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Daily Mass Intentions for the Month of

December 2019

DATE	BY	FOR
Dec. 3, 4, 5 & 6	Edith Jones	Deceased relatives/ Friends
Dec. 10, 11, 12 & 13	Maria Switzer	Deceased Sister
Dec. 17	Wilfiedo Real Pagan	Wilfiedo Real
Dec. 18	Mary Kirchoff	Ken and Susan Kirchoff
Dec. 19 & 20	Deacon and Linda Graham	Jack Forbes
Dec. 26 & 27	Edith Jones	Deceased relatives/ Friends
Dec. 3	Martha Delmas	Anna Webber

"COME, LORD JESUS!"

We are to "be vigilant," expecting Christ to come into our lives at every moment. We are to "abound in love for one another," working constantly for the coming of Christ's love into our relationships and communities. And we are to "stand erect" and pray without fear for the coming of the end of time, when the Lord Jesus will come bringing perfect justice and peace. Christians in the first centuries of the church prayed the acclamation, "Come, Lord Jesus!" The Advent season invites us to enter into this spirit of hopeful expectation for the "advent" of Christ's reign.

During this season of Advent we remember Jesus' first coming in time, we anticipate Christ's coming at the end of time, and we pray with hopeful expectation for our lives right now: "Come, Lord Jesus!"



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December 1, 2019: 1st Sunday of Advent

REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON

Pastor

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Isabella Kotval, Youth Director

Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright Jay Graham

Finance Council

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Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:30 A.M.

Thursday 7:45 A.M.

Friday 7:45 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1st Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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First Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

ADVENT ABCs

If motivation is the key to success, then the season of Advent starts our liturgical year out right by focusing our attention on the ultimate reason for our hope and all we do as Christians. The first reading and the Gospel reassure us that the Messiah will cover the earth in justice at the end of time. This may be a frightening prospect to those who are blameworthy, but to the Lord's "holy ones" it is a reason to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Luke 21:28).

The scriptures also reveal the ABCs of arriving at our goal. In the full text of today's psalm each verse starts with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet—from "A" to "Z." That made it easy to learn by heart the psalm's instruction on following God's way of faithful love. Today's New Testament scriptures also instruct us in what we must do "to be blameless in holiness ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 3:13).



Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Andrea Graham, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Ida Clark, Isabel Rel, Clayton Williams, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Martha Davis, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Msg. Warren Wall, Houston Gunn, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloecheener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.

Known Birthdays for December

11/30: Glenda Poiroux	12/14: Dana Baker
12/01: Eugene Poiroux	12/15: Rachel Poiroux
12/04: Carol Spencer	12/16: Carol Voss
12/06 Rita Sullivan	12/17: Lynda Jones
12/07: Christy Brown	12/19: Pat Fisher
12/11: Amber Odom	12/21: Sylvia Gray
12/11: Judy Poiroux	12/25: James Long
12/11: Michelle Cook	12/28: LaShea Payne
12/11: Karen Diamond	12/28: Mary Jackson
12/11: Joseph Gable	12/29: Ingrid Glennon
12;13: Jimmy Holland	12/31: Louis Jones

Known Anniversaries for December

10th: Carol and Johnnie Tate
 13th: Michelle and Michael Cook
 15th: Becky and Patrick Murray
 21st: Carol and Terry Roberts
 24th: Gennie and Avis Garrett
 29th: Betty Jane and Chuck Pierce

Upcoming Parish Events

December 2nd: Advent Retreat for the parish given by Father Victor Ingalls at 6:30 pm in the church. All confirmation Students are required to attend.

December 4th: Golden Group Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 am.

December 14th: Christmas Dinner for the parish after the 5:00 pm. Mass.

December 24th & 25th: Mass for Christmas Eve will be at 6:00 pm. and Mass for Christmas day will be at 10:00 am.

December 31st and January 1st: Mass for New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, will be at 6:00 pm and Mass for New Years' Day, Jan. 1st, will be at 10:00 am.

