

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

“Stay Awake! Be Prepared!”

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sun	Dec	1	9:00AM	Tomas & Pura Carrasquillo + By Tom & Ann Carrasquillo
Thur	Dec	5	9:00AM	- Available
Fri	Dec	6	12:00PM (noon)	- Available
Sun	Dec	8	9:00AM	Lester & Nell Griffon + By Les & Lynne Griffon

To Schedule a Mass Intension
Please contact the Church Office ... 828-743-5717

SAINT JUDE - OFFERTORY

(The Weekend of November 24, 2019)

Offertory: TBA Attendance: TBA

Seminarians - St. Joseph College

The Seminarians are having a competition between classes to pay for the St. Joseph statue that will go above the main entrance of the seminary. They are making use of Giving Tuesday on December 3rd. If you would like to donate, please go to: <https://nationalministries.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-joseph-college-seminary>

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet from March-November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Massa at 919-605-4246.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Winter Schedule (November - May) meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. They gather at 10:00am for a meeting in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Barton, Denis Benardello, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Tom Borzell, Marian Michel Boyd, J. Randy Brooks, Karen Cameron, Dr. Jay & Jana Carpenter & The Carpenter Family, Tom Carrasquillo, Fr. Hugh Chikawe, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, Sherry Cook, Terese Crawford, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Judi Eisnagle, Mike Ezzell, Sandra Fischel, Gina Galetti, Gretchen Giesey, Jerry Goldberg, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt & Judy Green, Jackson Hall, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Amy Hoyle, Jo Hoyle, Katie Hoyle, Daniel Jacobs, Dakota Johnson, Treba Johnson, Bill Keadle, Suzanne Keenan, Cathy Keir, Joe Knauff, George Lee, Trentha Mackey, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Conor McCall, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Michael Monti, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Sheila Rinker, Cynthia Runberg, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Elaine Schmid, Bonnie Jean Small, Lennis Smith, Ava Snyder, Jim Stiwinter, Leonardo Suarez, Kim Wagland, Cassie Watts, Meredith Worth.

Military Prayer List

Lt. Col. Fred Dufault (Afghanistan)
Captain Evan Shawler (Air Force Flight Surgeon)

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 12:30pm following the 12:00(noon) Mass. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and of our world. For more information, please contact Jane Miller at janem@tampabay.rr.com or 813-230-3500.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm. For information contact Yuliana Vargas at 828-226-5083 or Efrain Morales at 828-226-1045.

Spanish Prayer & Rosary

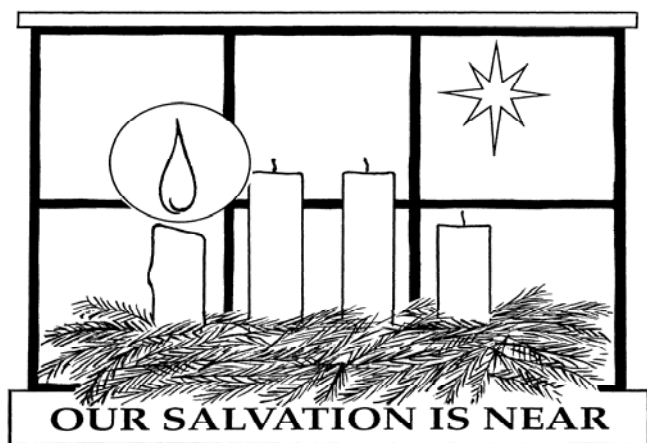
The Spanish Prayer & Rosary meets on Friday evenings at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Isela Vazquez at 828-331-7892.

Today's Readings

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instruction from God. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world..... (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Second Reading: Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.... (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel: Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect*Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day the Lord will come.....So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.....*(Matthew 24:37-44).



Be Prepared

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

Retirement Fund For Religious

(2nd Collection - Dec. 8)

Our 2nd Collection, next Sunday, December 8th is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies that serve those in need. They often received little or no pay for their good works. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps to ensure that the younger religious can continue the good works of their elders. Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious and their communities. Please be generous with your support. Thank You!

Knights of Columbus

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus meet at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please contact Joe Vergo (Grand Knight) for information at 239-777-8606.

Ongoing Events - Knights

***Raffle Tickets** -on sale for **\$5.00** following Mass. Shared proceeds will support local charities.

Hispanic Ministry Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 4, **Emaus**, 6:00pm

Tues., Dec 3-12, **Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosaries**
Dec. 3 - Isela Vazquez's House - 7:00-9:00pm
Dec. 4-12 - St. Jude Catholic Church - 7:00-9:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebration - Parish Hall - 7:00pm

General Church Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 3, **Pastoral Council Mtg.**, 9:30am

Tues., Dec. 3, **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, 10:00am

Tuesday, Dec. 3, **Knights of Columbus**, 7:00pm

Friday, Dec. 6, **Prayer Group**, 12:30pm-1:30pm