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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 9 am and 11:15 am
No Sunday 5:30 pm and 9 pm through Jan. 10th

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

By appointment only

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Congratulations! Please call the office at least
4 months before your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Deacon Bob at 523-7931

Happy Birthday Deacon Bob!!

In 1957 Frances Kipps Spencer wanted to decorate the Christmas tree in her church to reflect the Christian faith. She used symbols and monograms of Christ, decorating using colors of white and gold, symbolic of purity, perfection, majesty and glory. White lights signified Christ our Light. Every year, we place our decorated **Chrismon tree** next to the altar. It stands in full glory symbolizing Christ who is our Light in the darkness. Throughout the years, it has been filled with decorations made by parishioners of all ages.

Father Bob O'Donnell, C.S.P., will present a two-part lecture and discussion on the history and development of the Paulist Fathers from its founding by Father Isaac Hecker to its presence today in Tennessee. The presentation will be by Zoom at 7 p.m. on both **Thursday, January 7th and Thursday, January 21st (2021)**. The Zoom link will be in the "Parish Notes" that are emailed weekly. All materials will be provided in the sessions. For additional information: Father Bob O'Donnell – frbob@john23rd.org

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to make a **donation for poinsettias** in memory of a loved one this Christmas, please either put your donation in the collection basket or give it to one of the priests. Remember to make your checks payable to St. John XXIII and designate in the memo line "Christmas Flowers" and write the name of the person you are honoring. We will publish the names in our bulletin.

Prayer Requests: Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Alfred Prados; Robert Tobey; Anne Pidkowitz; Ann Patterson; Patty Bowman; Peg Hart; Roberto Lenarduzzi; Diane Dusichka; Margaret Dusichka; Mary Jane Fuller; Betsy Alpers; Virginia Mattson; Geneva Stewart; Mary Jean Hayes; family of Sarah Hatfield; Megan McMurray Dugan; Tom Mulligan; Cliff Russell; Nick Lyle; Leslie Stephens; Kathy R.; Betty S.; George & Martha T.; Fred McMurray; Jerry Carney; Rita Charron; Madeleine Hassill; residents of Serene Manor; those serving in the military and for any too reserved to let us know.

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Christmas Events and Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24th
5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass
(Reservations Required)
9:00 pm - Evening Mass

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25th
Mass - 10 am

December 28-30
No Daily 5:05 pm Mass

Thursday, December 31
5:30 pm - Holy Day Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1st
10 am - Holy Day Mass

Sunday, January 3rd
Take down Christmas Decorations after 11:15 Mass

Sunday, January 14th
Resume Sunday 5:30 and 9 pm Masses

December 13, 2020 Offertory: \$4,957.00

Thank You For Your Generous Donations This Year

We would like to remind all parishioners about the requirements for charitable donations to be considered deductible for the current year (2020): The check must be dated 2020 **AND** if the check is mailed, it must be post-marked in 2020 **OR** if it is given in a church collection plate or hand delivered to a church office, it must be given on or before December 31st.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 21-27

Monday: Song of Songs 2:8-14.....Luke 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28.....Luke 1:46-56
Wednesday: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24.....Luke 1:57-66
Thursday: Isaiah 9:1-6.....Luke 2:1-14
Friday: Isaiah 52:7-10.....John 1:1-18
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59.....Matthew 10:17-22
Sunday: Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3.....Luke 2:22-40

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS December 21-27

Monday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
Thursday: 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass
9:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass
Friday: 10:00 am - Christmas Day Mass
Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
11:15 am - Mass

Check out our website at www.john23rd.org for online giving, alternate worship options, and updated information. If you are not comfortable with online donations, we are still in the office to receive any mailed donations. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you again!