



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

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



Lindsay Harwood, Rita Reed, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Frank/Linda Develle, Daniel Dillon, James Doddridge, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Steve Musil, Ursin Oubre Jr, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie 12/22; Betsy Carraway, Eva Jean Davis, Eugene Humphery, James Lee, Jr., Charity Long, Glynn Long, Sr. Maria Eugenia Moreno, MGSpS, Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Bill Rush, Lillian Stachura, Epigmenia Tartinez, Stephen/Crystal Warren and Family, Vince/Sissy/Codi Warren, Wendy Williams 12/15; John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, James/Marva Brown, Gary Cieply, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, John Laughlin, Harry/Betty Louque, Helen Machost,, Cody Proviance, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith, Brenda Williams, 12/8; Linda Nettles, Gabriel Rigby, Gwen Roberson, Terrance Ruhland, Barbe Trudeau 12/1; **Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Rosemary Anderson, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Kenny Evans, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich, Alexander Young; **Priests/Religious:** Brian Carroll, Joe Dyer, Dan Gallagher, Sam Messina, Lenin Vargas, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino. **Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will appear 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, Ty Develle, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, and Nathan Waltman, Austin White. You may place a picture of the individual on our military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$6,000.00
Regular Tithe	\$6,906.00
"New Life" Capital Campaign	\$1,605.00
Coffee and doughnuts(need \$25)	\$4.00
Youth	\$51.00
Food Pantry	\$110.00
Stipend	\$30.00
Books	\$143.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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® of Jesus, the Lamb of God

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

Saturday, Dec. 21 –Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass – Maria Wiggins

Las Posada – Hosted by Ángel & Angelina Espino

Sunday, Dec. 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

***8:45am NO RCIA – Parish Hall

9:30am Mass – Mary Katherine Greco

***No PSR/Confirmation

12:30pm Spanish Mass

3:00pm Vietnamese Mass

Las Posada – Hosted by Baltazar & Juana Bartolomé Family

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

Church Office will be Closed This Week

Monday, Dec. 23 – NO Mass – St. John of Kanty. Hanukkah begins

Las Posada – Hosted by Julian and Olga Valencia Family

Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Vigil of Christmas

4:00pm Las Posadas and Children's Bilingual Christmas Mass –
Kemp and Warren Families Intention

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

10:00am Christmas Mass – People of the Parish

Thursday, Dec. 26 – NO MASS - St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins;
Boxing Day (Canada)

Friday, Dec. 27 – NO MASS - St. John

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Therese
Conference will be accepting donations
before and after all Masses this weekend.**

Saturday, Dec. 28 – Vigil of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

3:00pm Confession

4:00pm Mass – Marie Urso and Stanley Kruseski

Sunday, Dec. 29 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

***8:45am NO RCIA – Parish Hall

9:30am Mass – Billy Hutchins

***No PSR/Confirmation

12:30pm Spanish Mass

Question of the Week:

What is my mission? What is God calling me to do? How can I fulfill my mission?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: 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] 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

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



December Prayer Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis



Universal: *The Future of the Very Young*

That every country be determined to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:
*Parish Youth, Children, Infants and
Peace in the World!*

AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN

St. Therese CWA Sponsors

38th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT –

Feb. 28, 29 & March 1, 2020

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center

3900 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Theme: "A Kaleidoscope of Faith"



*God takes our individual pieces and makes them
into something beautiful!*

---Space is limited...first come basis---

\$25 non-refundable deposit due Dec. 31, 2019

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS:

► The **2020 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word** has been placed in the work sacristy. **Donation \$12.** If you are a new Lector and do not see your name, contact the parish office for a Workbook.

 **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 
9:00am – 5:00pm

*If you are willing to commit to one hour each
week please sign-up in the gathering space,
that way we know what hours will be covered.*

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.*

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2020

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry are pleased to announce that World Marriage Day 2020 will be held February 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, Mississippi. There will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, with a reception immediately following. **The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th anniversaries, or any significant anniversary.** If you are interested in attending or are celebrating one of the special anniversaries listed, please **submit your name, address and wedding date to your parish secretary by December 31, 2019.** Invitations will be mailed in mid-January. Any questions, please call Charlene Bearden at the Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or email her at charlene.bearden@jacksondiocese.org.

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Therese Conference will be accepting donations in the gathering space before and after all Masses THE WEEKEND of December 28 & 29!

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 and click on "Protection of Children".

Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, D.D., Ph.D.

December 2019

