

Holy Name Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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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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

Dec. 7 & 8	5pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	C. Auten	D. Coleman	J. Gigante
Lector	P. Novotny	G. Drifmeyer	L. Yankee
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Coffman S. Scumaci	H. Beach L. Stafford	S. Hollman C. Svitek
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield	N. Adeeb E. Laurence	J. Mupipi A. Szeffyck
Dec. 14 & 15	5pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	C. Auten	K. Caddigan	J. Szeffyck
Lector	R. DeBock	J. Johnson	B. Caldwell
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Szeffyck S. Scumaci	M. Evans M. Gulley	G. Hutchens M. Morton
Altar Servers	A. Wakefield M. Coffman	J. Franck V. Szeffyck	S. Cecil O. Simi

MASS READINGS: Cycle A

1st: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

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

2nd: *Romans 15:4-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12*



WEEKDAY READINGS: (Year II)

December 9— Monday, Immaculate Conception (Solemn.)

Reading 1: Genesis 3:9-15, 20

Responsorial: Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Reading 2: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

December 10— Tuesday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-11

Responsorial: Psalm 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13

Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14

December 11— Wednesday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:25-31

Responsorial: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

December 12— Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Reading 1: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Responsorial: Judith 13:18bcde, 19

Gospel: Luke 1:39-47

December 13— Friday, St. Lucy (Memorial)

Reading 1: Isaiah 48:17-19

Responsorial: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

December 14— Saturday, St. John of the Cross (Memorial) [Daily Readings]

Reading 1: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Responsorial: Psalm 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

3rd Sunday of Advent (Cycle A) - 12/15/2019

1st: *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10* **2nd:** *James 5:7-10*

Responsorial: *Ps. 146:6-7, 8-9, 10* **Gospel:** *Matthew 11:2-11*

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	\$2,936.00
Thanksgiving Day	60.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	10.00
Star Tree— Charity Fund	354.00
Coffee & Donuts	30.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses	5,855.00

We are grateful for your support of our parish!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/7	5:00p
- For Pierre Duhe who will be baptized this evening. (Holy Name)	
Sunday, 12/8	8:00a
- For the prayer intentions of Holy Name parishioners.	
- Deceased members of the Miller family. (R. Martin)	10:30a
- Eternal repose of Charles Ndukaiife.	Noon
Monday, 12/9	8:00a
- For a reflective Advent season.	
- For Fr. Theo's & Holy Name parishioners intentions.	6:00p
Tuesday, 12/10	8:00a
-For the intentions of Pope Francis.	
Wednesday, 12/11	8:00a
- For an end to hunger & homelessness.	
Thursday, 12/12	8:00a
- Eternal repose of Cary Wegerson. (J. Klyczek & M. Zurlage)	
Friday, 12/13	8:00a
- For safety of children during their holiday breaks.	

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.

In this weekend's Gospel, John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Mt. 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Mt. 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

Loyola Press, 12/8/19

SPECIAL ATTENTION

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

Parish Christmas Party is NEXT 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. NOTE: This Wednesday, we will begin our Advent Penance Service at 7pm instead of Benediction and Closing Prayer.

Bible Study will resume NEXT Wednesday, December 18, due to the Advent Penance Service.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

Children's Choir Practice. Today from 9:15-9:25am for children in grades K-12. Please gather in the choir section of the church to practice the music for the Christmas party and Christmas Eve Family Mass.

Knights of Columbus Meeting. This Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

Next Sunday's 2nd Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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

Living in Gratitude, Serving in Love. Within the next couple of weeks you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Living in Gratitude, Serving in Love Initiative. We began several weeks ago. 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.

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. During the season of Advent, we have our annual Star Tree available at the back of the church to help benefit the parish Charity fund. Please choose an ornament from the tree, put the dollar amount on it in an envelope, marked with your name, and then place it in the basket. You may keep the ornament and hang it on your tree at home. See Gwen Blount if you have any questions.

Holy Name Choirs. The Sunday choirs at 8am and 10:30am are always looking for new voices, especially with the Advent and Christmas seasons upon us. 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. (No practice Saturday, 12/21/19.)

Christmas Flowers for the Altar. Please feel free to turn in your flower offering envelopes any time during the month of December. If you do not use envelopes, you may use an envelope from home and put "Altar flowers" on the outside of it. We thank you for your help in preparing the altar for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas!

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.



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.



Christmas & New Year's Masses

Christmas Eve, 12/24:
Family Mass w/
Children's Choir @ 5p.
Vigil Mass @ 9p w/ Carol service by
Christmas Choir @ 8:30p.
Christmas Day, 12/25:
10a w/ Sunday Choir
Noon, w/ Sudanese Choir
5p, w/Francophone Choir
New Years Eve, 12/31: 5p
New Year's Day, 1/1: 10a

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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