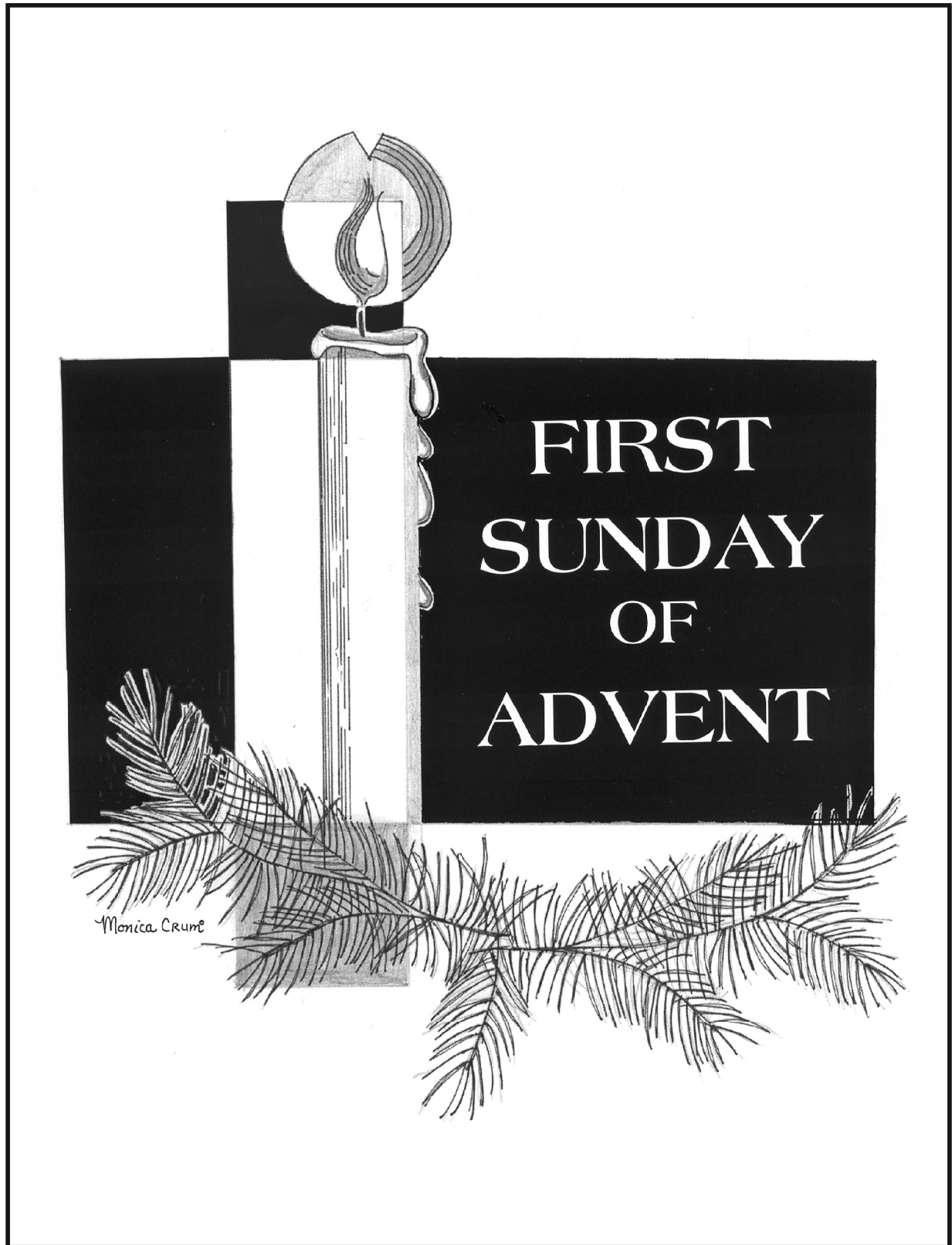


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00am: +Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm: +Joann Gunderman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 01

8:15am: +Ron Wojtak
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 02

7:00am: +Katherine Ofenloch

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 03

7:00am: +Paul & Rosaline Malizu

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 04

7:00am: +Martin Malizu

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 05

7:00am: +Gisela Hoberg
9:00am*: +James Taylor, Jr.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 06

7:00am: +Faye Taylor

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 07

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Bruce & Jeanette McKee

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Ciro Franco

**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, David Miller, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Teresa Gregory, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourke, Jr., Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, Sally Purvis, George Wertz, Ada Carden, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Nick Rosa, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marissa Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Harold Jones, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Sayre Family, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Kennita Turner, Solace Pickett, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Traci Moore, John Beckman, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary Hill, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Dolores Aquila, Margie Sanders, Juliana Goode, DeKarlo Blackmon, Charlotte Sanders, Lillian Hawkins, Julie Algie and Marie Basta.

