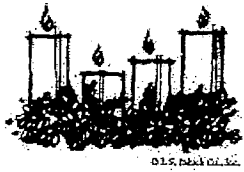


# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## December 20, 2015



O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted. -- *Psalm 80:15-16*

### TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** – Micah 5:1-4a  
**Psalm** – Psalm 80  
**Second Reading** – Hebrews 10:5-10  
**Gospel** – Luke 1:39-45



Cary and Mariel Forrester, Irma Thoma, Jeanette Thurmond, James Wink 12/20; Sondra Clark, Peggy Huffman, Ronnie Shuler, Louis and Tony Smith 12/6; Frank/Linda Develle, Michael Durst, Sandra Elliott, Ann/Sam Greco, Abron Haymond, Marjorie Jaap, Reba Jennings, Helen Machost, Margaret Major, Lura Matthews, Rita Reed, Teresa Reider, Hazel Sanders Sue Trebotich, Sonny/Veronica Womack, Bro. Bob McGovern, Fr. Xavier Colavechio, Fr. Richard Somers, Fr. Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishops: William Houck and Joseph Latino 11/29; Amanda Warren, Stephen/Crystal/Emma Lynn Warren 11/22; Larmay Acy, John Hardy, Carson/Katherine/Jamie Beck, Valerie Bernard, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, James Colon, Cathy/Mike Eaves, Michael Eaves, Faye Gibson, Grace Jeadron, Rosa Jones, Ernestine Lindsey, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Shirley Redmond, Doris Rush, Richard Sellers, John Thomas, Doug/Bessie Trovato, Johnathan Warren, Frances White, David Winters, Wayne/Zach Wyldmon 11/15; Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will stay on for one month.



**Prayers for Safety** for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P Collins, Nathan Darnell, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Joe Hayes, Derek Lieding, Michael Machost, Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, James (Alec) Ponder and Nathan Waltman. You may place a picture of the individual on the military bulletin board located in the parish hall.



### **Sacrificial Giving Last Week:**

Regular Tithe	\$8229.82
"Take a Step"	\$365.00
Coffee and Doughnuts (\$22 needed)	\$16.60
Youth	\$83.16
National Religious Retirement	\$468.26
Lector Books	\$43.00
Christmas Flowers	\$255.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Upcoming Second Collections

Jan 10 – Saltillo Mission  
 February 14 – Black and Indian Missions

# December Month of: Immaculate Heart of Mary



Monday – Friday  
 7:30am Mass Carmelite Monastery

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:**

\*\*\* Changes or Additions \*\*\*

STT – St. Therese                      CTK – Christ the King  
 OLOG – Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 MFCC – Christian Catholic Family Movement  
 MSJLOG – Marian Servants of Jesus the Lamb of God

Saturday, December 19 – Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 3:00pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am RCIA – parish hall  
 9:00am English PSR – parish office classrooms

**10:30am ONE BI-LINGUAL MASS – Billy Hutchins**  
**PASTOR INSTALLATION OF MSGR. ELVIN SUNDS**  
**BY BISHOP JOSEPH KOPACZ**

*reception to follow in parish hall*  
 11:30am Confirmation - parish office classroom  
 3:00pm Vietnamese Mass

Monday, December 21 – NO MASS – *St. Peter Canisius*

Tuesday, December 22 – *Winter Begins*

5:00pm Cursillo Prayer Group – prayer room  
 5:30pm Mass – Special Intention  
 6:10pm NO Rosary  
 6:30pm NO Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, December 23 – *St. John of Kanty*

\*\*\*No Adoration  
 5:30pm Mass - CTK

**Chancery, Charities and Parish Offices Closed Dec. 24-25**

Thursday, December 24 – Vigil of Christmas

\*\*\*4:00pm Bi-lingual Los Posadas and  
 Children's Christmas Mass  
 – Medric and Dorothy Greco Warren; Glenn and Doris Kemp

Friday, December 25 – **Nativity of the Lord: Christmas**

\*9:00am Christmas Day Mass – People of the Parish

Saturday, December 26 – Vigil of Holy Family of Jesus,  
 Mary and Joseph

3:00pm Confession  
 4:00pm Mass – Marie Urso and Stanley Kruseski

Sunday December 27 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:30am Mass – People of the Parish, Salwa Cox  
 12:30pm Spanish Mass

## NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature. --*St. Peter Chrysologus*

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2016

World Marriage Day 2016, Sunday, February 7, will be celebrated at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. There will be Mass followed by a reception. The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries or any significant anniversary. Please submit your name, address and wedding date to **Teresa Kemp at the parish office by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 601-372-4481 or [stheresecc@yahoo.com](mailto:stheresecc@yahoo.com).**

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that no one being served by the church be (is) at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel. The spiritual well-being of all the victims, their families and others in the community is of particular concern to the church. In accordance with our policy, all victims are offered counseling and pastoral care.

Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel and has not yet reported it is encouraged to do so. Our victim assistance coordinator, Valerie McClellan, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-3728.

For more information about diocesan policies and procedures and to learn what the diocese is doing to create a safe environment for everyone, please visit the diocesan website at [www.jacksondiocese.org](http://www.jacksondiocese.org) and click on "Protection of Children."

**Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, D.D., Ph.D. 12/2015**



### DECEMBER - ALERT

Ending slavery is everyone's work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is a collaborative, faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors' services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit the web site: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)

### Month of December

Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

**Universal: *Experiencing God's mercy***

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization: *Families***



That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:**

*All Families and Peace in the World!*

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration such a beautiful success. From the Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto in the church, the rosary novena leading up to Our Lady's Day, to the Las Maninatas, the beautiful celebration Mass and the wonderful spirit-filled Fiesta after. The dancing and food were excellent. All the hours of practice and preparation made it worthwhile. May Our Lady continue to bless each of you for your dedication to our Lady and our St. Therese Parish. Again, thank you.



Remember loved ones during this Christmas Season with an honorary or memorial of Poinsettias. **Envelopes are located in the gathering space.** Please include your name and the loved one you would like to honor or remember on the envelope. Thank you.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I "go out of myself" this week and throughout the Christmas season to bring the "balm of God's tender mercy"? Think of a specific person or situation.

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### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS



Each week at St. Therese (at all Masses), we have a chalice and/or vocation framed picture that goes from home to home. Each home keeps the item for one week and returns it the next weekend. There are also suggested prayers that accompany the chalice and/or picture. If you would like to sign up to have the chalice/picture in your home, and pray for vocations during the coming weeks, please sign the Vocation Board found in the gathering space.

### CARMELITE GIFT SHOP

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*Gifts for all Occasions!*

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