



# ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

## dear Padre

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### *Why doesn't the word immaculate also refer to Jesus' birth?*

According to Webster's Dictionary, immaculate comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin in anticipation of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection. —Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR



# Masses for the Week

## December 10rd - 16th

Mon	8:00 am	NO MASS
Tues	1:00 pm	NO MASS (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	NO MASS
Thur	9:30 am	NO MASS (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	George Greenwell
Sat	5:00 pm	St. Romuald Parishioners
Sun	7:00 am	Martha Elder
	10:00 am	Harold Payne (BP)

# Stewardship of Finance

Sunday Collection.....\$8,395.45  
 Building Fund..... \$440.00

### REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)

Amount needed Weekly.....\$9,500.00

### Year to date Totals thru October 31, 2018

Total All Income.....\$180,720.36

Total All Expenses.....(175,290.97)

Net Income .....\$5,429.39

# Worship and Sacrament

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

**Baptism:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

**Confession/Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

**RCIA:** Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

**Membership in the Parish:** Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

# Ministers of the Liturgy - December 15th & 16th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Shelly Jeffries Kathy Flood	Pam Pollock Christi Tivitt	C-Matthew Whitfill* C-Leroy Henning S-Chris Brumfield S-Davy Brumfield	Preston Flood Cameron Geeding	Mini Nimmo	Shannon
7:00 am	Amelia Anthony Jean Oelze	Buddy Payne	C-Blake Flood* C-Michael Flood S-Cody Mingus S-Tom Winchell	Brianna Laslie Trey Laslie	Mary Vessels	
10:00 am	Lisa Kennedy Rosa Hockenberry Sandra Hinton Joellen McGary	Rosa Hockenberry Jennifer Payne	C-Mike Hinton* C-Tyler Hinton S-Drew Hinton S-Bill Monin	Sean Morton Jacob Brown	Pat Whitfill	P.J./Choir Cantor: Carlos

Radio Minister: Chuck Robbins

# Parish News and Events



## RCIA Schedule Changes/ Reminders:

### RCIA Refreshment Team for Dec. 12:

Lisa Kennedy, Judy Dowell, Rita Greenwell, Jessie Lewis

### RCIA Refreshment Team for Dec. 19:

Pam Pollock, Jessica Phillips, Tammy Mattingly, Kim Brumfield

**Thanks** to Toby Keenan for helping with RCIA refreshments two weeks ago and to Jenny Pile, Dorothy Jarboe, Martha Severs, and Sherry Hicks for providing refreshments for RCIA this past week!

**Thanks** to all willing to help with this ministry!

If you are willing to serve on a **RCIA refreshment team *one time*** between March - May 2019, please call Marie Rose at 756-2356 or 270-617-0538 to be placed on the schedule. Thank you for volunteering for this ministry!!!



This past Sunday we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome into the Catechumenate with our RCIA inquirers: Billy Pile, Terry Pile, Michael Smith, Gary Hicks, Justin Armes, Cathy Lucas and Kaysie Carwile. Andrea Sheroan was unable to attend. Thanks to PJ O'Donoghue and the choir for the beautiful music for this celebration and to Kim Brumfield for taking pictures!

## Advent Giving Tree:

Gifts are due back on December 16th.

## Need Your Help

We are getting ready to schedule Liturgical Ministers for Christmas and upcoming Holy Days. If you know you can minister (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Gift Bearer) for any of these days please call the office at 270-756-2356 and let us know.

**Christmas Masses, 4 & 8:00 pm, Dec 24**  
**Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am, Dec 25**  
**Mary, the Mother of God, 6:00 PM, Dec 31**  
**9:00 AM, Jan 1**

**Thank you in advance!**

**College Students:** We need the names and addresses of all the college students that belong to St. Romuald Parish. Please call the church office, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or drop the information in an envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you.

