

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

*"The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea." Isaiah 11:9*

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

**Sunday, December 8, 2019—Second Sunday of Advent
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:00 am Adult Ed
- 9:30 am Liturgy **For The Parish Community.**
- 10:30 am PreK through 5th Grade PRE
- 10.30 am RCIA
- 10:30/11:30 am Christmas Pageant Practices
- 4:00 pm Concert CTK/Dinner Follows
- 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon



Monday, December 9, 2019

8:00 am Liturgy +**Frank Wilder** by: Anita Coughlin

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

- 8:00 am Liturgy +**Frank Wilder** by: Catherine Dunavant
- 9:00 am Weight Loss Support Group
- 7:00 pm Ladies Association



Wednesday, December 11, 2019

- 8:00 am Liturgy +**Nellie Hill** by: Holy Spirit
- 5:30 pm Open Gym
- 6:15 pm Youth Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm 6th through 12th Grades PRE

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:00 am Liturgy +**Bill Ready, Sr.** by: Holy Spirit
- 9:00 am Adult Education
- 10:30 pm Shepherd's Center Christmas Lunch at HS
- 6:30 Choir Practice
- 8:00 pm AA & AI-Anon



Friday, December 13, 2019

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of Mary Margaret Brasher**
by: The Morning Crew

Saturday, December 14, 2019

- 9:00 am Pageant Dress Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Confession
- Confessions available by appointment also 662-429-7851
- 6:00 pm Liturgy **For The Parish Community**

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Adult Ed
- 9:30 am Liturgy +**Mark Nix**
- 10:30 am PreK through 5th Grade PRE
- 10.30 am RCIA
- 6:00 pm Parish Dinner and Pageant
- 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon



Priest Contact Numbers:

SERIOUS SACRAMENT EMERGENCY ONLY 901-351-6591
All other needs 662-429-7851

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

December 8 – Beverly Goode/Brenda Caruthers
December 15 – Cathy Powers/Kim Orr

Ministry Schedule

PLEASE REMEMBER:

You are to arrive at least 20 to 30 minutes before mass is to begin. This is important to be prepared and ready.

Saturday, December 14 – 6:00 pm

- Greeter:** Maureen Finley/Helen Spencer
- Usher:** Tony & Julie Stefanik
- Server:** Alex Hughes/Brent Hughes
- Lector:** Jim Buechele/Chris Greer
- Gift Bearer:** Durbin Family
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill & Nancy Marking/Liz Brown



Sunday, December 15 – 9:30 am

- Greeter:** Ron & Shirley Henderson
- Usher:** Larry Goode/Dennis Johnson
- Server:** Maryn Ludwig/Laurel Ludwig
- Lector:** Alan Gho/Mark Printup
- Gift Bearer:** Fleming Family
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Greg & Leanne Meng/Kristin Carter/
Chris Mitchell/Barbara Nickarz/Amanda Ready/Diane Cullen

REMINDER: If you are unable to fulfill your ministry obligation, it is your responsibility to find someone that can serve in your place. Thank you.



PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Weekly for Budget.....	\$6,094.81
Offering	\$6,403.20
Maintenance Fund Last Wk....	\$1,793.00
Community Services.....	\$ 165.00
Children's Collection.....	\$ 17.00
Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$ 451.00

There should be no eating, drinking or gum in the Church. If a child must have nourishment, please do so in the cry room.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

Be sure to take a few minutes before Mass Saturday night or after Mass Sunday morning and check out the rosaries, cards, and **gift items** in our **Religious Goods** store!!! **Advent and Christmas items are available.**

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

December – Rose Powell

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

December 8 –Tish Hunt/Elaine Riffe

December 15 – Maria Mitchell/Mallory Donati

Office hours: Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 12 noon and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.
Our Religious Goods store is open as well.



YOUTH CHOIR: Will have practice this Wednesday, at 6:15 p.m. If you are interested, please join us. For more information, call or text Stacy Michaels @ 662-910-0749 or Emily Palmertree @ 901-277-8103.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT --- We pray you are planning to attend this Sunday, December 8th, at 4:00 PM. Come for the Advent/Christmas Concert at Christ the King and plan on staying for dinner!!



DAILY MASS DURING ADVENT
 Mass will be offered Monday through Friday during the Advent Season (From December 2nd to December 24th) at Holy Spirit at 8:00 am, Queen of Peace at 9:00 am and Christ the King at 9:00 am.

It is a Catholic tradition to attend daily Mass during Advent.

Time is running out – Turn in your Poster and Essays as soon as possible.

POSTER/ESSAY CONTESTS



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest –
 Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you give and embody the Virtue of Charity – open to Catholic students grades 8 through 12 (cash prize each grade)
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – make a poster (cash prize for each age group 5-7, 8-10, 11-14)
 Entry Forms are available in the church office.

