

# Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016



They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
-- Matthew 1:23

## TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** – Isaiah 7:10-14  
**Psalm** – Psalm 24  
**Second Reading** – Romans 1:1-7  
**Gospel** – Matthew 1:18-24



**Norma Belenchia, Linda Fitzgerald, Ben Hayes, Margaret Major, Doris Rush 12/18;** Helen Butts, Sam Greco, Helen Machost, 12/11; Libby Vick Family, Missy Goodman, Teresa Preuss, Matthew Develle, Evelyn Durst, Corey Granier, Julie Harkins, Louis Ray Martin, Robert Perlick, Bill Rush, Diana Sanders, Hazel Sanders, John Hudson Stafford, Tom/Brenda Steen, Jeanette Therman, James Wink 12/3; Ernestina Martinez Family 11/27; Janna/Billy Avalon, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Jamie Beck, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, Monique Claxton, Cathy/Mike/Michael Eaves, John Hardy, Joanne/Chuck Jackson, Grace Jeadron, Antonio Jones, Jourdan Layola, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Linda May, Sylvia McGowan, Clara McWilliams, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Jonathan Warren, Brenda Williams, Sonny/Veronica Womack 11/20; **Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Sandra Elliott, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Ernestine Lindsay, Shirley Redmond, Anna Starr, Sue Trebotich; **Priests/Religious:** Brian Carroll, Xavier Colavechio, Tom Delaney, Robert Oliver, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino. **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, Lee Greco, 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, Austin White. You may place a picture of the individual on the military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

## Sacrificial Giving this past week:

<b>Budget Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>Regular Tithe</b>	<b>\$3,912.75</b>
"Take a Step"	\$155.00
Coffee & Doughnuts	\$4.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Youth	\$74.75
CWA Christmas/Habitat	\$7.00
Tamales/Habitat	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$1005.53

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# December Month of: The Divine Infancy



**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® Jesus the Lamb of God

### Saturday, December 17 – Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am-4pm Filipino/Couples for Christ - parish hall  
1:00pm Quinceañera - church  
3:00pm Confession  
4:00pm Mass – Sr. Rita DeMatte; People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 18– Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30am Mass – Teresa Rieder 1yr Anniversary  
10:30am 9:30am Mass Choir Practice  
10:45am-12:15pm – Parish School of Religion, Confirmation  
12:30pm Spanish Mass  
3:00pm Vietnamese Christmas Mass

### Monday, December 19– NO Mass

### Tuesday, December 20

10:30am Pleasant Hills Mass  
5:00pm Cursillo  
5:30pm Mass – Janine Reed Birthday Intention  
6:00pm Rosary/Prayer Meeting – chapel

### Wednesday, December 21– St. Peter Canisius; Winter Begins

8:30am Mass – Olivia Johnson  
9:00am-8:00pm Adoration – chapel

### Thursday, December 22

5:30pm Mass – Extension Society Intention

### Friday, December 23 – St. John of Kanty

Chancery, Catholic Charities, Church Office Closed  
\*\*\*8:45am No Mass – CTK

### Saturday, December 24 – Vigil of Christmas

4:00pm Los Posadas and Bi-lingual Children's Mass –  
Olivia Johnson; Stanley Kruseski and Marie Urso

### Sunday, December 25– The Nativity of the Lord

9:30am Mass – Billy Hutchins; People of the Parish  
\*\*\*10:45am-12:15pm – No Parish School of Religion, Confirmation  
12:30pm Spanish Mass

## CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes,  
and never better than at Christmas.

--Charles Dickens

### Question of the Week

Who in my life, this Christmas, needs to experience from me the righteousness of Jesus' new Torah, Jesus' own compassion and tenderness touching them through me?

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### Month of December

*Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis*

#### **Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.



#### **Evangelization: Europe**

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:  
Families and Peace in the World!**

### **The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace is underway and coming to our area!**

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. It will be at the following locations:

**January 3 - St. Peter the Apostle, Grenada, MS**

**January 4 - St. Joseph, Gluckstadt, MS**

**January 5 - St. Alphonsus, McComb, MS**

Please contact the parish nearest you and join them that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you! Hundreds and favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, based on Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community. **Contact St. Peter the Apostle, Grenada, St. Joseph, Gluckstadt or St. Alphonsus, McComb for more information.**

**Learn more about the tour and the statue at  
[www.fatimatourforpeace.com](http://www.fatimatourforpeace.com).**

### ●Confirmation -

If your child is planning on receiving Confirmation in **Spring of 2018** they need to pre-register and begin **attending classes January 8, 2017**. Registration forms are found in the gathering space.

### ●First Communion -

**Is now a 2 year process.** Those preparing for First Communion now will receive their First Communion in the Spring of 2018. If your child is planning on receiving First Communion in **Spring of 2018** they need to pre-register now and begin **attending classes January 8, 2017**. Registration forms are found in the gathering space.

### CARMELITE GIFT SHOP

2155 Terry Road, Jackson, MS,  
Phone: 601-373-1460

**Please help our Carmelite Sisters by shopping  
at their Gift Shop - Thank you!**

**Gifts for all Occasions!**

Extensive collection of religious jewelry, rosaries, crucifixes, car items, medals, statues and crucifixes - **Gifts for:** New Baby, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries and Christmas  
**DON'T FORGET THEY HAVE THEIR OPEN HOUSE AND BAKED GOODS DURING THIS THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

### BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION



Box Tops is one of America's largest school earnings loyalty programs. Schools can use Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need and each Box Top is worth 10¢. **A pink box is placed in the parish hall for collection of box tops for Sr. Thea Bowman School.**

### GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

*--Anonymous*

### **PROTECTION OF CHILDREN MONTHLY TRAINING EMAILS**

You should have received your **Monthly** email from **VIRTUS**, this is an **ONGOING MONTHLY Protection of Children bulletin review**. Every month you will receive a bulletin notice, you must log-on to **VIRTUS**, read the bulletin and answer the question. Thank you for all you do in keeping our children/youth protected.