

Holy Name Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020



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

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COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

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Glenn Hutchens, Chairperson

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Connie Ransom, Chairperson

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Obligation

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30am

Sudanese 12:00pm

French 5:00pm

TBD

Weekdays

Mondays 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:30am

Wednesdays & Fridays 8:00am

Daily Mass

Please prayerfully consider Holy Name in your will!

Ministers of the Altar Schedules:

Dec. 12 & 13	5:00pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	R. DeBock	D. Coleman	G. Hutchens
Lectors	P. Novotny	J. Szefercyk	D. McDermott
Eucharistic Ministers	OFF	OFF	OFF
Altar Servers	M. Coffman A. Wakefield	V. Szefercyk	D. Badhera J. Mupipi

Dec. 19 & 20	5:00pm	8:00am	10:30am
Announcer	R. DeBock	K. Caddigan	J. Gigante
Lector	G. Drifmeyer	G. Wooten	L. Yankee
Eucharistic Ministers	OFF	OFF	OFF
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MASS READINGS: Cycle B

1st: *Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11*

Responsorial: *Luke 1:46-50,53-54*

2nd: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Gospel: *John 1:6-8,19-28*



Today's Missal, 6/7/20-11/28/20

WEEKDAY READINGS: (Year I)

December 14 — Monday, St. John of the Cross (Memorial)

Reading 1: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
 Responsorial: Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9
 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27

December 15 — Tuesday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
 Responsorial: Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23
 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

December 16 — Wednesday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25
 Responsorial: Psalm 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14
 Gospel: Luke 7:18b-23

December 17 — Thursday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Genesis 49:2, 8-10
 Responsorial: Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

December 18 — Friday, Advent Weekday

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:5-8
 Responsorial: Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

December 19 — Saturday, Advent Weekday (Daily Readings)

Reading 1: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
 Responsorial: Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
 Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

4th Sunday of Advent (Cycle B) - 12/20/2020

1st: *2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16* **2nd:** *Romans 16:25-27*
Responsorial: *Psalm 89:2-5,27,29* **Gospel:** *Luke 1:26-38*

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	\$2,792.00
Bldg. Maintenance Fund	553.00
Star Tree (Charity)	110.00
Charity Fund	15.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses	5,855.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/12	
- For the souls of the faithful departed.	5:00p
Sunday, 12/13	
- For the prayer intentions of Holy Name parishioners.	8:00a
- For those who are suffering from Covid-19.	10:30a
- For the safety of all travelers during the Christmas season.	Noon
Monday, 12/14	
- Communion Service No intentions.	8:00a
Tuesday, 12/15	
- For the intentions of Pat Novotny.	11:30a
Wednesday, 12/16	
- For the intentions of Oduwa Igharo.	8:00a
Thursday, 12/17	
- For the intentions of Elizabeth Fielding.	11:30a
Friday, 12/18	
- For the intentions of The Litanda family.	8:00a

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
- Anniece Tisdale
- JoAnn Coffey
- Emil Holloway
- Constance Guerrier
- Gerald Johnson
- Pat McRae
- Pam Clinard
- Barbara Harding
- Earlene Johnson
- Maureen Boyd
- Barbara Corlew
- Cheryl Tisdale
- Connie Ransom
- George Boguski
- Tim Blaylock

"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, December 13, 2020

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK

This weekend's 2nd Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Zoom Christmas Happy Hour. Sunday, December 20 from 2-4pm. Join in the fun and visit safely via Zoom with members of your parish family! *Theme: "Crazy Christmas Sweater and Favorite Holiday Cheer."* Link information will be sent via Flocknote and posted to the parish website prior to the event.

Christmas Mass Reservations. Reservation forms are available on the parish website (*with a link also posted on the Facebook page*) and at all weekend Masses. ***Ministers of the Altar do not need a reservation for the Mass that they are serving.*** Christmas Eve: 3pm, 5pm, and 9pm (*Music Ministry, Hymn service begins at 8:30pm*). Christmas Day: 10am and Noon (Sudanese Mass).

Christmas Star Tree. Our annual fundraiser for the parish Charity Fund, which helps parishioners and our community through charitable outreach. (Utility bills, transportation, and rent etc.) We will close the fundraiser with 2nd collections at all Christmas Masses. Envelopes are available on the table by the tree. Donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!!

Public Masses and Temporary Dispensation Information. Daily Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays is at 11:30am and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00am. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses for Holy Days of Obligation, has been extended by Bishop Spalding until further notice. ***All weekend Mass times remain the same.*** We will continue to stream the Sunday Mass at 8am on our Facebook page during this time.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Advent Confessions. In the absence of our annual penance service, Father Theo will be available for confessions on Saturdays beginning at 4pm and on Wednesdays & Fridays after the 8am Daily Masses.

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries 2020. Holy Name parishioners have currently raised \$12,031.00. You can give online by texting "BISHOP" to 31996 or visit www.appeal.dioceseofnashville.com.

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 or password. You can unsubscribe at any time. Signing up is easy and free. Text the letters "HN" to 84576 or visit www.flocknote.com/HolyNameCatholicChurch/5

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.

FAQ's and other Covid-19 Information. We have linked information from Father Theo, Bishop Spalding and the diocese, Metro Nashville Government, the State of Tennessee and the CDC to our parish website. See our "home page" for designated links.

Condolences. We extend our prayers of peace to the family of Malary Biton who returned home to the Lord on November 29. Malary was from Haiti and a member of the Holy Name Francophone Community and Knights of Columbus council. Burial was in Massachusetts. A Memorial Service here at the church will be held once the pandemic subsides. The Mass intention for 12/19 at 5pm Mass will be for his eternal repose.

Adjustments for Mass due to Covid-19. Highlights from Fr. Theo's letter dated August 7, with recent updates from Bishop Spalding (July 30). Visit our website for full details: www.holynamenashville.com.

- Since the dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in effect ***until further notice***, elderly parishioners are encouraged to stay home, in addition to anyone with underlying health conditions or illnesses etc. We will continue to live-stream the 8am Mass for those affected. *Elderly parishioners are invited to attend Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30am, if they are uncomfortable returning on Sundays.*
- Proper social distancing guidelines and norms should be respected. Families living in the same household should also sit together whenever possible. Please also adhere to the marked pews for seating whether as an individual or family.
- The Sign of Peace and distribution of the Precious Blood both remain suspended. Holy Water receptacles will also remain empty during this period.
- Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own masks to church and wear them. Additionally, please follow CDC guidelines for maintaining proper personal hygiene.
- All meetings and events on church property, of 50 people or less, will begin to receive permission to resume following all federal, state and local masking and social distancing guidelines. ***The pastor reserves the right to maintain discretion.***



Parish Information and Sponsors

2020-2021 Religious Education

- Thank you to those parents who participated in last Sunday's Zoom call concerning their students and First Holy Communion.
- Gan Nyawello, DRE may be reached via email at: religiouseducationHN@comcast.net. You may also contact the parish office and leave her a voice message by choosing: Option 4 (Ext. 203), from the main greeting menu.
- For more about our Religious Education program visit: <https://www.holynamenashville.com/religious-education>.



People, Look East the Time is Near!

Copies of the 2019 Diocesan Annual Impact Report

are available at the back of the church and in the vestibule for all parishioners and guests of the Diocese of Nashville. This information also explains where your Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries donations go.

Estate planning?

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



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 from 8:30am until Noon, praying the presence of Our Lord.



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 Connie in the office.



Third Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE SUNDAY



Catholic Answers

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention

December 2020

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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