

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 22, 2019
*"They shall name him Emmanuel,
 which means "God is with us." Matthew 1:23*

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Adult Ed
 9:30 am Liturgy +**Nellie Hill** by: Holy Spirit
 10.30 am RCIA
 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon



Monday, December 23, 2019

8:00 am Liturgy +**Ron Pickard** by: Holy Spirit
 Last Day to order Boston Butts

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve

8:00 am Liturgy +**Mark Nix**
 5:30 pm Carols
 6:00 pm Liturgy +**Frank Wilder** by: Catherine Dunavant



Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Christmas Day

9:30 am Liturgy For The Parish Community

Thursday, December 26, 2019 – Office Closed

NO Liturgy or Communion Service

8:00 pm AA & AI-Anon

Friday, December 27, 2019 – Office Closed

NO Liturgy or Communion Service

8:00 am Pickup Boston Butts – early as possible

Saturday, December 28, 2019

5:30 pm Confession
 Confessions available by appointment also 662-429-7851
 6:00 pm Liturgy For The Parish Community

Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am Adult Ed
 9:30 am Liturgy +**Joe Schmitt** by: Diane Cullen
 10.30 am RCIA
 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 22 – Merrygen Currick/Len Wright

December 29 – Christmas Break

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

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December 29 – Christmas Break

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

December – Noreen French

LINEN MINISTRY NEED: someone to purify, wash, and iron the linens used at mass 2 months a year. Please call the church office 662-429-7851 if you are willing to help in this ministry!!!

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.

Tuesday, December 24 – 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve

Greeter: Diane Cullen/Bettye Mize
Usher: Tony & Julie Stefanik
Server: Jessica Smith/Grant Mitchell
Lector: Roxanne McIngvale/David Yelverton
Gift Bearer: Tom & Paula Busler
Eucharistic Ministers: Greg & Leanne Meng/Cil Johnson/Sarah Galtelli/Kristin Carter/Bill Warner/Chris Mitchell



Wednesday, December 25 – 9:30 am – Christmas Day

Greeter: Ronnie & Shirley Henderson
Usher: Chris Greer/Shirley Henderson
Server: Don Greer
Lector: Jim Buechele/Benedict Ozua
Gift Bearer: Stephens Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Cullen/Paul Mahla/Amanda Ready

Saturday, December 28 – 6:00 pm

Greeter: Tijuana Buchanan/Bettye Mize
Usher: Tom & Paula Busler
Server: Don Greer
Lector: Liz Brown/Charlie Young
Gift Bearer: Menne Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Skip & Mayra Rexroade/Stacy Hughes

Sunday, December 29 – 9:30 am

Greeter: Robin Brantley/Felicia Hill
Usher: Jack McIngvale/Robin Brantley
Server: Jessica Smith/Audrey Palmertree/Aubri Donati
Lector: Michael Six/Blaine Anderson
Gift Bearer: Help
Eucharistic Ministers: Morgan B./Cherry Fowler/Diane Cullen/Chris Mitchell/LaRae Walgenbach/MaryAnn Nix/Help

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	\$6,517.00
Maintenance Fund Last Wk....	\$2,180.00
Community Services.....	\$ 115.00
Children's Collection.....	\$ 25.50
Flowers.....	\$ 325.00

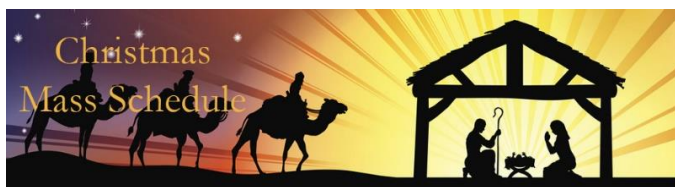
There should be no eating, drinking or gum in the Church. If a child must have nourishment, please do so in the cry room.

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.

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.





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.

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!



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



BLESSING OF THE FAMILY

We will have a special blessing of families on the weekend of December 28-29th in honor of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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:

Mel Riffe, Brenda Caruthers, Victor Pretti, Mike Cullen, Patrick Albersman, Barbara Langley, Barbara Wilder, Sal Galtelli, Sarah Bolin (LaRae), Sr. Rose Hacker, Mike Willey, Rick Galtelli (Sal’s bro), Rosemary Sabbatini, Pat Zappa (Barbara Dean’s sis), Jennifer Donnelly, Michael Fancher, David Koch, Rosanne Koch, Joeng Won Cho (Myong’s mom), Kerry Helms (Higdon Bro-n-law), Dorothy Sheffe (C. Massa sis), Ann Landers (Massa sis-n-law), Bill & Chellie Warner, 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 (Necie’s dad), Chris Selvo (N. French), Diane Smith (Cil sis), Deeanna Greer (Dean Niece), Caralee Joyner (Barb Wilder niece), Mary Greenwell (B. Dean’s sis), 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).