## This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	NO MASS
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	AI-Anon
Tues	1:00 pm	NO MASS at Extended Care
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
Wed	6:00 pm	RCIA
	6:00 pm	SRIS Christmas Program
Thur	9:30 am	NO MASS at Medco
	6:00 pm	Penance Service—Immaculate Conception
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
Sat	5:00 pm	Blessing of Child in Womb
	6:00 pm	K-6 Religious Ed Activities
Sun	7 & 10 am	Blessing of Child in Womb

# Around and About

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Music Ministers
Dec 24 4:00 pm	Jean Oelze Lori Carwile Tiffany Davenport Sandy Horsley Volunteer Volunteer	Jenny Pile Alex Bertschman	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	John Bertschman Volunteer	Pippa
Dec 24 8:00 pm	Dolores Mattingly Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Rosa Hockenberry Joellen McGary	Chuck McGary Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Ava Phillips Volunteer	P.J./Choir Cantor: Alison
Dec 25 9:00 am	Janet O'Reilly Pat O'Reilly	Alvin Mattingly Dolores Mattingly	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Pippa
Dec 31 6:00 pm	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	P.J.
Jan 1 9:00 am	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer

**If you can volunteer for any of these position please call the office at 270-756-2356**

**Pray to end abortion:** Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

**Abortion Update:** Last week 64 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

## Readings for the Week

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Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



## Men's Discernment Retreat

The Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office invites you to participate in *The Men's Discernment Retreat*, a retreat for men ages 18-30 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life, receive guidance for the discernment process, learn the tools of discernment, and sharpen your discerning skills.

There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on **December 14-16** at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to participate in this retreat but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>. You may register online at [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com) <https://owensborovocations.com/vocationsevents/mens-discernment-retreat/>

For more information and to register, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org),

## Disciples Response Fund Update:

550 Families in Parish

100 Families Donated

Target Amount	\$13,070.77
Total Pledged	\$11,002.00
Total Paid	\$ 7,769.50
Total Due	\$ 3,232.50



## First Reconciliation 2018

**Children's Practice for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass** will be Thursday, December 13th & 20th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For more information contact Patti Curran at 270-945-8155 or Pippa at 270-668-8021.

## Dear Parishioners,

Please join us the weekend of December 8, 2018 to hear Rev. Michael J. Goodavish speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean.

Father Goodavish will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Goodavish was ordained in 1987 and belongs to the Diocese of St. George in Grenada.

Please join me in welcoming Father Goodavish.

**SRIS Christmas Program:** December 12th at 6:00 pm in the Gym.

**SRIS Beta Club Christmas Bake Sale,** December 12th.

We will be selling Christmas bake goods all day and at the Christmas Program.

## Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 11, 2019 call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545 or visit the web site at

[www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## Advent Penance Services

December 13 6:00 pm	Immaculate Conception
December 18 6:00 pm	St. Mary's of the Woods
December 19 6:00 pm	St. Anthony
December 20 6:00 pm	St. Romuald



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We Pray For:



Bobbie Adcox, Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, Glenn Basham, Gene Bennett, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Elias R. Carter, Ashley Carwile, Robert Chambliss, Donnie Claycomb, H.L. DeJarnette, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Lee Ann Flener, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, Mark Masterson, Baby Danica Mattingly, Jim Mattingly, Jude Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Kimberly Rolen, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Carressa Smith, **Mark Sterett**, Deborah Sue Stevens, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Donnie Vessels, Pat Watkins, Greg Weise, Raymond Wethington, Charles Whitehead, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Madelyn Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, David Williams, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe, Brandy Young **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth

## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

**December 9, 2018**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and ? made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

### Celebration

#### **ANNIVERSARY:**

Sam & Sylvia Priest, December 17, 10 Years

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Hubert Greenwood, December 19th

**Knights of Columbus Families:** Our Annual Light Up for Christ Christmas Dinner is on the 11th of December @ 6 pm, St Romuald's Parish Hall. Please bring a cover dish and desert. Meats will be provided by the Council. In support of the Angel Tree we will be asking for a small monetary donation. We will also be drawing the winners of our Raffle.

