



# Corpus Christi Catholic Community

*Building the Body of Christ*

*December 16, 2018*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

## Sunday Reflection



### *The Call To Repentance*

In Christianity, we often hear about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen *(cont. on page 3)*

## Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

### Religious Give Thanks!

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Your gift to last weekend's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity! Thanks be to God for you and all who share in the mission to ensure a safe, modest retirement for all our nation's elderly religious. If you missed the collection, you may give online at [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

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## Corpus Christi Directory

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### Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thu, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sat, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

### Weekend Masses:

Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am

### Daily/ Holy Day Masses:

See next column.

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Each Saturday at 3:30 pm or by appointment. Communal services are held during Advent and Lent.

**Sick Calls and Communion Calls:** Please notify the parish office when there is serious illness in your household. We are happy to make home visits and to visit hospital and nursing home patients as well. We appreciate being notified so we may keep the sick in prayer and place them on our prayer list.

**Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office for more information.

**Weddings:** Call the Parish Office at least 6 months before wedding.

## This Week at Corpus Christi

### Monday, December 17

8:30 am MASS

7:00 pm PENANCE SERVICE

### Tuesday, December 18

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am Pastoral Team Mtg

12:00 noon Advent Prayer

6:00 pm Mary's Mantle Christmas Party

### Wednesday, December 19

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am SVDP ECO Works Class

7:00 pm Parish Finance Council Mtg

### Thursday, December 20

8:30 am MASS

### Friday, December 21

*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

### Saturday, December 22

10:00 am SVDP - Corpus Christi Conference Mtg

2:00 pm Recovery Group

2:00 pm RCIA Class

4:00 pm MASS

5:15 pm Children's Chorale Practice

6:00 pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass Practice

### Sunday, December 23

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am MASS

9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd II & III

10:30 am Choir Practice

10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery

11:00 am MASS / Liturgy of the Word w/ Children

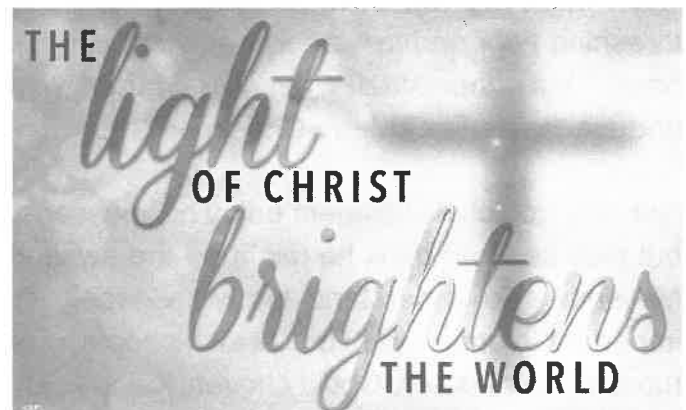
11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I

12:30 pm BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

12:45 pm CHURCH DECORATING

1:00 pm Choir Practice

4:00 pm Better Men Outreach



## Letting Go of Expectations at Christmas

(excerpts from an article written by Sarah Garone)

It's all around us, the pressure to feel a certain way during the holidays. The one-word designs found on mugs, sweaters, and Christmas cards can seem more like commands than celebrations: "Wonder." "Celebrate." "Rejoice." At church, when we hear the Gospel account of the Incarnation—God's incredible, universe-changing gift of His Son to mankind—there's a prescriptive element: be moved to awe and reverence. But what if it's the 67th time we've heard the Christmas story, so it just doesn't feel very fresh anymore, or grief over a lost loved one is weighing heavy on us these days, or we just want this season of excesses to be over? For any number of reasons, sometimes the "right" feelings don't come at the right time.

It wasn't until I learned to let go of expectations and embrace whatever was good about my Christmas season that I began to enjoy the holiday more.

There's really no law stating my (or your) Christmas has to be any particular way or involve any particular feelings. The Bethlehem story doesn't come with an asterisk at the bottom saying, "Please note: If you're not currently inspired with ultimate joy, you're doing it wrong." But in two separate places in the New Testament epistles, Paul instructs believers to "cling to what is good" (Romans 12:9 and 1 Thessalonians 5:21). This has become my new Christmas goal.

