

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00am: Gisele McGraw
5:00pm: +Arthur Gunderman, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15am +Victor Pesqueira
11:15am For the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00am +Donald & Marianne Hornby

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00am +Michael Wolk

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00am +Mary W. Klauk

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00am +Tony Wingenter

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00am +Geraldine Plumeau
9:00am* +Victor McGregor

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00am: +Pat Lanza
5:00pm: +James & Emelene Zarzour

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15am For the Parish
11:15am +Gwen Terry

***HFS School Mass**

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



James Hudson Miller, Janice Mazikowski, Marie McCune, George Franklin, Debi Royer, James McGee, Janet Ennis, David Miller, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Chuck Salvo, Teresa Gregory, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Greg Riley, Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, Mary Chandler, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, Sally Purvis, Wanda Sharp, George Wertz, Ada Carden, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Nick Rosa, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrison Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Harold Jones, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Bill Mitchell, Sayre Family, Cecilia Hall, Nancy Ross, Johnina Ayon, Betty Rooney, Kennita Turner, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Betty Morris, Will Mitchell and Traci Moore.

Note

This is our new, updated prayer request corner. If you wish to add someone to the list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list.

Thank you, Fr. Joe

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the homily last weekend, I shared the following: We are called to get rid of all the obstacles in our lives which hinder us from welcoming the Lord Jesus into our hearts. John the Baptist's message was "The King is coming. Mend, not your roads, but your lives." Thus, the duty is laid everyone during this Advent season to make our lives fit for a King. We are called to minister to others, to serve others.

As Christ's disciples, I believe that we are called to do three things: first, we are called to a metanoia in which we strive to eliminate sin from our lives and to allow Jesus and his law of love to dwell in our hearts. Once that happens, we must proceed to see Jesus in the others with whom we daily interact and treat them accordingly. And lastly, by our actions, we allow others to see Jesus in us, a Jesus who believes in them and loves them.

I think we can take some lessons from the world business. I came across this bit of information from *Simple Truths*. I hope you enjoy and reflect on these three stories.

Three Simple Stories about Great Service by Ken Blanchard (Part I)

Businesses love to brag about their customer service. But how would you rate the service you typically get at restaurants, retail stores, auto repair shops, hair salons, and the like? How about the service you get on the phone from your cable or credit card company? Or the service you get online when you have trouble paying a bill or need help returning an item you've purchased? Would you rate the service you usually receive a 10 out of 10? I doubt it! In fact, research shows the average rating customers give service providers is about 5.5 out of 10. Not much to brag about!

Providing great service seems like it would be simple—treat your customers the way you would want to be treated. But if it's so simple, how come it's so rare?

Here are three stories about what great service can do for your customers—and your business.

1. Great Service Turns Customers into Raving Fans. Several years ago, Sheldon Bowles and I wrote a book called Raving Fans. The book's main message: it's not enough to satisfy your customers. If you want them to come back, you need to create "raving fans."

My mother told a great story about raving fan service. One day the ice maker in her refrigerator had a bad water leak. She called several appliance repair companies but couldn't get anyone to come out. Then she saw an ad that read "Same day service." When she called, a friendly voice said, "We'd be happy to fix your refrigerator today, Mrs. Blanchard." My mother was blown away. The polite repairman showed up later that day and fixed the leak at a reasonable cost. As he was leaving, he handed my happy mother a card and said, "Anytime you have a problem with this refrigerator, you give me a call."

What do you think my mother was doing for the next three days? She was calling all her friends to tell them about the service she had received—and giving the man's name and phone number to anyone who would listen. She had become a raving fan.

2. Great Service is a Choice. My friend Harvey Mackay told me a wonderful story about a cab driver who had made a conscious choice to give great service. Harvey was waiting in line for a cab at the airport. When one pulled up, the first thing Harvey noticed was that it was polished to a bright shine. The smartly dressed cab driver jumped out, opened the back-passenger door for Harvey, and said, "Hi! I'm Wally, your driver. While I'm loading your bags, please read my mission statement." He handed Harvey a card that read:

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The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm, closed during lunch 12:30-1:30pm, and can be reached at 256-534-8459. Submit all bulletin announcements to bulletin@saintjosephcc.com no later than Friday, a week prior at 12:00pm.

FROM THE



PASTOR

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Matthew 1:1-17 | Friday | Song of Songs 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45 |
| Tuesday | Jeremiah 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-25 | Saturday | 1 Samuel 1:24-28 Ps 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd Luke 1:46-56 |
| Wednesday | Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3:4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25 | Sunday (Advent IV) | Micah 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 |
| Thursday | Isaiah 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 1:26-38 | | |

Wally's Mission Statement:

To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest, and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment.

