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Council 15490

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"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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December 15, 2019: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON**

Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary

Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper

Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director

Isabella Kotval, Youth Director

**Parish Council**

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright Jay Graham

**Finance Council**

Paula Dyess Paulette Cauley

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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm

**Funerals**

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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**Third Sunday of Advent**

Today's Readings: Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10; Psalm 146:6–10; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–11

**GOD'S FAVOR**

Jesus was deep into his work when John the Baptist was imprisoned for speaking truth to power. John's disciples were immersed in their own lives when his imprisonment was visited upon them. They didn't have the luxury of hindsight, and they were visibly shaken by John's imprisonment and certain fate. They came to Jesus to ask John's question and their own, "Are you the one?"

As evidence of his identity, Jesus recites the signs of God's favor. The words he uses echo those of Isaiah. These are the very words from the first reading, and they are fresh in our minds. Jesus does not give us abstractions or high-sounding ideas. He does not speak of a God who reigns in highest heaven. He speaks of a God who acts on our behalf. John's disciples can see that God's power plays itself out in compassion. We are invited to see this, too. Not only that, we are invited to be the instrument of God's compassion, just as Jesus was.

**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

**Reflection on the readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of**

**Advent**

**GOD'S WORK**

Jesus also takes time to sing the praises of John, this principled man who does not change with the wind. Jesus reiterates that there is no greater person born of woman than John the Baptist. His was the privilege of heralding the coming of the Savior. But greater than this, Jesus pointedly adds, is John's participation in the reign of God.

Our role is not to announce the coming of the Lord, but to receive the Lord whom John heralded. If the earth is to bud forth a Savior in our time, it will have to be through our healing mission that is his work. For John, this work cost him his life. We have the vocation of continuing this costly work. Especially during this season, we are asked to recall our commitment to healing, reconciliation, and peacemaking. This is a rejoicing Sunday because we can see and taste Christmas. This is a season of joyful anticipation as we consciously look for ways to be active, effective members of the reign of God.



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 Kloecheiner, 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 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 **\$450,900.00**  
 Because of your support we are at **231%** 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. 21 & 22, 2019**

**MASS MINISTERS:**

	<b>5:00 pm Sat.</b>	<b>10:00 am Sun.</b>
<b>EMCH:</b>	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Elsa McBride Willie Thompson
<b>Lectors:</b>	Ann Jackson John McBride	Tiffany Teofilo Mark Voss
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	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. 21 & 22, 2019**  
 Bettv Jane Pierce

**Stewardship For December 8, 2019**

Regular: \$ 2,984.00  
 Immaculate Conception: \$202.00

**CRE Schedule for Dec. 2019 thru Feb. 2020**

**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.  
**Sunday, Feb. 2:** Class  
**Sunday, Feb. 9:** Class  
**Fri. – Sun., Feb 14th – 16th:** ACYC 2020  
**Sunday, Feb. 16:** Class, Children's Mass 10:00 am

**HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place December 17, 2019 and will be filmed at St. Vincent de Paul, Mobile. Mass time will be 10:00 am and Father Vrazel 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**

**December 17, 2019**

- 1) Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule.** The Mass schedule for both Christmas and New Year's is the vigil at 6:00 pm and morning Mass at 10:00 am.
- 2) Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Altar Servers** who can serve at Christmas and New Years' please sign up on the sheets in the church hall.
- 3) Sunday Confirmation Class** will meet this Sunday, December 15th at 11:00 am. in the church hall.
- 4) The Lady's Sodality** will be collecting coats, sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves for the needy. They are also collecting game cards, balls, batteries, gift cards and etc. for St. Mary's Home. Please get these in as soon as possible. The is the weekend of December 14 & 15 and is the last weekend to collect. Thank you.
- 5) Parish and Finance Councils** will meet on Tuesday, January 14th, at 6:00 pm. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting as we are going to (1) Evaluate the 2019 activities, (2) Review all 2019 finances, (3) set a timeline for the Altar remodeling and (4) set 2020 Pastoral & Spiritual activities.
- 6) Our Capital Campaign** this week is at \$450,900.00 which is 231% of our campaign goal. The total number of gifts for the campaign is 50.
- 7) Known Birthdays:** 14th: Dana Baker, 15th: Rachel Poiroux, 16th: Carol Voss, 17th: Lynda Jones, 19th: Pat Fisher, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 15th: Becky and Patrick Murray.