All of us can mindfully acknowledge pleasures and blessings large and small this time of year. Perhaps Christmas doesn't look quite like the famed "picture print of Currier and Ives." But a steamy mug of hot chocolate on a cold night, watching "It's A Wonderful Life," or not having to work for a few days? Those are good things I can cling to. Even if all I feel is thankful for those little things, thankful is good. Thankful can be enough.

I've given up trying to force any prescribed feelings at Christmas. I've even tried to let go of requiring certain traditions to happen. Instead, I commit to looking for whatever is good in the season, acknowledging it, and giving thanks for it. And wouldn't you know it? Christmas is much more enjoyable when I do.

*(To read the entire article, "Can't Force the Feeling: How Letting Go of Expectations Helped Me Enjoy Christmas," visit [www.bustedhalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com) )*

## Sunday Reflection (continued from page 1)

people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

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## Young Adult News

### SEEK 2019

Thursday, January 3 - Monday, January 7  
@ Indiana Convention Center  
Indianapolis, Indiana

5 Days. Thousands of Catholic young adults. Over 40 inspiring speakers and entertainers. And the power and presence of God. Hosted by FOCUS as we hope to Encounter Something More. Gather with Catholic young adults from around the nation in Indianapolis at this leadership conference as we ask the big questions about life, love and how to discover true happiness. This conference is for you, whether you're a college student, a professional, single or married, an active leader, or just looking to be inspired. We want as many young adults from the Archdiocese to join us as possible. For more information, contact [yacm@aod.org](mailto:yacm@aod.org).

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Church of the Home

### ■ A Christmas Tradition

All children in Grades P - Gr 5 (or older) are welcome to participate in a special way at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Children are welcome to lead the music, serve as readers, or help with the Gospel Drama.

#### Children's Chorale Practice Schedule

Sun	Dec 16	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Rainbow Rm
Sat	Dec 22	5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	Church

The rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Liturgy will be held on Saturday, December 22 from 6 - 6:45 pm in the church. Please sign your child up at the back of church or call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to let us know your child wants to help. Bring a friend, too!

### ■ Symbols of the Season

The Christmas season in the liturgical year of the Church is more than one day. In fact, the season begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes in January on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The season is filled with Christian signs and symbols:

The Christmas Tree is a beautiful symbol of the Nativity. Like the evergreen branches, God's love never withers. The lights remind us that Christ is the light of the world. An angel atop the tree points to the angels that announced Jesus' birth, and a star on the highest branch represents the Star of Bethlehem that guided the Magi to the Christ Child. Christmas trees help us remember Jesus and why he was born.

— As you decorate your Christmas tree, talk about what the symbols of each decoration mean. Offer a blessing for your tree (cut out and color the ornament on the right) and all that it represents when the decorating is complete.

The Gospels tell us that the Star of Bethlehem shone brightly over Jesus' birth in the manger and that the Magi followed that star to find the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. We celebrate this on the feast of Epiphany.

— Have your family look for stars throughout the Advent and Christmas season. Each time you see one say, "Thank you, God!"

Setting up a creche or Nativity scene in your home is a wonderful way to keep your family's focus on Christ. If your set is made of child-friendly pieces, it is also a great



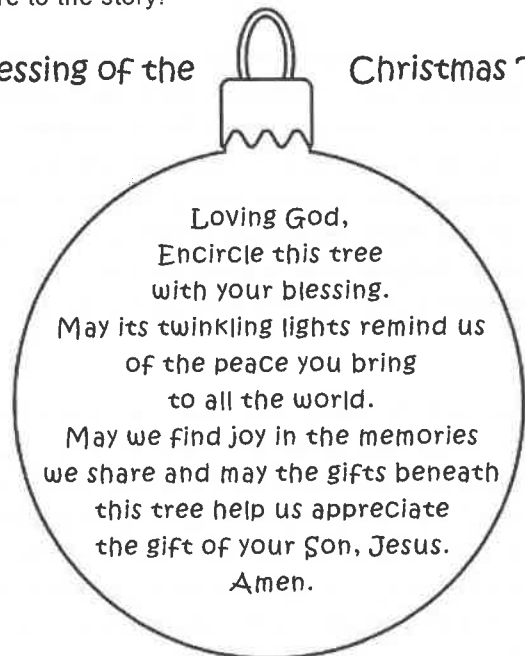
**Corpus Christi  
Youth  
Mission Trip  
June 23 - 29,  
2019**