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! Today we begin our new church year. In the last few weeks leading up to Advent, I have shared some ideas that might help as we prepare spiritually for the up-coming celebration of Christmas. The Salvatorian Sisters have an Advent Calendar that was prepared by the Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. It was shared through the Leadership Conference of Women Religious' Justice Coordinators. We as a Catholic Church are indeed "called to justice." Please consider using the following this Advent and join in prayer and action.



PASTOR

ADVENT 2019 WRITING WITH OUR LIVES A NEW HISTORY OF PEACE (Part 1 of 2)

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat. The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

(Isaiah 11:6)

1. First Sunday of Advent: As you light the first candle on the Advent wreath, choose a few concrete practices that will make your life and world more peaceful during this season.

2. Martyrdom of the Churchwomen of El Salvador (1980): "Several times I have decided to leave El Salvador. I could almost, except for the children, the poor, bruised victims of this insanity. Who would care for them? Whose heart could be so staunch as to favor the reasonable thing in a sea of their tears and loneliness? Not mine, dear friend, not mine." *Jean Donovan*

3. Feast of St. Francis Xavier, patron of missions: Mother Teresa says we must each find our own Calcutta. Where is a situation of need nearby that calls to you?

4. Choose some act of penance today for the ways in which Christians have promoted violence, injustice, and war.

5. Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si'*: "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." Do I see conserving water, eliminating plastics, turning off unnecessary lights, eating less meat, as acts of holiness?

6. Death of peace maker Philip Berrigan (2002): "We don't have a peaceful relationship with the environment, with one another or with other nations and that means that we are really at war with God. If we can't handle the exquisite creation that God has entrusted to us in stewardship, if we can't have a peaceful and just relationship with creation and with one another, how can we have a solid relationship with God?"

7. Roughly 248,396 people have died from guns in the U.S. since the Newtown shootings on December 14, 2012. Meditate on those numbers; contemplate the people.

"In front of me as I write is Fritz Eichenberg's picture of St. Vincent de Paul. He has a chubby child in his arms and a thin pale child is clinging to him. Yes, the poor we are always going to have with us, our Lord told us that, and there will always be a need for our sharing, for stripping ourselves to help others. But I am sure that God did not intend that there be so many poor. The class structure is of our making and our consent, not His." *Dorothy Day*

8. Second Sunday of Advent: Place a dish of earth near your Advent wreath to remind you to make peace with our precious planet by choosing to live more sustainably.

9. Immaculate Conception: Pray the Magnificat. Let Mary tell you what a world modeled on her song would look like.

10. Death of Thomas Merton (1968): "Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war."

11. Select a peace maker who intrigues you but about whom you don't know much. Read a book about them. Make them your patron for 2020.

12. Gaze prayerfully at an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and pray to become, like her, an instrument of peace between cultures.

13. Reflect on these words of Rumi: "Fears and terror came to my door. Love answered and there was no one there."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-9 Matthew 8:5-11	Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matthew 9:27-31
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 10:21-24	Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Matthew 15:29-37	Sunday	Isaiah 11:1-10 (Advent II) Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matthew 7:21, 24-27		

14. St. John of the Cross: Advent Poem of St. John of the Cross: "If you want, the virgin will come walking down the road pregnant with the Holy and say: I need shelter for the night. Please take me inside your heart. My time is so close. Spend some time today in silence, making room in your heart for the Holy."

Next week I will share the remainder of the Advent Calendar. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. May God bless you this Advent with many graces.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

2019 Advent Communal Reconciliation Schedule

St. Joseph	Dec. 9, 6:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd	Dec. 10, 5:00 p.m.
Our Lady Queen of the Universe	Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m.
Mercy Parish	Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist	Dec. 16, 5:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit	Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary of the Visitation	Dec. 21, 10:00 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa – December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the St. Mary of the Visitation Parish Center in Huntsville. Tickets are on sale at the school office and must be purchased by December 6. Ticket prices are \$5.00 each, children two and under are free.

Breakfast with Santa Raffle – Tickets are on sale at the school office. You could win an HD TV or \$200 in Visa gift cards. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each, or 12 tickets for \$10. The drawing will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Breakfast with Santa.

