



Mass Intentions For The Week 

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 8TH

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent . . .
5:30 P. M. --- **BETH McDONALD**



SUNDAY: DECEMBER 9TH

Second Sunday of Advent . . .
7:30 A. M. --- **PEOPLE OF GOD**
10:30 A. M. --- **MANUEL GARCIA**

MONDAY: DECEMBER 10TH

Advent Weekday
8:30 A. M. --- **BRENDAN P MIKUS †**

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 11TH

Saint Damasus I, Pope . . .
8:30 A. M. --- **ROBERT BALLARD**



WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 12TH

Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 A. M. --- **INTENTIONS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 13TH

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr . . .
8:30 A. M. --- **TROY GOLDAMMER**

FRIDAY: DECEMBER 14TH

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church . . .
8:30 A. M. --- **COMMUNION SERVICE**

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 15TH

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent . . .
5:30 P. M. --- **E.J. and ANN KRENEK †**



SUNDAY: DECEMBER 16TH

Third Sunday of Advent . . .
7:30 A. M. --- **PEOPLE OF GOD**
10:30 A. M. --- **RAY TANGUAY †**

Taizé ADVENT MISSION

a service of song, silence and contemplation



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

5:30 P.M. - DINNER IN PARISH HALL

provided by the Knights of Columbus

6:40 P.M. - FR. ANGELO PRESENTATION IN PARISH HALL

7:00 P.M. - ADORATION WITH TAIZÉ SONG AND PRAYER

Please use the "sign-up" sheets on the doors in the Narthex or at the Parish Office to RSVP for the dinner.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF: 9 DEC 2018 THRU 16 DEC 2018

SUNDAY: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MONDAY: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26:

TUESDAY: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Christmas Tradition at Christ Our Redeemer

POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD



Donations given to the Flower Fund with "Christmas Flowers" marked on your check or pink envelope can be a wonderful way to remember or honor your loved ones who may be living or deceased ~ or in thanksgiving for blessings received throughout the years.

In the January 6, 2019 edition of our bulletin our donors names will be listed.

ADVENT WEEKS

December 9 ~ "Love"

(God's love for us & our love for others)

On this Second Sunday of Advent, light the second violet candle on your Advent wreath and consider donating to a special collection for retired religious today.

Dec. 16 ~ "Joy" *(Knowing God brings joy into our lives)*

Las Posadas, a reenactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter before the birth of Jesus, traditionally begins today. Pray for migrants seeking shelter around the world today.

December 23 ~ "Peace" *(Angels' message: "Peace on Earth")*

Add this "O Antiphon" to your daily or meal-time prayer today: "O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!"

(Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition, 77)

ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN EDITION OF SUNDAY: DEC 16TH ARE DUE TO PARISH OFFICE E-MAIL: coroffice@gmail.com
NLT MONDAY - DECEMBER 10RD AT 12:00 NOON

Treasures for Our Lord . . . Stewardship is what we do, after we say . . . "I believe."

2018 WEEKEND OF:	Nov. 24 TH / 25 TH	DEC. 1 ST / 2 ND
Recognizable Offerings	\$9,469.50	\$14,233.00
Loose Cash Received	\$750.00	\$772.00
On-Line Donations	\$4,487.02	\$2,022.67
Total Received:	\$14,706.52	\$17,027.67

ADVENT 2018 ~ RECONCILIATION IN DEANERY

Mon: Dec. 10th at 7:00 P.M. HOLY NAME OF JESUS
1200 Valparaiso Blvd. ~ Niceville

Thurs: Dec. 13th at 6:30 P.M. RESURRECTION
259 Miramar Beach Drive ~ Destin

Thurs: Dec. 13th at 6:30 P.M. SAINT MARY
110 Saint Mary Avenue ~ Fort Walton Beach

MASS INTENTION REQUEST CARDS
FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2019
will be in the Narthex Pamphlet Rack
Next Weekend: December 15th & 16th

FLOWERS
*The beautiful flowers at Mary's feet this Weekend
In Memory Of
Catherine Siwy †
Mother of Lucy Sellers*

Parish "Prayer Line"
Members pray daily for published and unpublished requests
E-MAIL REQUESTS TO: MCDONALD9999@COX.NET
For all Souls in Purgatory ~ Grant eternal rest on to them O Lord