All 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to consider participating in Corpus Christi's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Mission trip. Registration is now open! For more information, contact Jenny Long, Youth Mission Trip Coordinator, at 248-231-7850.

way for kids to learn the Christmas story through play. Most kids love animals, the angel, and the Magi, and there can become a natural reverence for the baby Jesus and his parents.

— Leave your Nativity up long into January as a way to reinforce the message that the Christmas message does not end when the last presents have been opened. There is more to the story!

### ■ Blessing of the Christmas Tree



### ■ Everyday Stewardship

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 (continued on page 7)



## BULLETIN BOARD

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, JUNE 12-20, 2019:**

Deacon John McKenzie invites you to join him in Italy on a pilgrimage of thanksgiving after receiving Holy Orders. Includes Rome, Assisi, and Norcia. Contact Pilgrimages by Corporate Travel at 866-468-1420 or visit [www.ctscentral.net](http://www.ctscentral.net) (click on pilgrimages, then upcoming tours, then enter "Deacon John McKenzie" in the Find A Pilgrimage box).

**HUSTLE EXERCISE CLASSES:** Mondays at 7 pm at Franklin Athletic Club, 29350 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield; cost is \$5/class; no membership required. Contact parishioner Kim Summers at 313-205-2883.

**TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUPS:** Open Arms provides supportive services, court advocacy, resources, and intervention to crime victims on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 6 pm at Victory Community Church, 14025 Hubbell, Detroit. For more information, call 313-369-5780.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF:** At 200 East Ferry Street, Detroit. Thu, 7:30 am - 2 pm; 4th Sat, 8 am - 2 pm. Free for Detroit residents.

**RIDE HOME FROM MASS NEEDED:** Parishioner living in the 14 Mile Road/Main Street area of Clawson needs ride home after the 11:00 Mass; needs some help with wheelchair; call Beverly at 313-819-8060.

**CAR NEEDED:** A single woman needs a running car in good condition; has \$1000 cash and can do installments for any other price up to \$500 more. Call Tamu at 313-482-5971 or Denise at 313-646-1259.

**UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU HIRING:** Field Representative Positions are available in Wayne County. Starting salary is \$19.52 - \$25.37/hr (varies by location); flexible hours, mileage reimbursement. For more information, email [Chicago.Recruiting@census.gov](mailto:Chicago.Recruiting@census.gov) or call 1-800-865-6384 ext. 15.

**DETROIT AT WORK:** The City of Detroit "Detroit At Work" program has trained nearly 3,000 Detroiters for in-demand jobs since January 2017 in fields like construction, health care, IT, retail, and hospitality. Visit [www.detroitatwork.org](http://www.detroitatwork.org) for more information.



### Funeral Usher or Greeter

Volunteers are needed to serve as hospitality ministers for funeral liturgies at Corpus Christi. Ushers are needed to complete tasks specific to funerals; we currently have only 2 ushers serving at the funerals. Greeters are needed to welcome family and guests at the church entrance and provide assistance to family and guests as needed. For more information or questions, contact Miriam Hudson at 313-537-5770.

### Coffee/Donuts Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help with the Coffee/Donut Fundraiser after our 11:00 Mass by servicing on one of our teams or servicing as a substitute. Tasks include serving donuts, collecting funds, and clean up. We are also in need of a volunteer to pick up our donut order once every 5 weeks. Please call 313-537-5770 to sign up or for more information.