Confessions available by appointment 662-429-7851

“WAITING FOR LOVE”

2019 HOLY SPIRIT
 YOUNG PEOPLE’S CHRISTMAS
 PROGRAM



We need your child to participate

Rehearsals

Sunday*	December 8	10:30 am or 11:30 am
Saturday (Dress Rehearsal)	December 14	9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Lunch will be provided for all Sunday rehearsals **Both Groups*

Performance

**Sunday,
 December 15 - 6:00 p.m.**

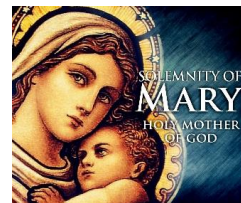
Any questions, call Barbara Smith 662-233-4833 or 901-413-8102



**Seriously Sick & Hospitalized
 Please Pray For The Sick**

Your prayers are requested for the following who are having/recovering from surgery or are seriously ill:

Mike Cullen, Mike Fowler, Patrick Albersman, Barbara Langley, Barbara Wilder, Sal Galtelli, Sarah Bolin (LaRae), Sr. Rose Hacker, Karl Coke, Mike Willey, Rick Galtelli (Sal’s bro), MaryAnn Nix, Jennifer Donnelly, Michael Fancher, David Koch, Rosanne Koch, Joeng Won Cho (Myong’s mom), Pat Zappa (Barbara Dean’s sis), Kerry Helms (Higdon Bro-n-law), Dorothy Sheffe (C. Massa sis), Ann Landers (Massa sis-n-law), Bill & Chellie Warner, Lucy Holland, Sr. Mary Myles (Powell sis), Lester Johnson (Bob’s twin), Toni Fink (Dennie’s sis), George Nickarz (dad), Pat Smith, Al Gawel, Walter Stapor, Jacob Bynum (Blumer nephew), William Selvo (N. French bro), Emanuel (Gaudet sonn law), Peter DiCresce, Scott Chang (Myong bro), Robert Brasher (Neechie’s dad), Chris Selvo (N. French), Victor Pretti, Diane Smith (Cil sis), Deeanna Greer (Dean Niece), Caralee Joyner (Barb Wilder niece), Mary Greenwell (B. Dean’s sis), James Ferguson, Barney Norys (Terry), Jared Smith (Liz Brown), John Foti (Muzzi Bro), Kim Craig (J. Davis sisn law), Carter Brooks, Josh Bixler (Liz Brown’s nephew), and Sherry Vowell (Ken Hoover’s sis). Please notify the Pastor when serious illness occurs or when hospitalization is indicated: we would like to strengthen the ill with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).



**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

Mass times are:

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

4:00PM St. Joseph, Holly Springs
 4:00PM Good Shepherd, Robinsonville
 6:00PM Queen of Peace, Olive Branch
 6:00PM St. Gregory, Senatobia

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

8:00AM Holy Spirit, Hernando
 9:00AM Christ the King, Southaven

**DESOTO LANDERS MOBILE
 FOOD DISTRIBUTION
 SPONSORED BY
 SACRED HEART SOUTHERN
 MISSIONS**

Volunteers!



Once a month SHSM has a mobile food distribution at the Landers Center in Southaven to help families in need in Desoto County. SHSM serves 1500 families so it is a massive undertaking that requires at least 75 volunteers. SHSM needs volunteers from 1:30PM – 5:00PM. You can stay the entire time or volunteer a few hours. The day is December 18, 2019. Please contact Lois Harrison at **901-626-5432** or Lharrison@shsm.org if you are able to help.



BOSTON BUTTS ON SALE NOW—The Men’s Association is now accepting orders for “Boston Butts”. They will be between 8 lbs and 10 lbs for \$40. Last day to order is Monday, December 23 – pick-up day is Friday, December 27. Please call Sal Galtelli 205-305-6772 or 429-5071 or see one of the men after mass to place your order.

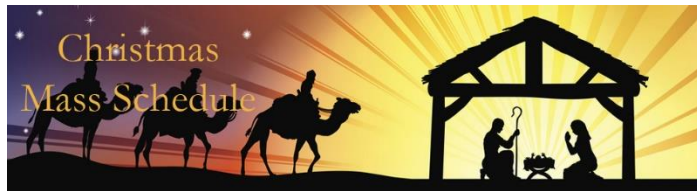
You must order to get one. Order today!

Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe-

Las mañanitas, the traditional early morning serenading of Our Lady, will be held at **Christ the King at 5:30 am on Dec. 12th.**

The scheduled Masses are as follows:

- 5:30 pm at St. Gregory followed by a reception.
- 7:00 pm Queen of Peace, followed by a reception.
- 7:00 pm at Christ the King, followed by a reception.
- 7:30 pm St. Joseph, followed by a reception



Tuesday, December 24, 2019

- 4:00PM Christ the King, Southaven
Good Shepherd, Robinsonville
- 6:00PM Queen of Peace, Olive Branch
Holy Spirit, Hernando
- Midnight Queen of Peace, Olive Branch
Christ the King, Southaven *Bilingual*

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

- 8:00AM St. Joseph, Holly Springs
St. Gregory the Great, Senatobia
- 9:30AM **Holy Spirit, Hernando**
- 10:00AM Queen of Peace, Olive Branch

NO MASS AT CHRIST THE KING.