Amy Miller	Rosa Culver	Jeff Gossen
Elsa Marshall	Omaira Amell	Gladys Garcia
Joe Schneider	Keva Aberle	Nicole Squires
Marie Swope	John Marino	Nicci VanMatre
Bob Gilbert	Tom Kessinger	Ko Kelly
Ed Krause	Bill & Marcie Norris	Brendan Mikus
Shirley Ocker	Glenna Huntsman	Sonia Swope
Ann Farro	Fr. David Carucci	Anna Price
Jo Dawson	Jeff Rooney	Arlene Forns
Albert Diaz	Lillian Rusionis	Kevyn Mengis

May God protect **OUR MILITARY ~ FIRST RESPONDERS and POLICE**

Our Parish Family's Deepest Sympathy and Prayers ...
for: *Steve Adams † ~ Mark's brother*
May his soul & the souls of all the faithful departed - Rest in Peace

Healthy Snacks for Head Start
NICEVILLE CATHOLIC OUTREACH needs your help providing Healthy Snacks for 30 children at Head Start who would benefit from nutritional support on weekends. A container is in the Narthex for donations. Needed items are individually packaged: fruit cups, cracker packs, applesauce, raisins, juices, fruit snacks, and small boxes of cereal. Ideally we need the items in batches of 30; consider pairing up with a friend! Peanut-containing items are fine; we will sort as needed. Contact Patti Wolfrom with questions. 502-1454.

SINGLE AGAIN (SINGLE-DIVORCED-WIDOWED)
Sunday, December 16th after 10:30 Mass at 12 NOON
--- join us for our Christmas luncheon and fellowship at Kelly Plantation Golf Club Restaurant, 307 Kelly Plantation Drive, Destin. If you would like to become a member or have any questions, please contact Ann Peterson at 850-502-6245. We hope to see you!

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11 DEC: Prepare Advent Mission Dinner
(at COR Parish Hall) 5:00 PM

14 DEC: B-I-N-G-O (Team --) (at HNJ) 5:00 PM

15 DEC: Niceville Christmas Parade 9:00 AM

20 DEC: Fourth Degree Assembly Mtg (at COR) 7:00 PM

ALL USHERS ~ NEW AND EXPERIENCED ~ TRAINING
Tuesday, December 18th ~ 2 sessions 4 P.M. & 6 P.M. in the Parish Hall. If you would like to join The Usher Ministry; are 16 years or older and have been confirmed this would be the ideal time to get certified. For more info contact Glen Prescott via grprescot@gmail.com

CELEBRATE FAITH: REJOICING IN THE SPIRIT
As we rejoice in the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Second Sunday of Advent, registration for **Celebrate Faith: Rejoicing in the Spirit** is now open. Come rejoice on February 9th because the Lord has done great things for us. Register at: www.ptdiocese.org/celebratefaith2019

La Inmaculada Concepción Segundo Domingo de Adviento
Gozosos por la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María y el Segundo Domingo de Adviento les recordamos que ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el evento **Celebra la Fe 2019: ¡Alégrese en el Espíritu!** Vengan a regocijarse el 9 de febrero porque el Señor ha hecho grandes cosas por nosotros. Pueden hacerlo con la persona encargada del ministerio hispano en su parroquia o si lo desea puede hacerlo online que también está en español: www.ptdiocese.org/celebratefaith2019

MISSION NIGHT ONE - THE EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC
Thursday, December 13th at 6:00 P.M. at Holy Name of Jesus in the church by the Evangelical Catholic's James Carrano. Refreshments provided in HNJ parish hall and there will be complimentary childcare. Contact Caitlin Elsesser at celsesser@holynamechurch.org or call her at 850-678-7813 for more information and to register.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CHALICE PROGRAM



The purpose of the *“Traveling Chalice Program /Ministry”* is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to have the courage to listen and respond to God’s calling.

The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. The Second Vatican Council highlights the responsibility of the laity to pray for and support vocations. This urgent call has been strongly affirmed in the writings and addresses of both Saint Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way. We hope that those who bring the cup home will continue to pray daily for vocations.

The word vocation is derived from the Latin word vocare, “to call,” and so, a vocation is a calling from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. Above all, everyone has a vocation to holiness, a universal call to holiness, which Christ gives to us in the Gospel. (John 13:34)

How the Program Works

Each week at Mass, an assigned family is invited to take the gifts up at the Offertory Procession. At the end of Mass, the family is called by the priest to come forward to receive the chalice bag and a blessing. (This bag will contain a consecrated chalice, vocation prayer cards, and a prayer journal).