### Nursery Caregiver

Adult caregivers are needed to provide a loving, safe environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are at the 11:00 Mass. The nursery is located in the Activities Center (convent building). Commitment is 1 ½ hours every 6 weeks or on-call for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Parish registration and background check required. Please call Miriam at 313-537-5770.

### Hospice Volunteer

A few hours of your time can make a difference to a hospice patient. Reverence Hospice is seeking volunteers to provide in-home, nursing home, or hospital visits to hospice patients in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties. Your caring presence would allow family members the chance to run errands or keep appointments or lonely patients to have visits from a new friend. Training, ongoing education, recognition, and support are provided. Flexible hours. For more information, call 586-464-4865.

## COMING EVENTS:

### Dec 16 Children's Choir Festival

The Cathedral Cultural Series continues with "Singing In The Season" featuring the Detroit Children's Choir Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 16 at 4 pm in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Join several children's choirs from across southeast Michigan to celebrate the season of joy. Free-will offering. Doors open at 3:15 pm. Free, secure parking adjacent to the Cathedral.

### Dec 18-26 Grief Support

12/18 Tue 10:30 am - 12 Southfield  
Reverence Hospice *Healing the Heart\** 586-464-4841

12/18 Tue 1 - 2:30 pm Dearborn Heights  
Hospice of MI *Living On\** 313-578-6328

12/20 Thu 1 - 2:30 pm Detroit  
Hospice of MI *Living On\** 313-578-6328

12/21 Fri 10:30 - 11:30 am Royal Oak  
Hospice of MI *Hope for the Holidays\** 248-334-1323

12/26 Wed 2 pm & 6 pm Livonia  
Angela Hospice *Drop-In Grief Support* 866-464-7810

\* Registration is required for these groups.

### Jan 4 Prayer Gathering

The *Become The Fire* prayer gathering is held on the first Friday of each month at St. Scholastica Church, 8201 West Outer Drive, Detroit. Sponsored by the Companions of the Cross Lay Associates.

### Jan 5 A Gathering Of Artists

*Creative Juices: A Spirituality of Creating*, an opportunity for artists to inspire and encourage one another while experiencing the energy of artistic connection, will meet Saturday, January 5 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. Freewill offering. Call 248-433-0950.

### Jan 6 Finding God In The Dark

The Finding God In The Dark film series continues with "*The Intern*" (2015) on Sunday, January 6 at 2 pm at Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. Come enjoy the film, popcorn, and discussion. Free will offering. To RSVP or for more information, call 248-433-0950.

## Retreat Schedule

- *Sat, Dec 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon*

Monthly Centering Prayer  
@ Visitation North Spirituality Center  
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

Those interested in doing Centering Prayer in a group are invited to meet with Mary Ann Flanagan, IHM for prayer, ongoing education, and mutual support. Free-will donation. Call 248-433-0950 to sign up. Visit [www.visitationnorth.org](http://www.visitationnorth.org) for more information.

- *Sun, Dec 31, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm*

Rejoice and Be Glad: A New Year's Eve Retreat  
@ Visitation North Spirituality Center  
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

Come for a day that includes input, time for personal prayer and reflection, conversation, sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, and Mass. Suggested offering of \$40 includes lunch. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Call 248-433-0950 or register online at [www.visitation.north.org](http://www.visitation.north.org).

- *Fri - Sun, Jan 11 - 13*

Images of Mary Weekend Spiritual Retreat  
@ St Mary's Retreat House  
775 W Drahner Rd, Oxford

Directed by Fr. Tom Slowinski. Through scripture, art, music, and personal experiences participants will reflect on how Mary's story can be woven into their own. For more information, or to reserve a room, please visit [www.stmarysretreathouse.org](http://www.stmarysretreathouse.org) or call Elaine Greenhow at 248-542-9890.

- *Sat, Jan 12, 10 am - 2:30 pm*

Day of Mindfulness Meditation: The Gift of Silence  
@ Weber Retreat Center  
1257 E Siena Heights Dr, Adrian

The winter season has a way of drawing us and inviting us into our own inner space. When we get caught running from one thing to another, mindfulness can help us to cultivate the calm within our own being and to experience silence as a warm embrace. Cost of the day is \$30 and includes lunch. Visit [www.weber.adriandominicans.org](http://www.weber.adriandominicans.org).