When Harvey sat down inside the cab, he noticed the inside was as spotlessly clean as the outside. "Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf," said Wally as he slid into the driver's seat. "If you'd like something to read, I have *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, and *Sports Illustrated*." As he pulled away from the curb, he handed Harvey another card and said, "These are the radio stations I get and the kind of music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio." He then asked Harvey if he would like to have the air conditioning turned on and offered to either tell Harvey about the city landmarks as they passed or, if he preferred, let him ride in silence.

Wally was phenomenal. He was running a limo service out of a taxi cab! I've probably told that story to more than 50 cab drivers over the years — but there were only two who took the idea and ran with it. Of course, I have their cards. And whenever I go to their cities, I give them a call.

Watch for the final story and conclusion in next week's bulletin.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

Advent Communal Reconciliation Schedule

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| St. John the Baptist | Dec. 17, 5:00 p.m. |
| Holy Spirit | Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m. |
| St. Mary of the Visitation | Dec. 22, 10:00 a.m. |

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

WEEKLY OFFERING

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| Regular Collection | \$ 15,576.52 |
| Other Designated Funds | \$ 3,960.00 |
| Holy Day | \$ 1,165.00 |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE • DECEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 23, 2018*

Please check the full schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day ministry assignments

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Johnny Ayala, Caleb Samples
8:15am: David Pohl, Levi Stewart
11:15am: Robert Whitehead, Trish Bukenya

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Ann Gunderman*, John Durant, Debz Durant, Branden Mitchell, Cindy Morales
8:15am: Paula Bertrand*, Gina Bain, Gilda Battista, David Brost, Cecilia Bruton
11:15am: Deacon John*, Norma Whitehead, Gerald Wocken, Brenda Brown, Sidney Jackson

LECTORS

5:00pm: Judith Gregory, Rosie Zarzour
8:15am: Ellen Styles, Robert Styles
11:15am: Ed Dale, Michael Vaccaro

GIFT BEARERS

5:00pm: Sheila Brown
8:15am: Tommy & Margaret Whitfield
11:15am: Florence Okafor

USHERS

5:00pm: Carolyn Harris
8:15am: Frank & Becky Hayes
11:15am: Cramin Wiltz/Ade Odutola
Bulletin Distribution: Amy Adams, Geneva Archable, Christian Ejimah, Misty Ryan

*Note: the full schedule is now posted on our website at www.saintjosephcc.com

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

RE ADVENT ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

- Advent Celebration Dec. 16 @ 9:30 a.m. in St. Francis Hall
- Decorating our Christmas tree Dec. 23 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Help at the Christmas Eve Family Mass Dec. 24 @ 5:00 p.m.



CALENDAR

- Dec. 16 Advent Celebration 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 23 **NO RE/RCIA—Merry Christmas!**
- Dec. 30 **NO RE/RCIA—Happy New Year!**

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all our RE families who brought items to help the inmates at Limestone Correctional Facility. May your generosity be rewarded tenfold!

"WITNESS TO LOVE"

Birmingham Rally and March for Life
Saturday, January 12, 2018 @ 10:45 A.M.

Brother Bryan Park

22nd Street South at 10th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama

Pro-Life Mass @ Cathedral of St. Paul

Saturday, January 12, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M.

2120 3rd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama

Rain, snow or shine - Bring your family & friends!

For more information, visit
www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com



REMINDER: Come celebrate Dennis Clarke's and Damien Donnelly's 70th birthday on Sunday, December 16 at 12:30 p.m., Villas at Jones Valley clubhouse. Join us for cake, singing and other merriment.

Directions: from South Parkway, exit Martin Road East. Left at Whitesburg, right at Four Mile Post, about one mile to clubhouse on the right.

Please do not take the *Breaking Bread* and *Lead Me Guide Me* books from the church. We only have enough copies for parishioners to use at Mass. You can contact the parish office if you need one of these volumes for home use.

If you have taken a *Breaking Bread* missal home, please return the cover, either to the church or the parish office, as soon as possible. Missals are replaced at the beginning of each new church year (Advent), and we have a shortage of covers for this year's new edition.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr. Joe

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for 2018

DECEMBER

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 6:00pm: JP11 Wrestling (FMC)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts (HFS)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 7:00pm: 8:15 am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 11:00am: Parish Staff Christmas Luncheon (Offsite)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

- HFS Christmas Break—Noon Dismissal**
- 9:00am: HFS School Mass (SJC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 6:00pm: Gospel Choir Practice (SJC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

- Liturgy of the Word w/Children @ 8:15 a.m. Mass**
- 9:30am: **NO RE/RCIA**
- 10:00am: Sanctuary Choir Practice (SJC)

Facilities Key

- FMC = Father Messmer Center/Gym
- SJC = St. Joseph Church
- LMR/LIB = RE Center
- SFH = St. Francis Hall
- STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
- BEA = Beasley Hall
- BRZWY = Brezeway