



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.
--Luke 1:35

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm – Psalm 89

Second Reading – Romans 16:25-27

Gospel – Luke 1:26-38



Gary Cieply (Cathy Gospodarski's nephew), Janna/Billy Avalon, Tommy/Traci Avalon, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, Theresa Cannon, Frank Develle, Cathy/Mike/Michael Eaves, John Hardy, Sandra Heatherly, Grace Jeadron, Lorraine Lorio, Frank Machost, Noel Machost, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Sharron Sumrall, Barbara Williams, Sonny/Veronica

Womack **12/24**. Angela/Tom Brittain, Robert/Flo Tisdale, Barbara/Wayne Ashcraft, Linda/James Fitzgerald, Missy Goodman, Barbara Hinson, Helen Machost, Bill Rush **12/17**; Brenda Williams, Louis "Butch" Avalon, Elizabeth Byers, John Laughlin **12/4**; Eva Jean Davis, Matthew Develle, Lucrecia Gibson, Jeanene Hammond, Peggy Harkins, Leo Hornkohl, Effie Jett, Rita Reed, Gladys Rod, Julie/Bobby Strnadell, John/Diane Thompson **11/26**; **Homebound/Nursing Homes**: Sandra Elliott, Abbron Haymond, Peggy Huffman; Ernestine Lindsay, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Mary Stubbs, Sue Trebotich. **Priests/Religious**: Brian Carroll, Xavier Colavechio, Robert Olivier, Jeremy Tobin, 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.*



THOSE IN THE MILITARY 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:

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| Budget Needed Weekly | \$6,000.00 |
| Regular Tithe | \$6,910.27 |
| "New Life" Capital Campaign | \$3,612.00 |
| Coffee and Doughnuts | \$13.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$n/a |
| Youth | \$22.00 |
| Lector Books | \$15.00 |
| Retired Religious (national) | \$10.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$35.00 |
| Habitat | \$300.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Dec. 30-31 – St. Vincent de Paul (St. Therese Conference)

December Month of: The Divine Infancy



WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

*** Changes or Additions

STT – St. Therese
OLOG – Our Lady of Guadalupe
MFCC – Christian Catholic Family Movement
MSJLOG – MARIAN SERVANTS® Jesus the Lamb of God

CTK – Christ the King
SVDP – St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, Dec. 23 – Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass – Marie Urso and Stanley Kruseski

Sunday, Dec. 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am RCIA – parish hall

9:30am Mass – Billy Hutchins; People of the Parish

10:45am NO PSR/Confirmation

12:30pm Spanish Mass

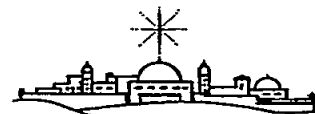
4:00pm Christmas Vigil Children's Mass –

Kemp, Pollard, Quinn, Reed, Warren Families' Intentions

We begin with Las Posadas!

Monday, Dec. 25 – The Nativity
of the Lord (Christmas)

10:00am Mass – People of the Parish



MERRY CHRISTMAS

7:30am Mass Monday – Friday at the Carmelite Monastery

Chancery, Charities and Parish Offices Closed all week!

Tuesday, Dec. 26 – St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

NO Cursillo Group

NO Mass

NO Rosary/Prayer Meeting

MSJLOG will not meet again until Jan. 9, 2018

Wednesday, Dec. 27 – St. John

NO Mass

NO Adoration

NO Teen Choir Practice

Thursday, Dec. 28 – The Holy Innocents

NO Mass

NO SVDP Meeting

Friday, Dec. 29 – NO MASS - Fifth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Saturday, Dec. 30 – Vigil The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30am RCIA – parish hall

9:30am Mass – People of the Parish

10:45am NO PSR/Confirmation

12:30pm Spanish Mass

Monday, Jan 1, 2018 – Mary, Holy Mother of God;
New Year's Day

10:00am Mass – People of the Parish



Please RETURN Your "New Life" Capital Campaign Pledge Envelope and All undelivered packets immediately. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **During the Night:**
Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:**
Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:**
Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or
Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Question of the Week

How can I take the gift of Jesus that I have been given and share this gift with others?

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Month of December Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

The Elderly

That the elderly sustained by families and Christian communities may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
All Parish Family Members and Loved Ones
and Peace in the World!**

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.



LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS:

► Each month the sign-up sheet is placed in the work sacristy. Please review your calendars, then please sign-up for the weekends that you can commit.

► **The 2018 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word** has been placed in the work sacristy. Using them is a great help in preparing. Names have been placed on the books, pick yours up, donation \$15. If you are a new Lector and do not see your name, contact Teresa in the parish office for a Workbook.



**Msgr. Elvin Sunds,
Sr. Lourdes Gonzalez,
Teresa Kemp, Lucy Stevenson
and all the Parish Volunteers
wish everyone a
Blessed Christmas Season
and a Happy, Healthy, and
Holy New Year!**

Youth Choir for Special Events!!

We are starting a Youth Choir for Teens and Twenty-somethings. To train our voices, learn to read music, and have fun - we will sing at Special Masses from time to time.

Meeting in church on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm. Beginning December 13 we will prepare two songs for January 1, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Contact: Betsy Carraway (text 601-201-9130 or call 601-857-2252) or just show up on Wednesday, see you there! **WE WILL NOT MEET DEC. 27!!**



Please pray for the repose of souls:

† *Evelyn Durst* – parishioner

† *Doressia Chambliss* – parishioner and mother of
Kenneth Chambliss

**May they rest in peace, and may their families
find comfort and consolation in the Lord.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Therese Conference

If you know of anyone in need of our services, please have them call 601-896-8710. **Calls are accepted every Thursday from 3-5pm.** The Conference meets every Thursday at 6pm in St. Therese Parish Hall and we encourage interested persons to attend. Your participation is welcomed as an active or associate member.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is a separate non-profit, tax-deductible charity. **Checks for donations should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP).**

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. May God bless you. **WE WILL NOT MEET DEC. 28!!**

St. Joseph Catholic School Annual Draw Down:

St. Joseph Catholic School will host their Jeans Jazz & Bruin Blues annual fundraiser on **Feb. 3, 2018.** For more information, please contact Marcie Ralston (601-214-9809), Bobby Simpson (601-953-6365) or Tricia Harris (601-898-4803 or tharris@stjoebruins.com).