NEW COURSE IN JANUARY

A course on PASTORAL LEADERSHIP begins on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:45pm at Queen of Peace. There are 9 sessions in this course. The focus of this course is lay leadership in ministry, functional and practical. Sign up now, even if you think you already know how to be the leader! LOL. Sr. Emily will facilitate our learning. Books for the course. *You can get each one at amazon ‘used’ for around \$5. If you cannot get all 3, just get the first one.*

The Leadership Book, Charles J. Keating Paulist Press
 Principled Ministry, Loughlan Sofield, S.T., Ave Maria Press
 Rebuilt, Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Ave Maria Press

PRIESTS CONFERENCE - Our priests will be attending a Diocesan Conference from Jan. 6 to Jan. 10. There will be Communion Services instead of Mass on Thursday, January 9th and Friday, January 10th.



BAPTISM REGISTRATIONS

Please contact Sister Emily for an appointment (662-342-1073 or ctksemily@aol.com) by January 9th. Interviews will take place on Saturday, January 18th. Baptism days will be on

Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd. Qualifications for Godparents are that they are practicing Catholics, registered in a parish, attending Mass regularly, baptized, confirmed, Holy Communion and if married, married in the Catholic Church.



**A CALL TO HOLINESS
BY POPE FRANCIS**

126. Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour. We see this clearly, for example, in Saint Thomas More, Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Philip Neri. Ill humour is no sign of holiness. "Remove vexation from your mind" (Eccl 11:10). We receive so much from the Lord "for our enjoyment" (1 Tim 6:17), that sadness can be a sign of ingratitude. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we are unable to recognize God's gifts.[101]

127. With the love of a father, God tells us: "My son, treat yourself well... Do not deprive yourself of a happy day" (Sir 14:11.14). He wants us to be positive, grateful and uncomplicated: "In the day of prosperity, be joyful... God created human beings straightforward, but they have devised many schemes" (Eccl 7:14.29). Whatever the case, we should remain resilient and imitate Saint Paul: "I have learned to be content with what I have" (Phil 4:11). Saint Francis of Assisi lived by this; he could be overwhelmed with gratitude before a piece of hard bread, or joyfully praise God simply for the breeze that caressed his face.



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

126. Ordinariamente la alegría cristiana está acompañada del sentido del humor, tan destacado, por ejemplo, en santo Tomás Moro, en san Vicente de Paúl o en san Felipe Neri. El mal humor no es un signo de santidad: «Aparta de tu corazón la tristeza» (Qo 11,10). Es tanto lo que recibimos del Señor, «para que lo disfrutemos» (1 Tm 6,17), que a veces la tristeza tiene que ver con la ingratitud, con estar tan encerrado en sí mismo que uno se vuelve incapaz de reconocer los regalos de Dios[101].

127. Su amor paterno nos invita: «Hijo, en cuanto te sea posible, cuida de ti mismo [...]. No te prives de pasar un día feliz» (Si 14,11.14). Nos quiere positivos, agradecidos y no demasiado complicados: «En tiempo de prosperidad disfruta [...]. Dios hizo a los humanos equilibrados, pero ellos se buscaron preocupaciones sin cuento» (Qo 7,14.29). En todo caso, hay que mantener un espíritu flexible, y hacer como san Pablo: «Yo he aprendido a bastarme con lo que tengo» (Flp 4,11). Es lo que vivía san Francisco de Asís, capaz de conmovirse de gratitud ante un pedazo de pan duro, o de alabar feliz a Dios solo por la brisa que acariciaba su rostro. Nehemías: «¡No os pongáis tristes; el gozo del Señor es vuestra fuerza!» (8,10).

CALLING ALL MEN

Feb. 1st at Queen of Peace, 9:00am-1:00pm. Just bring yourself to relax with the Lord Jesus Christ.



Adult Choir normally meets at 6:30pm on Thursdays, but is subject to change. If you are new and planning to come please call Stacy Michael at 662 910-0749 as she would not already have your info to notify you of any changes."



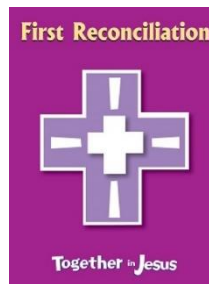
BLESSING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All liturgical ministers who serve at mass will receive a special blessing and commissioning on the weekend of January 11th and 12th.



**Mass with
Anointing of the Sick
Christ the King Catholic Church
Southaven, MS
Saturday, January 4, 2020
9:00AM**

Everyone is invited to attend this Mass, especially anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This sacrament is not just for the dying, but anyone who suffers from a chronic illness or infirmity. There will be a breakfast after Mass. Please sign up in the Narthex.