The family takes the chalice home and puts it in a place of honor to help serve as a visible reminder of your commitment to pray together as a family, a couple or a single person for vocations in your home for one week.

It is also a reminder that the Mass does not end with the closing prayer.

Each day for a week, during family prayer time (morning, bedtime or at meals), the family prays for an increase and perseverance of vocations. The following Sunday the family returns the chalice bag with its contents for another family to take home.

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THE DOMESTIC MONASTERY

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By Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. ~ ~ ~ Used with Permission

Carlo Carretto, one of the leading spiritual writers of the past half-century, lived for more than a dozen years as a hermit in the Sahara desert. Alone, with only the Blessed Sacrament for company, milking a goat for his food, and translating the bible into the local Bedouin language, he prayed for long hours by himself. Returning to Italy one day to visit his mother, he came to a startling realization: His mother, who for more than thirty years of her life had been so busy raising a family that she scarcely ever had a private minute for herself, was more contemplative than he was.

Carretto, though, was careful to draw the right lesson from this. What this taught was not that there was anything wrong with what he had been doing in living as a hermit. The lesson was rather that there was something wonderfully right about what his mother had been doing all these years as she lived the interrupted life amidst the noise and incessant demands of small children. He had been in a monastery, but so had she.

WHAT IS A MONASTERY? A monastery is not so much a place set apart for monks and nuns as it is a place set apart (period). It is also a place to learn the value of powerlessness and a place to learn that time is not ours, but God's.

Our home and our duties can, just like a monastery, teach us those things. John of the Cross once described the inner essence of monasticism in these words: "But they, O my God and my life, will see and experience your mild touch, who withdraw from the world and become mild, bringing the mild into harmony with the mild, thus enabling themselves to experience and enjoy you." What John suggests here is that two elements make for a monastery: withdrawal from the world and bringing oneself into harmony with the mild.

ALTHOUGH HE WAS SPEAKING about the vocation of monastic monks and nuns, who physically withdraw from the world, the principle is equally valid for those of us who cannot go off to monasteries and become monks and nuns. Certain vocations offer the same kind of opportunity for contemplation. They too provide a desert for reflection.

FOR EXAMPLE, the mother who stays home with small children experiences a very real withdrawal from the world. Her existence is definitely monastic. Her tasks and preoccupations remove her from the centres of power and social importance. And she feels it. Moreover her sustained contact with young children (the mildest of the mild) gives her a privileged opportunity to be in harmony with the mild, that is, to attune herself to the powerlessness rather than to the powerful.

MOREOVER, THE DEMANDS of young children also provide her with what St. Bernard, one of the great architects of monasticism, called the "monastic bell". All monasteries have a bell. Bernard, in writing his rules for monasticism, told his monks that whenever the monastic bell rang, they were to drop whatever they were doing and go immediately to the particular activity (prayer, meals, work, study, sleep) to which the bell was summoning them. He was adamant that they respond immediately, stating that if they were writing a letter they were to stop in mid-sentence when the bell rang. The idea in his mind was that when the bell called, it called you to the next task and you were to respond immediately, not because you want to, but because it's time for that task and time isn't your time, it's God's time. For him, the monastic bell was intended as a discipline to stretch the heart by always taking you beyond your own agenda to God's agenda.

Hence, a mother raising children, perhaps in a more privileged way even than a professional contemplative, is forced, almost against her will, to constantly stretch her heart. For years, while raising children, her time is never her own, her own needs have to be kept in second place, and every time she turns around a hand is reaching out and demanding something. She hears the monastic bell many times during the day and she has to drop things in mid-sentence and respond, not because she wants to, but because it's time for that activity and time isn't her time, but God's time. The rest of us experience the monastic bell each morning when our alarm clock rings and we get out of bed and ready ourselves for the day, not because we want to, but because it's time.

THE PRINCIPLES OF MONASTICISM are time-tested, saint-sanctioned, and altogether-trustworthy. But there are different kinds of monasteries, different ways of putting ourselves into harmony with the mild, and different kinds of monastic bells. Response to duty can be monastic prayer, a needy hand can be a monastic bell, and working without status and power can constitute a withdrawal into a monastery where God can meet us.

THE DOMESTIC CAN BE THE MONASTIC.