Bring your bells to ring at all the Christmas Masses.



*Our Holy Spirit Parish Family offers their deepest condolences to Elaine Johnson on the recent death of her husband +Mike Johnson
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace
(condolences are also offered to Mike’s siblings)*



**A CALL TO HOLINESS
BY POPE FRANCIS**

122. Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is “joy in the Holy Spirit” (*Rom 14:17*), for “the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved... the effect of charity is joy” [99] Having received the beautiful gift of God’s word, we embrace it “in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit” (*1 Thess 1:6*). If we allow the Lord to draw us out of our shell and change our lives, then we can do as Saint Paul tells us: “Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice!” (*Phil 4:4*).

123. The prophets proclaimed the times of Jesus, in which we now live, as a revelation of joy. “Shout and sing for joy!” (*Is 12:6*). “Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good tidings to Zion; lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem!” (*Is 40:9*). “Break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and he will have compassion on his afflicted” (*Is 49:13*). “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he” (*Zech 9:9*). Nor should we forget Nehemiah’s exhortation: “Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!” (*8:10*).



**LLAMADO A LA SANTIDAD
POR EL PAPA FRANCISCO**

122. Lo dicho hasta ahora no implica un espíritu apocado, triston, agriado, melancólico, o un bajo perfil sin energía. El santo es capaz de vivir con alegría y sentido del humor. Sin perder el realismo, ilumina a los demás con un espíritu positivo y esperanzado. Ser cristianos es «gozo en el Espíritu Santo» (*Rm 14,17*), porque «al amor de caridad le sigue necesariamente el gozo, pues todo amante se goza en la unión con el amado [...] De ahí que la consecuencia de la caridad sea el gozo» [99]. Hemos recibido la hermosura de su Palabra y la abrazamos «en medio de una gran tribulación, con la alegría del Espíritu Santo» (*ITs 1,6*). Si dejamos que el Señor nos saque de nuestro caparazón y nos cambie la vida, entonces podremos hacer realidad lo que pedía san Pablo: «Alegraos siempre en el Señor; os lo repito, alegraos» (*Flp 4,4*).

123. Los profetas anunciaban el tiempo de Jesús, que nosotros estamos viviendo, como una revelación de la alegría: «Gritad jubilosos» (*Is 12,6*). «Súbete a un monte elevado, heraldo de Sión; alza fuerte la voz, heraldo de Jerusalén» (*Is 40,9*). «Romped a cantar, montañas, porque el Señor consuela a su pueblo y se compeadece de los desamparados» (*Is 49,13*). «¡Salta de gozo, Sión; alégrate, Jerusalén! Mira que viene tu rey, justo y triunfador» (*Za 9,9*). Y no olvidemos la exhortación de Nehemías: «¡No os pongáis tristes; el gozo del Señor es vuestra fuerza!» (*8,10*).



Christmas Dinner



The children of the parish have been rehearsing with Barbara Smith, Dana Hoover, and God's latest big blessing to Holy Spirit – Lin Yang to put on a wonderful pageant called "*Waiting for Love*". You can see this pageant and enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner with your parish family on Sunday evening, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. Ham and turkey will be provided by the church. Each family is asked to bring a **LARGE** dish. **Volunteers to cook and cut up the ham and turkeys are still needed – please call today!!!**

We have it from a reliable source that **Santa** will be there to visit with the kids and take their last minute requests. We always have a lot of fun and fellowship at this dinner and it is a blessed way to celebrate the Christmas season. Hope to see you there.

Jessica Smith has once again volunteered to be in charge of the decorating this year. They will need lots of volunteers to help setting up the room, decorating, organizing and of course clean up for this event. If you are willing to help, e-mail Jessica Smith at jessicsmith@hotmail.com (notice there is no "a" at the end of her first name), or call her at 901-486-9555 or the church office 662-429-7851. We want everyone to take part in some way – this is **our PARISH Family Christmas Event!!!**

!!!! JUST ONE – TABLE, THAT IS !!!!

We are asking your family to decorate a table for the annual Children's Christmas Program and Pot Luck Dinner. Make our Family Life Center more festive and fun, using your creativity and personality. You can come by during the week before the Dec. 15 program and decorate, or decorate on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., when the children will be there for dress rehearsal. If you would like to take part in this merry project, e-mail Jessica Smith at jessicsmith@hotmail.com (notice there is no "a" at the end of her first name), or call her at 901-486-9555.



A GREAT BIG “THANK YOU”

TO:

Bob Johnson and son Rob Johnson and Jack and Bailey Johnson, Bob's grandsons who spent part of their Thanksgiving holidays on Friday setting up our outside manger scene. May God bless you for giving us the gift of your precious time!

AND:

On Saturday, Geir and Brian Sajdak, Chip, Graysa, and Matthew Enders, Chris and Grant Mitchell, Dennis Johnson, Danny Thomas, Ed Savage, Blaine Anderson and Sal Galtelli gave the gift of time to prepare our church for the Advent/Christmas Season! God bless all of you for taking time out of your Thanksgiving holiday season to help all of us on our Advent/Christmas journey.