ALL PARISHES
(For children who will make their 1st Communion in May, 2020)
Saturday, January 18, 2020
Christ the King, Southaven
at 9:00AM followed by a pancake breakfast.
Contact Victoria Stirek if you have any questions at 662-895-5007

**MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
SPONSORED BY
SACRED HEART SOUTHERN
MISSIONS**

Once a month SHSM has mobile food distributions at the Landers Center in Southaven AND The Garden Café in Holly Springs to help families in need in Desoto County (Landers) and Marshall County (The Garden Café). SHSM needs volunteers from 1:30PM – 5:00PM. You can stay the entire time or volunteer a few hours. The days in January are **Monday, January 13th in Holly Springs** and **Thursday, January 15th in Southaven**. Please contact Lois Harrison at 901-626-5432 or Lharrison@shsm.org if you are able to help.
Garden Café: 295 Francisco Ave., Holly Springs, MS
Landers Center: 4560 Venture Dr., Southaven, MS



Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

If you are 70 1/2 and are making your required IRA withdrawal, you might want to consider making a charitable donation through a QCD. This is a direct transfer from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity. In addition to it being a great benefit for your charity, the QCD excludes the amount donated from your taxable income. You don't have to itemize to get this benefit. Please let us know if we can help you with this.

Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 662-895-5007 or email gretchenqopcc@gmail.com.



Please note the Church Office will close at noon on Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24 and will reopen Monday, December 30. There will be no Mass or Communion Service Thursday, December 26 or Friday, December 27.



SAVE THE DATE
Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Hernando, MS
Saturday, Feb. 16 at 4:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

CALLING ALL WOMEN February 1st at Christ the King, Southaven from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Just bring yourself to relax with the Lord Jesus Christ and experience His love in many different ways. For the women by the women!



To Our Holy Spirit Parish Family,

*May Jesus' limitless mercy, His changeless character and His **endless love** become very real to each of you this most Holy Season and remain with you every day of the year as you rest in His unwavering faithfulness!*

*From your parish staff,
Chris Greer, MaryAnn Nix & Jennifer Robinson*

December 22, 2019.

Dear Parishioners:

During the Season of Advent we repeated the refrain: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart." It reminded us that Advent is a season of waiting in anticipation of the coming of the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, and the Shining Star that guides us.

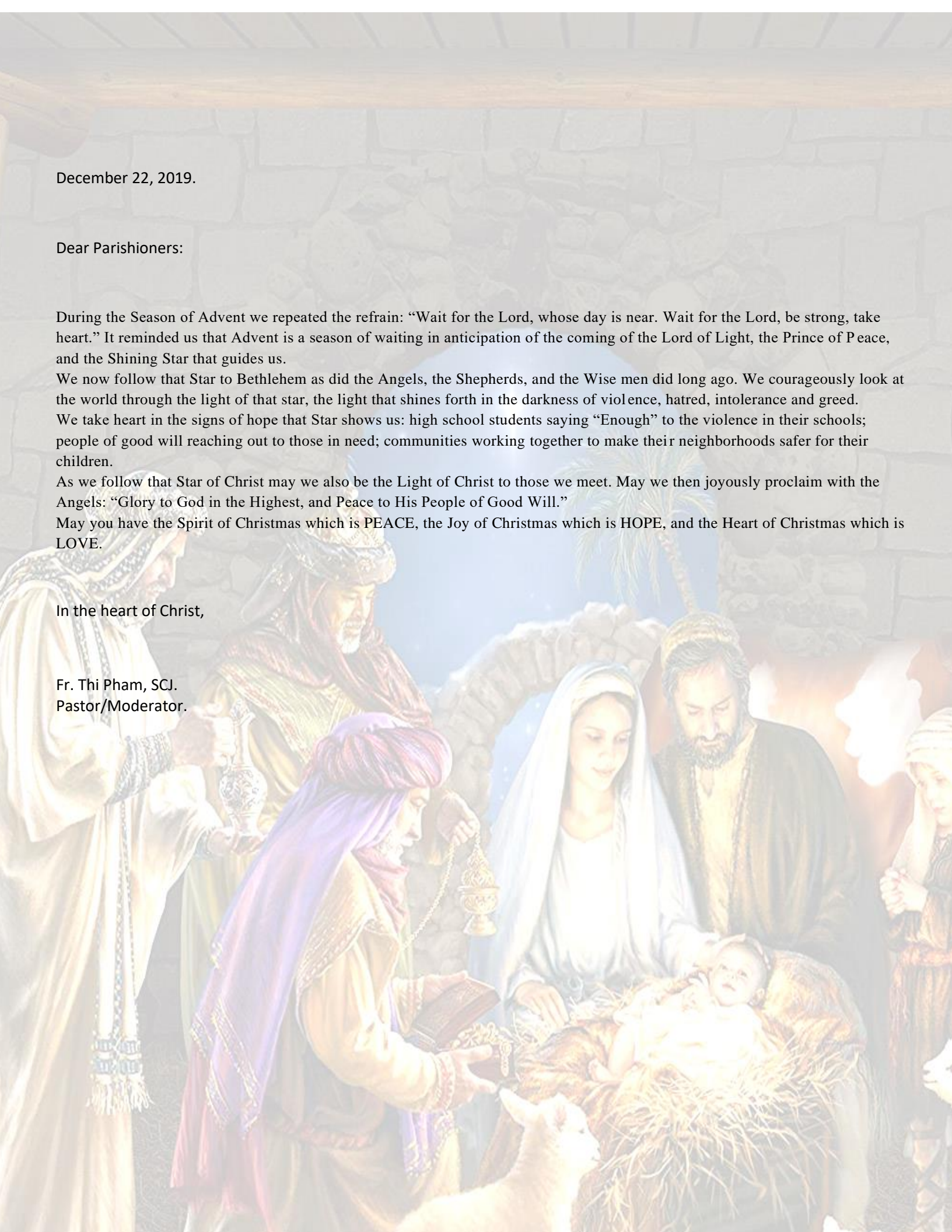
We now follow that Star to Bethlehem as did the Angels, the Shepherds, and the Wise men did long ago. We courageously look at the world through the light of that star, the light that shines forth in the darkness of violence, hatred, intolerance and greed. We take heart in the signs of hope that Star shows us: high school students saying "Enough" to the violence in their schools; people of good will reaching out to those in need; communities working together to make their neighborhoods safer for their children.

