

Holy Name Catholic Church

Established in 1857

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1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



Parish Mission Statement

We, at the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, strive to be a vibrant, welcoming community of faith. We are unified by our participation in the liturgy, the sacraments, and service. We are a diverse family fully alive in Christ. We serve our God, our Church, and our community through effective stewardship of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Theophilus Ebulueme

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Bob Mahoney

Parish Secretary

Renee Szefcyk

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Outreach Coordinator

Elizabeth Fielding

Director of Music

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Maintenance

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COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council

Diane McDermott, Chairperson

Finance Board

Joe Gigante, Chairperson

Hospitality Committee

Connie Ransom, Chairperson

Building Committee

Derrell Clem, Chairperson

Haitian Sister Parish Committee

Gwen Blount, Chairperson

Stewardship Committee

Lauren Folk, Chairperson

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Obligation

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30am

Sudanese 12:00pm

French 5:00pm

Dec. 25

Weekdays

Mondays 8:00am

Communion Service

Tues. - Fri. 8:00am

Daily Mass

*Rosary before 8am Mass
on Sundays.*

Please prayerfully consider Holy Name in your will!

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

	Nov. 30 & Dec. 1	5pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	R. DeBock	K. Caddigan	G. Hutchens	
Lector	C. Auten	G. Jones	D. McDermott	
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Coffman S. Scumaci	C. Holloway M. O'Malley	D. Conner M. Morton	
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield H. Chavez	C. Binkley E. Campbell	O. Simi D. Badhera	
	Dec. 7 & 8	5pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	C. Auten	D. Coleman	J. Gigante	
Lector	P. Novotny	C. Ransom	L. Yankee	
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Coffman S. Scumaci	H. Beach L. Stafford	S. Hollman C. Svitek	
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield H. Chavez	N. Adeeb E. Laurence	J. Mupipi A. Szeffyck	

MASS READINGS: Cycle A

1st: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial: Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



WEEKDAY READINGS: (Year II)

December 2— Monday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 4:2-6

Responsorial: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4c-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

December 3— Tuesday, St. Francis Xavier (Memorial)

Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

December 4— Wednesday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37

December 5— Thursday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 26:1-6

Responsorial: Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

December 6— Friday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 29:17-24

Responsorial: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31

December 7— Saturday, St. Ambrose (Memorial)

[Daily Readings]

Reading 1: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Responsorial: Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

2nd Sunday of Advent (Cycle A) - 12/8/2019

1st: Isaiah 11:1-10 **2nd:** Romans 15:4-9

Responsorial: Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 **Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

Parish Registration Forms

New parishioner registration forms are available in the vestibule (on the bulletin board) to the right of the main entrance. Registration with the parish is required for programs, such as CCD, and/or for those wishing to celebrate the various sacraments. It helps us to stay in touch with everyone, and properly track contributions.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory	\$4,026.00
Building Maintenance Fund	220.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	561.00
1st Responders Lunch—Donation	300.00
Titans Parking	915.00
Coffee & Donuts	24.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses	5,855.00

We are grateful for your support of our parish!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 11/30	5:00p
- For the safe travel home of parishioners and guests.	
Sunday, 12/1	8:00a
- For the prayer intentions of Holy Name parishioners.	
- Eternal repose of Andy & Mac McRae (P. McRae)	10:30a
- For a reflective Advent season.	Noon
Monday, 12/2	8:00a
No intentions. Communion Service.	
Tuesday, 12/3	8:00a
- For the intentions of Bishop Spalding, clergy and religious.	
Wednesday, 12/4	8:00a
- Eternal Repose of John M. Allison Jr. (R. Szeffyck)	
Thursday, 12/5	8:00a
- For those struggling with mental issues.	
Friday, 12/6	8:00a
- Gratitude to God for his many blessings.	

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents & Godparents are required to attend a Baptism class. Parents must also be a parishioner for at least three (3) months. For more information please contact the parish office.

First Communion

Children are prepared for First Holy Communion by participating in the CCD program. Students must be enrolled for at least one (1) year prior to enrolling in the sacramental preparation class.

Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Wednesdays after the 8am daily mass, Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45pm, Sundays before Mass or by appointment.

Confirmation

Preparation classes are conducted through our CCD program. Candidates must be enrolled for at least one (1) year prior to enroll in the Confirmation class.

Matrimony

Preparation is conducted by parish clergymen and the Diocese of Nashville. You must be a registered parishioner for at least six (6) months and then contact the parish office at least six (6) months before the proposed date.

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone may request for major or minor health problems. If you anticipate surgery or a stay in the hospital, request the sacrament before (surgery).

PRAYER LIST

Erin Worsham
Sue Chandler
Anniece Tisdale
JoAnn Coffey
Laura Hoffman
Constance Guerrier
Betty Pettaway
Gerald Johnson
Catherine Halima Bungulu
Pam Clinard
Mark Blaylock
Barbara Harding
Earlene Johnson
Jim McGinley
Jerry Dortch
Maureen Boyd
Jeff Drifmeyer
Michelle O'Malley

"Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

Source: Catholic Prayers for the Sick

SUNDAY CONNECTION.

Loyola Press, 12/1/19

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

Next Sunday's 2nd Collection is for the Building Maintenance Fund.

Parish Pastoral Council meets this Tuesday, December 3, at 6pm in the auditorium. Parishioners are always welcome to attend.

Faith Sharing for Men. Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, December 4, at 7pm in the parish office meeting room. All men of our parish are welcome!

Living in Gratitude, Serving in Love. Within the next couple of weeks you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Living Gratitude, Serving in Love Initiative. Several weeks ago we began this program and we are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of Holy Name.

SAVE THE DATE. Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00pm. We will have several priests available to hear your individual confessions at the close of the service.