# Stewardship UPDATE



## Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$	7762.00
Sunday Offerings 12-9-2018	\$	5952.62
Retirement Fund for Religious 12-9-2018	\$	1613.71
<b>Shortfall for the Budget Year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### Everyday Stewardship (continued from page 4)

emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

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For with  
God nothing  
shall be  
impossible.

Luke 1:37



## Scriptures for the Week

### Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7,/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm Lk 1:46-56

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a//Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



## Questions of the Week

### First Reading

The prophet Zephaniah was active during the reign of King Josiah (640-609 B.C.), just prior to fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians. He was in many ways a prophet of doom, yet today's prophecies are filled with hope for a new beginning. As a person of faith, how do you find hope in difficult situations?

### Second Reading

St. Paul's letter to the Philippians is often called a "letter of joy." Today's reading offers a prime example of Paul's spiritual happiness. Who are the people in your faith community that model spiritual joy?

### Gospel Reading

John the Baptist challenges the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a righteous and honorable life as a way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. In what ways is this message a challenging spiritual exercise even today?



Michelle Archer (11/27)  
member of the parish

Cecilia Roll (11/20)  
mother of Cecilia O'Keefe

Pascale Lamaze (11/28)  
cousin of Nicole Joseph

Rev Lonnie Jones (11/21)  
father of Kim Summers

Celia Brooks (12/1)  
sister of Greg Spight



**Please Pray For Those In The Military:** Jared Brooks (Marines), Caija Campbell (Army), Anthony Carson (Army), Anthony Ford (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Moniere (National Guard), Corey Sullivan (Army), and Lance Walker II (Army).





Monday	8:30 am	For Our Homebound Members
Tuesday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Caregivers
Wednesday	8:30 am	+ Clarence Hardy Jr (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Thursday	8:30 am	+ Cecilia Roll (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Friday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Rev. Lonnie Jones (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	For the People of Corpus Christi + Lillian Stubbs (req by Sr Therese Mac Kinnon)



**Please Pray For Our Sick Members:**

Ken Banka	Rosemary Givens	Nancy Loper	Phyllis Raines	Maureen Zink	Ruth Hill
Doris Billion	Gary Greening	Valerie McDonald	Sally Rimbort	<b>Homebound:</b>	Ronald Hills
Paul Billion	Sr Rachele Harper	Kathy Montgomery	Joy Robinson	Synia Benjamin	Marie Leonard
Marcelle Blackmon	Clint Harris	Virginia Moyer	Leatrice Robinson	Jackie Bodenhorn	Jim Lorenger
Wanda Bradley	Irma Horton	Paul Mueller	Tanisha R-Erickson	Evelyn Brantley	Beverly Miller
Alelia Busby	Mary C. Hustoles	Yvonne Nemeth	Elyse Ryder	Beverley B-Johnson	Margaret Nielsen
Angeline Butler	Edward Hustoles	Margaret Neumann	Pauline Simpson	Michelle Cagle	John Onwudinjo
Aggie Conti	Gloria James	Gina Nunnally	Bernice Slaughter	Joseph Cagle Sr	Evangeline Pruet
Jefferie Cook Sr	Roswitha Jordan	Shirley Oldenburg	Donna Storie	Phyllis Clyburn	Hulda Reed
Terrie C-Henderson	Richard Kohler	Ernestine O'Neil	Colletta Sykes	Clairmina Danjou	Isiah Searls
Sheri Dargin	Fannie Larkins	Elaine O'Neill	Brendia Thomas	Felisa Deluna	Joseph Shelton
Mary Davis	Myrna Leonard	Sharon Ortman	Charlotte Turner	Judories Fort	Mary Pat Shelton
Kevin DeMatas	John Johnson	Sue Padalino	Irene Unsleber	Margaret Gassoway	Robert Wheelwright
Renita Fletcher	Sharon Lewis	Helen Parkman	Adele Waddell	Martha Harris	
Roy Ford	Bob Lindsay	Vernard Plain	Kathy Wilson	Ed Hill Jr	



**Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:**

Susan Absher	Chris Downing	Robert Jarey	Darwin Mills	Reginald Phillips	Nicholas Stephens
Kelley Adams	Elizabeth Downing	Aliyaa John	Florence Mills	Robert Pierce	Gus Sternberg
Duncan Alfes	Lloyd Earl	Arnim Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Rochelle Stewart
Mona Anderson	Ethan	Fred Johnson	James Molloy	David Remo	Trevor Sullivan
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Virginia Etherly	El Caleb Jones	Karen Momper	Shirley Respress	Frances Sykes
Jim Agnello	Phillip Faucher	Dorie Kaiser	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Marlene Talley
Tony Baines	Ronald Fletcher	Bill Kelley	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Brian Bates	Barbara Ford	Shirley Kenney	Glinda Moorer	Matthew Rich	Rick Thompson
Sue Bates	Kyle Foster	Mary Alice Kenny	Louis Morzynske	Viola Richburge	Gerry Tremonti
Marie Beard	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Kristen Kingzett	Joyce Mulhall	Dorothy Roberson	Robert Vanden Berg
Edward Bejesky	Mavis Frazer	Katie Lutz Kissell	Mignon Murray	Eugene Rohde	Al Victors
Katy Bessey	Barbara Gay	Ed Kmett	Sara Nell-Wallace	Alfredo Rojas	Alicia Walker
Kenneth Black	Nestelyn Gay	Erin Knight	Margaret Nelson	Patrick Ryder	Kelley Walker
J C Boston	Sherman Gilmore	Fred Kolp	Ernestine Nimmons	Anthony Salem	Lance Walker
Linda Brown	Marvis Givens	Emilia Kullman	Charles Nutt	Frank Salem	Brady Wesley
Ron Brown	Elwood Gneckow	Marta Lagos	Charlotte, Donna,	Sherry Samuel	Dennis Wheelwright
Auby Bryson	Shawn Gore	Dianne Leitertman	John & Tyler O'Neill	Ethel Mae Sanders	Sr Luanne Wilhelm
Barbara Bryson	Delroy Grant	Antoinette Litzinger	Susan Orlando	Robert Schaule	Jamal Williams
F. Chennault-Johnson	Marlene Grant	Cheryl Lofton	Jeff Padalino	Larry Schneider	Ruth Wilson
Jenny Churchill	Morty Green	Anthony Lorenger	Patty Page	Helen Schroeder	Barbara Woods
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**Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ December 22 / 23 ■ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS	GREETERS	LITURGY OF WORD W/ CHILDREN	LITURGICAL ASSISTANT
Sat 4:00	Elaine O'Neill Sr Rita Valade	Jinette Chapman TBD	Chelsea Abulu Valerie Abulu	Elaine O'Neill	-----	Jeff Kendall
Sun 9:00	Wenonah Handschu TBD	TBD TBD	Donald Harris Rayven Harris	Ernie Buckner Lynn James	-----	Parris Kenney
Sun 11:00	Peter Mueller Miriam Hudson	Ernestine O'Neil Milbra Hill +6 TBD	Chidi Dike Chioma Dike Amira Hines Justin Martin	Canelita Bennett-Thurman Christine Phanord	Denise Glinz Tanya Robinson Lola Liggins	Sandy Kalman
	SUNDAY BUS DRIVER	NOAH'S ARK NURSERY	COFFEE/DONUTS 9:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00*
	Kurt Thornbladh	Mahalia Arthur-Wm Madeline Francis	Jr Daughters KPC - Carmen Lewis-Har	Jeff Cook Jan McInerney	Marcia Smiley Adele Waddell	Jason Yancy Shani Yancy
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**What is the Hispanic Advent custom of Las Posadas?**

Posada is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. Las Posadas refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus; beginning on December 16th. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

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Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes, where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning, the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, especially with Mexico, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.



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