**The Knights of Columbus Raffle Drawing** will be on the 11th of Dec at our Light up for Christ Dinner. There are still a tickets available for sell. Remember you have three chances to win. 1st Prize \$1500, 2nd Prize \$1000, and 3rd Prize \$500. \$20 a ticket and only 300 will be sold. Please contact me 617-0754 or Jason Moorman 617-8403 for you ticket(s). Thank you, Pat O'Reilly, GK



## Sunday, Dec 09, 2018

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### A guide to keep us safe

If you've ever traveled to previously unknown places, you appreciate the importance of having a reliable guide. A good guide speaks the language, knows the lay of the land, and anticipates obstacles along the way. John the Baptist is such a guide for our Advent journey. He cautions us to prepare the way for deeper access to the divine mystery we approach in this season. John tells us that the right spirit for this encounter is repentance: a turning around, a fresh effort. Some of us may need to be forgiven. Others have some forgiving to do. Heed this guidance!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6 (6).* "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

## Monday, Dec 10, 2018

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

#### In praise of caretakers

When a person is seriously ill or injured, it is easy for the caretakers to get overlooked as we focus our sympathies and attention on the stricken person. But even when it is a labor of love, caretaking is hard work, unending and exhausting in many cases. Next time you visit an ill person, make it a point to offer the caretaker some concrete help: bring along a home-cooked meal, do the laundry, or relieve them for an afternoon so they can run some errands or simply take some personal time. Let's take care of the caretakers in our midst—we will need them ourselves some day!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 (181).* "Some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed."

## Tuesday, Dec 11, 2018

### MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

#### Don't get too comfortable

When Saint Damasus rose to the position of pope in the fourth century, the church faithful were in the midst of coming to terms with their legalization into the Roman state and the subsequent decline of their persecution. It was within this context that Damasus led the church to a veneration for the local martyrs of their past. Enjoying now a state of legal security, Damasus believed that honoring local martyrs and seeking their intercession and protection would instill in Catholics an appreciation for their distinctive spiritual identity. Today in America, Catholics enjoy a freedom and comfort in their faith as few ever have, yet across the globe faithful people continue to be martyred. Look to the figure of these martyrs today as a reminder of faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14 (182).* "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray?"

## Wednesday, Dec 12, 2018

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

#### Hail Mary, who is with us

"Where are you going, my son?" With these words, the Blessed Virgin Mary is said to have greeted the indigenous *campesino* (and now, saint) Juan Diego when she appeared to him in 1531, an event the people of the Americas celebrate today. The image the Virgin of Guadalupe impressed on Juan Diego's cape shows a mestizo woman who wears the band of

a pregnant indigenous woman and a flower, symbol of renewal. Mary came to all the peoples of the Americas in the form of a Native American. It is her way of saying she is with us. Put yourself in the care of Guadalupe.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47 (690A).* "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

## Thursday, Dec 13, 2018

### MEMORIAL OF LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR

#### She saw clearly

The church celebrates the memorial of Saint Lucy, who was killed in a Roman persecution in the year 304. Her name means "bringer of light" and reminds us of the promise of the birth of the Christ, the light of the world. Try saying this prayer to Lucy: "Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into every corner of our day. Amen."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184).* "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist."

## Friday, Dec 14, 2018

### MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### How to see light in the dark

Locked in a stifling-hot prison cell, Saint John of the Cross produced "The Spiritual Canticle," an exquisite poem of divine praise. It wasn't that John was exempt from suffering. On the contrary, says Thomas Merton about his favorite saint, "For the saint, suffering continues to be suffering, but it ceases to be an obstacle to his mission, or to his happiness, both of which are found positively and concretely in the will of God." Another Saint John—the Baptist—also kept sight of his divine mission during his painful imprisonment. Advent represents a time when we, too, are in captivity. The wait for our salvation can be excruciating. Follow the way of saints and focus on your mission—to love and serve the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 (185).* "To what shall I compare this generation?"

## Saturday, Dec 15, 2018

### ADVENT WEEKDAY

#### Stop and look around

Advent invites you to see ordinary life with special eyes, deeply enough that ordinary people and experiences are holy, the stuff of salvation. Advent is a time—stop there! A time. Snag it! Hold it! Use it! Discover that your daily life and the people in it are all messengers of God so that one day you will not have to say, "If only I had seen. If only I had slowed down. If only I hadn't hustled past Jesus as I rushed through my day—and my life."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186).* "Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased."

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