THANK YOU! We wish to thank the R.E.A.L. Talk Women's Ministry for a wonderful bake sale last weekend and everyone who helped to support this fundraiser for new altar linens!

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Masses for Immaculate Conception of Mary. This year the holy day is moved to Monday, December 9, because the 8th falls on a Sunday. Although this makes it an optional observance (for this year) we encourage all to celebrate this very important feast day. Masses will be at 8am and 6pm.

Parish Christmas Party is Saturday, December 14, immediately following the 5pm Mass. Join us in Strobel Hall for dinner, music and dancing, a short play from our Religious Education students and more. Dinner will be provided by the church. Parishioners are asked to bring their favorite holiday dessert. We will have plenty of fun for the entire family!

HOME OR AWAY? Use Online Giving! Holy Name offers a **convenient and secure** way to support our parish through Online Giving with no hassle; home or away! Visit our website and click on "*Make a Gift*" in the menu bar.

Adoration/Benediction. Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8am Mass on Wednesdays with Closing Prayer and Benediction at 7pm. Come and give thanks to God by praying in His presence for 30 minutes or 1 hour.

Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, December 4 at 6pm in the auditorium. Our topic will be: the Sacraments and their origins in the Bible (continued). All are welcome. Bring your Bible!

Join Us On Flocknote. Holy Name is using Flocknote to send messages via email and text about upcoming events and ministry programs. Flocknote is a safe and confidential app. You don't have to set up an account, nor a password, and you can unsubscribe at any time. Signing up is easy and free. Text to 84576, the letters "HN", or online www.flocknote.com/HolyNameCatholicChurch/5 Questions? Please contact the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery. Join Holy Name and St. Lawrence Churches as we celebrate Father Theo's 25th Anniversary of Ordination with a pilgrimage to Israel next October, 2020. Brochures are in the vestibule. You may also contact the parish office.

Star Tree Fundraiser. Beginning this weekend, during the season of Advent, we will have our annual Star Tree available at the back of the church to help benefit the parish Charity fund. See this weekend's flyer for details.

Holy Name Choirs. The Sunday choirs at 8am and 10:30am are always looking for new voices, especially with Advent and Christmas on the horizon! Practices are on Saturdays at 10:00am in the church during Advent. See Tommy Habib, director, for more details or leave a message with the office.

Offerings and Stipends. Unless the Bishop of the Province determines otherwise, the offering for a Mass shall be \$5, and the stipend for administering other sacraments shall be \$25 (Canon 1264). Portions in excess of these amounts may be considered a gift to the priest (Diocesan norm #124).

Mass Intentions. Please contact the parish office if you wish to schedule a Mass. You are welcome to book Masses for various intentions.

Diocesan Engaged Couples' Retreat. An important part of Marriage Prep. (2020: Jan. 18, Feb. 22, Mar. 14, Apr. 18, Jun. 13, Jul. 18, Sep. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 14), 8am - 5pm, Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville. Info: 615-383-6393.



Parish Information and Sponsors

Religious Education

Join the Students in Praying the Rosary - CCD Students will be in the sanctuary on December 8 at 10:10am, as part of class, to pray as a group. Please bring your rosary and feel free to join them.

Chris Stefanick at Our Lady of the Lake in Hendersonville on February 18, 2020 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm. His new tour, REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Chris will lead you to rediscover God and the life you are made for, living life to the fullest, becoming all God created you to be. Tickets are on sale online at reallifecatholic.com/reboot. Cost is \$25/ticket.

SEARCH is taking applications. SEARCH is a retreat for 11th and 12th grade students who want to experience Christ. SEARCH will assist them in living a Christian life as they enter young adulthood. The retreat is held at Camp Marymount in Fairview, TN. The cost is \$150.00 for the weekend. More info at <https://soundscatholic.com/searcher>.

Youth 2000 This is a 3-day retreat for grades 8th – 12th, February 14-16, 2020. Not an overnight event, so transportation is required daily. Cost for the weekend is \$70 per student. This covers the cost of entrance for the three days, snacks, lunch & dinner on Saturday, and an event t-shirt. Where: Catholic Pastoral Center (2800 McGavock Pike). Visit <https://goo.gl/forms/9LU2zyzBHpkCCHv2> to register. Fees will be collected at Holy Name on January 12, 2020.

Your assistance needed: We are still in need of volunteers who would like to participate in Children's Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact Mary Evans at 615-554-7131/maryevans206@gmail.com or stop by upstairs between Masses.

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
for MINISTRIES

Whom much is given, much will be required.
- Luke 12:48

Estate planning?

Bequests to Holy Name will help the parish continue sharing the Gospel for generations to come.

"The right to life is the first among human rights."
Pope Francis

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

The K of C is a Catholic fraternal benefits organization. Holy Name is represented by Council #9211. For more information on how they serve our parish and community, as well as to get involved please see one of our Knights or you may also contact the Holy Name parish office to leave a message.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us every Wednesday beginning at 8:30am. Benediction & Closing Prayer at 7:00pm. **Note:** Bible Study takes place at 6pm in the auditorium.



Father Theo's Parish Email

Do you have a question for our pastor? Would you like to ask for prayers or schedule an appointment? Please feel free to contact Father at pastorHN@comcast.net

Holy Name Church Rentals

The church is available for special masses such as weddings and funerals, funeral home visitations, memorial services and a variety of other related events. Please contact Elizabeth in the office.



ATTENTION!

Advent Penance Service
Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00pm

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Saturday, December 14 after 5pm Mass — Strobel Hall (parish center)

Titans Season is upon us!

Come and park with Holy Name when you go to the game! Parking is \$15.00 per car. Please help us spread the word.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

December 2019

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



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