As we follow that Star of Christ may we also be the Light of Christ to those we meet. May we then joyously proclaim with the Angels: "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace to His People of Good Will."

May you have the Spirit of Christmas which is PEACE, the Joy of Christmas which is HOPE, and the Heart of Christmas which is LOVE.

In the heart of Christ,

Fr. Thi Pham, SCJ.
Pastor/Moderator.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



Daisy Terry, Jenee McClain by: Chuck & Martha Blumer

Dorothy Chimahusky by: Michael Chimahusky

Dan/Donna/Jim by: Jane Dettmer

John & Eileen Schmidt by: Maureen Finley

Karen Streit by: Al & Dee Gawel

Deceased members of the Johnson Family, DiSciullo Family, Baker Family by: Robert & Cil Johnson

Susan Mahla by: Paul Mahla

Leo Mroz, Eleanor Mroz, Wayne Mroz, Juanita Mroz and Stephanie & Andrew Kalamarie
by: Andre & David Mroz

Anthony Muzzi, Jr., Anthony Muzzi, Sr., Mary M. Muzzi, Peter Foti, Sarah Foti by: Josephine Muzzi

Mark Nix, Deceased Members of the Nix, Dunavant, Whittle, Summer, & Shelby Families by: MaryAnn Nix

James Emigh, Sr., James Emigh, Jr., and Barbara Emigh, by: William & Emily Palmertree

Dr. Minor & Marion Powell, Leopold & Katie Schwahn, Joe & Imogene Schwab by: Merritt & Rose Powell

Cindy Pretti by: Paul & Brenda Pretti

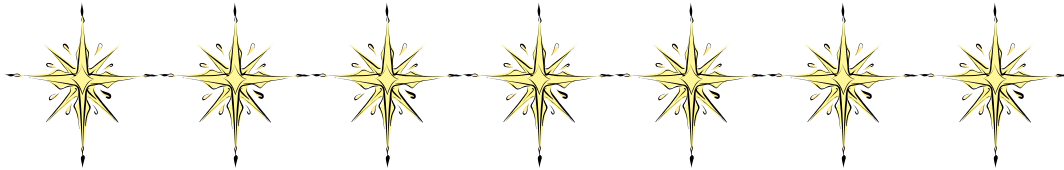
Sabbatini Family, McRee Family by: Ned & Rosemary Sabbatini

Bernice Burgess by: Jessica Smith

Edward Spencer, Al Spencer by: Helen Spencer

Cathy Carr by: Stanley & Rosalee Thompson

Louise Bowling, James Milton Bowling, Justin Isbell by: Bill & Chellie Warner



In Honor of:

Sister Mary Myles Schwahn by: Rose & Merritt Powell



Other Christmas Flower Offerings

Tom & Paula Busler Kevin & Gillian Cunningham Ron & Shirley Henderson Juanita Young