Santa Store – December 9-13 in the St. Francis Hall small classroom during school hours. We are looking for new or like-new toys, games or Christmas décor items to sell at the store. ***We WILL NOT be wrapping presents at this event.***

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

Regular Collection	\$ 8,647.83
Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,441.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE • DECEMBER 07-DECEMBER 08*

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Johnny Ayala, JP Ross
8:15am: William Pacello, David Pohl
11:15am: Skye Grant, Jackson Lewis

LECTORS

5:00pm: Karen Sundry, Ben Sundry
8:15am: Claire Fried, Jillian Fried
11:15am: Carrie Turner, Ben Basta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Ann Gunderman*, Damien Donnelly, Geri Donnelly, Philip Graham, Mary Graham
8:15am: Regina Shelton*, Sr. Veronica Ryan, Nonda Sloan, Ellen Styles, Muriel Weston
11:15am: Helen Taylor*, Bruce Taylor, Steve Kane, Kiki Kane, Gerald Wocken

GIFT BEARERS

5:00pm: Mary Segelhorst
8:15am: Tommy & Margaret Whitfield
11:15am: Grant Family

USHERS

5:00pm: Carolyn Harris
8:15am: Sandra Sanders
11:15am: Ade Odutola/Victor Nnorom
*Bulletin Distribution: Amy Adams,
Geneva Archable, Christian Ejimah,
Misty Ryan, Foster Lux*

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

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

Upcoming Events in RE

- ◆ During November, classes will prepare Christmas cards to include in the Christmas Boxes.
- ◆ Also during November, our classes will learn about the Liturgical Year and prepare for the season of Advent.
- ◆ Finally, RE students will make and assemble Christmas ornaments for the RE Christmas tree.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 1 **NO RE/RCIA**—Thanksgiving weekend
- Dec. 8 RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 15 RE/RCIA 9:30-11:00 a.m.

OUTREACH

All RE families will get a flyer with suggested items for the Limestone County Correctional Facility inmates. Please send in your donations by December 8. Thank you for your generous heart!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2019

It's Christmas Basket time at St. Joseph! Please pick up a suggested food item list and a food bag for your donated items in the church vestibule.

You can also purchase Scrip by putting it in an envelope marked "Christmas Basket Donation," and placing it in the offertory. All food donations must be returned to the church by December 6. Proceeds from special collections on Thanksgiving and November 30/December 1 will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store certificates for perishable items like meats and fresh produce.

Important Dates

- Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Second collection at all Masses
- Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Begin bringing food donations to church
- Dec. 6 Last day to bring donated food to church
- Dec. 7 Count and sort donated items—8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 14 Pack the boxes—8:30 a.m.
Pizza lunch provided.
- Dec. 15 Boxes available for pick-up or delivery

For more information, call Gina Yates at 256-534-8459.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR LIMESTONE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The chaplaincy program at Limestone County Correctional Facility is requesting donations for 400 male inmates who do not have family or other support. The following items are needed for the Christmas packages:

Please note: No food items are being accepted for this collection.

Personal Hygiene

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| Deodorant | Disposable razors |
| Shampoo/body wash (clear bottles) | Bar soap |
| Toothpaste | |

Miscellaneous

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| Postage stamps (desperate need) | Copy paper |
| Games (chess, dominoes, scrabble, board games) | Pens (black/blue in clear barrels) |
| No playing cards or dice, please | |
| Boxes of clear zip lock bags (various sizes) for distribution of items. | |

Collection continues until December 8.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions for 2019

DECEMBER

Universal —The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 02

6:00pm: Campus Modernization Committee (LMR)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 03

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 04

- 10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 05

- 9:00am: HFS School Mass (SJC)
- 5:30pm: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 6:00pm: HFS Christmas Program (FMC)
- 6:00pm: Young Married Couples (SFH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 06

HFS 1:00 p.m. Dismissal

- 10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)
- 6:00pm: HFS Movie Night (FMC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 07

- Hospitality after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**
- 8:30am: Christmas Box Sorting (SFH)
- 6:00pm: Gospel Choir Practice (SJC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08

Hospitality after the 8:15 a.m. Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08

- 9:30am: RE/RCIA (LMR/LIB/SFH/HFS)
- 10:00am: Sanctuary Choir Practice (SJC)
- 12:30pm: KPC/KPCLA (LMR)

Facilities Key

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