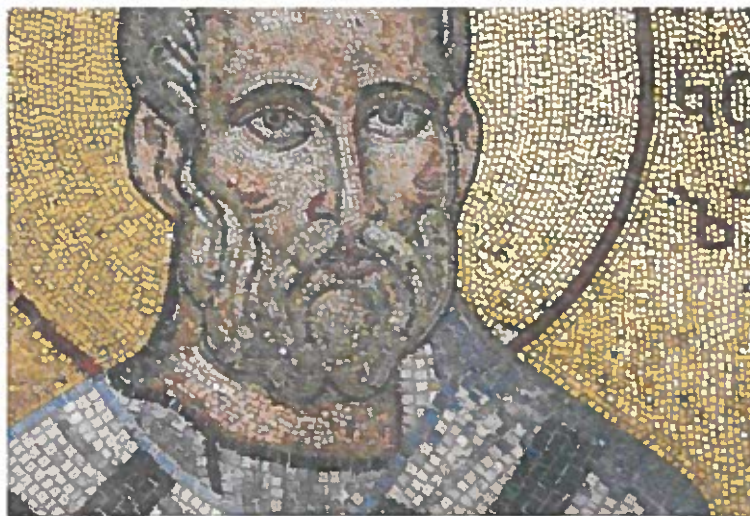
What actions or activities this Advent will help you to be watchful for God in your life?



**SIGNS**  
OF THE SEASON

# What Does the Advent Wreath Symbolize?

The use of the Advent wreath with four candles has been an Advent ritual for hundreds of years. The Advent wreath is a symbol of the four-week wait for Jesus' birth. The green branches remind us of the new life we have in Jesus, the circle represents the eternity of God's love for us (with no beginning and no end), and the candles represent the light and hope Jesus brings into a dark world. Set up an Advent wreath in the center of your dinner table and a candle for each week of the Advent season.



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## Model of Faith: Saint Nicholas

Feast Day: December 6

Saint Nicholas (280-343), the patron of children, was orphaned at an early age and raised by an uncle. Like his uncle, he later became a bishop. After entering the priesthood, he became renowned for his charity and good deeds.

Tradition says that he secretly filled the stockings or shoes of a few young women with enough money to ensure a decent dowry and marriage. This is the origin of our custom of hanging stockings at Christmas. In other parts of the world, on the eve of his feast day children put their shoes outside the door for him to fill with small treats. He is sometimes referred to as "Nicholas the Wonderworker," because he is believed to be the cause of many miracles. *St. Nicholas, pray for us!*

### ADVENT PRAYER

Loving God, help us to wait with patience and anticipation, to not be caught up in the rush of the season, but resting in your ever-present love.

**Amen.**

### Catechism CONNECTION

**“**When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming (cf. Rev 22:17). By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease (Jn 3:30).'" — *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 524*





As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 865-360-5202  
svdp@hollyfamilyseymour.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meetings are every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00am in the FLC

# Advent Confession

## Tuesday Dec 5th 7:00pm

**\*\*There will not be the traditional service before confessions The priests will already be seated in their stations to hear confessions.**



## Cross Catholic Outreach

### Rev. Tim O'Toole



Please welcome Father Tim O'Toole who will speak at all the Masses next week on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



## Holy Day Of Obligation

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass-Thursday,  
December 7, 2016 7:00 pm

Holy Day Mass-Friday,  
December 8, 2016 8:30 am

### Need a Christmas Gift Idea?

#### Choose "Feed a Family"

For that hard-to-buy-for person (or in honor of someone), consider purchasing a "Feed a Family" card for \$20 which will provide a three-day meal for a family of four. Or, purchase a card in an amount you specify. Both cards are tax deductible.

An acknowledgment is sent to the gift recipient and the donor. Cards may be purchased from the office at Ladies of Charity, 120 W. Baxter Avenue, Knoxville 37917



Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm	Mass	Does not fulfill Christmas Obligation
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Mass	Does not fulfill Christmas Obligation
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Christmas Vigil	
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Christmas Mass	
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Christmas Mass	
Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Mass	
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am	Mass	
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Mass	
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Solemnity of Mary	Holy Day not of Obligation



**Christmas Flower Donation Envelopes can be found in the church pews.**

## St. Mary's Legacy Clinic

Is looking for CDL drivers who would be willing to donate 1 or 2 weekdays a month to drive the mobile clinic out to the partnership sites. If you would like to know more about this opportunity please call our office at [865-212-5570](tel:865-212-5570). You can view the clinic's travel schedule by visiting our website at [www.stmaryclinic.org](http://www.stmaryclinic.org) Follow us on Facebook to see updates and announcements from the mobile clinic. Thank you for your support!

## Father Greg Cleveland, OMV,

Will be the keynote speaker at the Diocese of Knoxville's Office of Consecrated Life appreciation dinner on Friday, Dec. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at The Foundry at World's Fair Park in Knoxville. The dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Father Cleveland is a noted retreat master and author. He will also lead a half-day mini-retreat on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the All Saints Church Family Life Center in Knoxville. Mass will be celebrated and Reconciliation will be available. Tickets for Friday's dinner and keynote at The Foundry are \$20 per person. Tickets for Saturday's retreat at All Saints, which includes lunch, are \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Sr. Mary Charles Mayer, Director of the Office of Consecrated Life at 865-862-5760 or by email at [srmayrcharles@dioknox.org](mailto:srmayrcharles@dioknox.org).

## Breakfast with Santa

**You better watch out, you better not cry,  
better not pout, I'm telling you why**



**Santa Claus is coming to Holy Family FLC on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 mass**



## Happy Anniversary



Mario & Louise DeLucia	Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	26yrs
Antonio & Christine Mistrion	Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	1yr

*If we have missed your special day please call the office 573-1203*

### HELP is only a phone call away

If you have thoughts of suicide or have been involved in self-harm or injury there is National support groups, Suicide support at:  
**Suicide Help Line** 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or [www.suicideforum.com](http://www.suicideforum.com)  
**Self-Harm** at 1-800-DONTCUT (800)366-8288, [info@selfinjury.com](mailto:info@selfinjury.com) or [www.selfinjury.com](http://www.selfinjury.com)



### May Our Lady of Fatima Statue Come into Your Home?

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**\*\*\*PLEASE continue to bring your aluminum cans and deposit them in the trailer out in the parking lot next to the dumpster. \*\*\*Please put large bags next to the garage.**



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**Interested in discerning a possible vocation of service within the Church?**

Interested in supporting the work of vocation promotion in the Church? Check out the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Vocations Facebook and Twitter pages:

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**Do you have a need for a Notary?**

**We have two Notaries in the office.**

**Please stop by during office hours for all of your Notary needs.**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

Please cut this prayer out and pray it daily.

**Would you like to have your fellow parishioners to patronize your business? Why not advertise in the church bulletin!**

**For information call or email the Office at 865-573-1908**  
[secretary@holyfamilyseymour.org](mailto:secretary@holyfamilyseymour.org)