Generations of Faith Campaign Prayer

O Loving and Gracious God, by our holy baptism, faith is Your precious gift to us. For this gift to thrive, faith must be lived and shared with each generation. Through our support of this campaign, we will say "thank you" to our beloved retired priests who, over the years, have drawn us closer to You; we will help our seminarians as they prepare to be our future priests; We will support our young people as they discover the beauty of the Catholic faith; and we will strengthen our parishes as beacons of mercy and love. In this way, we will indeed endow our future with hope. We ask our Lady's intercession for a successful campaign to the honor and glory of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Capital Campaign Update

Campaign Goal is **\$195,000.00**
 Pledged to date **\$429,900.00**
 Because of your support we are at **220%** of our campaign goal.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Chair: Fr. Sherwin Monteron
 Co-Chair: Autumn Bowden

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ruth Pigorsch	Ann Jackson
Colleen Gray	John McBride
Judy Poiroux	Elsa McBride
Lynda Jones	Mark Voss
Jim Jackson	Carol Voss Rita Sullivan

Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:

Jack Forbes, Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church, Anna Weber, Pat Borne

Weekend of Dec. 7 & 8, 2019

MASS MINISTERS:

	5:00 pm Sat.	10:00 am Sun.
EMCH:	Christy Brown Rhonda Cauley	Jason Poiroux Kris Schaffer
Lectors:	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Dana Baker David Stanley
Altar Servers:	Wyatt Medders	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care: December 2019
Ruth Pigorsch

Church Cleaning: Dec. 7 & 8, 2019
Amanda, Mary, Zora & Rebecca Oliver

Stewardship For November 24, 2019

Regular: \$ 3,817.00
 Campaign for Human Development: \$187.00

Dec. 2019 & Jan. 2020 CRE Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 1st: Class/1st Sun. of Advent
Sunday, Dec. 8: Class/1st Reconciliation 2nd grade in church.
Sunday, Dec. 15th: Class & Practice for Christmas Mass
Sunday, Dec. 22nd: No Class (Christmas Break)
Sunday, Dec. 24th: Children's Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday, Dec. 29th: No Class (Christmas/New Year's Break)
Sunday, Jan. 5th: No Class, Christmas Break
Fri. – Sun., Jan 10th – 12th: Youth Search Retreat, Children's Harbor, Lake Martin.
Sunday, Jan. 12: Class
Sunday, Jan. 19th: Class
Sunday, Jan. 26th: Class, Children's Mass 10 am.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place December 3, 2019 and will be filmed at St. Thomas the Apostle in Chickasaw. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier will be the Celebrant.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

**Announcements for Week
November 30, 2019**

- 1) Second Collection** next weekend, December 8th, is for "Retired Religious."
- 2) Congratulations** to Autumn Bowden our "Christ the King" Honoree in 2019, for her many hours of support over the years, in various programs, helping our parish to move forward into the future.
- 3) Altar Server Training** – All youth that have made their 1st Communion and wish to serve God from the altar need to be in the Church on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm for Altar Training.
- 4) Advent Retreat** is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 6:30 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to come and hear Father Victor Ingalls speak. All Confirmation Students are required to come to this event. Confessors will be available after the retreat and we will also have coffee and snacks compliments of the Lady's Sodality.
- 5) St. John's is once again** having a float in the Grand Bay Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th at 6:30 pm. Our theme is "Keeping Christ in Christmas." Our youth will portray a live Nativity scene on the float. Walking alongside the float, youth and adults will pass out candy.
- 6) The Lady's Sodality** will be collecting coats, sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves for the needy. They will also be collecting game cards, balls, batteries, gift cards and etc. for St. Mary's Home. Please get these in as soon as possible. The weekend of December 14 & 15 will be our last weekend to collect. Thank you.
- 7) Our Capital Campaign** this week is at \$429,900.00 which is 220% of our campaign goal. The campaign closes at the end of this weekend. There is still time to join the campaign.
- 8) Known Birthdays:** 30th: Glenda Poiroux, 1st: Eugene Poiroux, 4th: Carol spencer, 6th: Rita Sullivan, **No Known Anniversaries this week:**

Christmas Float List

We need to borrow or have donated the following items:

- 1) Christmas Lights
- 2) Material to build the sides of the trailer
- 3) Use of a "quiet" generator

Help is also needed to build the sides for the trailer and the framework for the lights
 Any questions please call Autumn Bowden at 251-331-3844 or Carol Voss at 262-902-4709