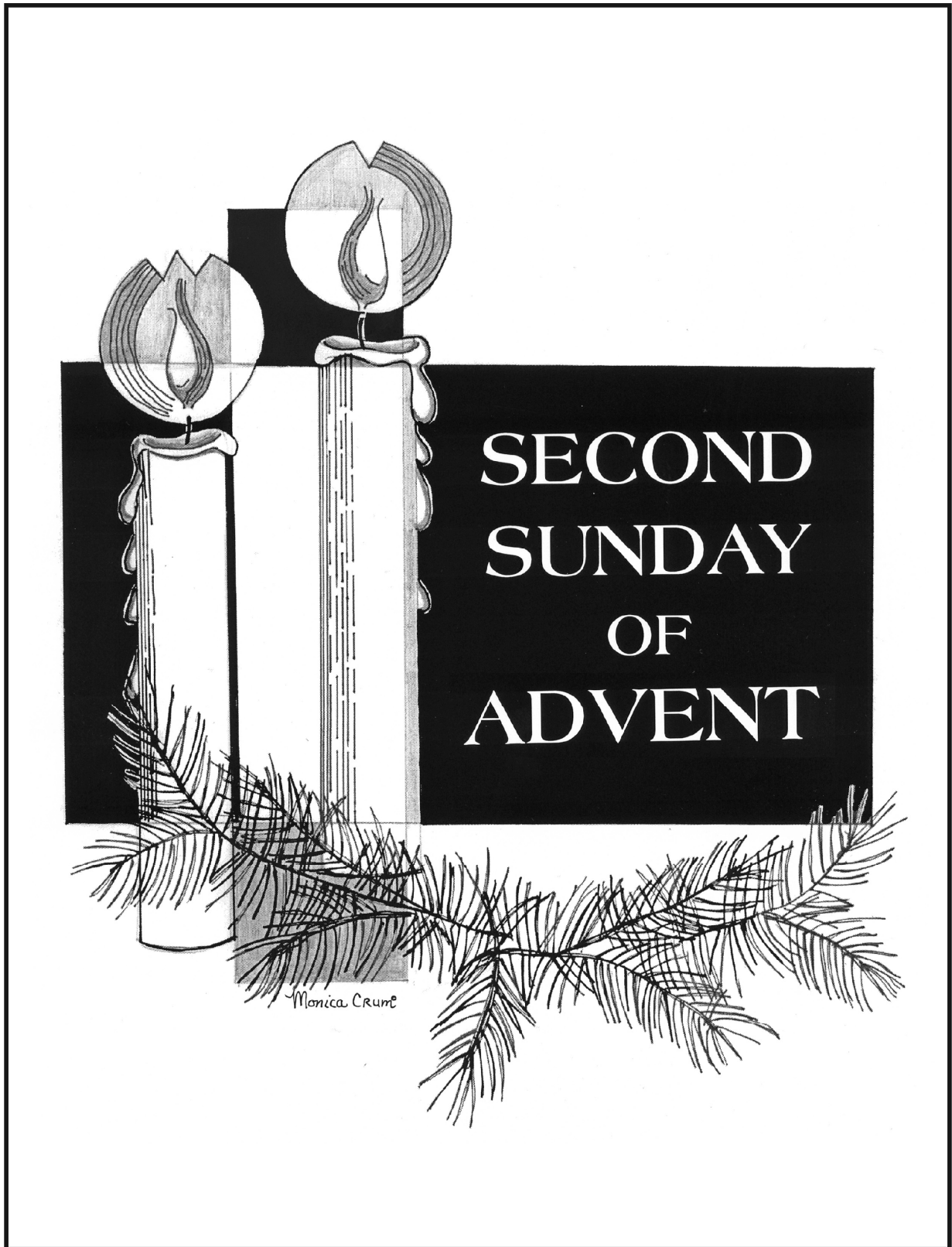


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2019

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



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Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 09

Immaculate Conception
7:00am: +Bill Ryan
12:00pm: For the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00am: Eugene McGraw

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00am: +Katherine Ofenloch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00am: +Chrystie Uckotter
9:00am*: +Scott Laird Gray

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00am: Claire Williams

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00am: Taylor & Adriana Stegall
5:00pm: +James & Emelene Zarzour

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:15am: Cathy Filippo
11:15am: For the Parish

**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 Rourk, 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, Marrisona Lefebzre, 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, DeKarlos 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,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I had the opportunity to be with part of my family in North Carolina. It was great to be with family. As I mentioned last week, the Salvatorian Sisters shared 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.

FROM THE



PASTOR

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

December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent The color of the Advent candle is rose because that is the color of the dawn sky. Where do you see signs of the dawning of peace in your heart, in our world?

December 16: Take a walk, outdoors or in your imagination, where your heart can be touched by the beauty of creation. Allow creation to teach you to be at peace.

December 17: As you write Christmas cards, say a prayer of peace for each person.

December 18: Pray today that all expectant parents will have the same reverence for their unborn child that Mary and Joseph did.

December 19: Savor a glass of water today and pray for those people who do not have access to fresh water or only with back-breaking labor.

December 20: Monitor your speech for violent words or expressions and ask the Prince of Peace to give you a peacemaker's lips.

December 21: Winter Solstice Pray by candlelight in thanksgiving for the sun and the gift of fire.

December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent Place a photo of a situation of war or violence near your Advent wreath and keep that situation in prayer during the week.

December 23: Spend some time praying in the darkness.

December 24: Hold in prayer a situation of war or other violence and pray as a mantra in rhythm with your breath the words of the angels of Bethlehem...Glory to God... peace on earth.

December 25: Christmas Pray before the manger and let the vulnerability of God soften and disarm your heart.

I hope this Advent Calendar has helped you to focus. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. May God bless you this Advent with many graces.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday <i>(Immaculate Conception)</i>	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38	Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Matthew 11:16-19
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-13 Matthew 18:12-14	Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Matthew 11:28-30	Sunday <i>(Advent III)</i>	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
Thursday <i>(Our Lady of Guadalupe)</i>	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps Judith 13:18bcde, 19 Luke 1:39-47		

THE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, for our annual Christmas lunch at the Villas of Jones Valley Clubhouse, 1 Valley Way Circle in Huntsville. This will be a potluck, so plan to bring a covered dish to serve eight for sharing. We will eat at noon. Ham will be provided - a donation of \$3.00 toward the cost of the ham will be appreciated.

Please contact Cathy at 256-489-7111 or candjcal2u@aol.com for information, reservations or cancellations, and tell her what you would like to bring to share.

Everyone should also bring a \$15.00 maximum value unisex gift for the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Newcomers are always welcome. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation.

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.

Please confirm the listed date and time with the appropriate parish office if you plan to attend one of these services.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

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	\$ 10,820.00
Special Collections	\$ 5,143.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 487.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE • DECEMBER 14-DECEMBER 15*

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Nancy Larch, Dean Bucy
8:15am: Juliet Spradlin, Cale Stewart
11:15am: Skye Grant, Ella Mote

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Adriana Stegall*, Taylor Stegall, Ben Sundeay, Karen Sundeay, Patty Ayala
8:15am: Rachael Wilson*, Connie Abbott, Theresa Arnold, Gina Bain, Paula Bertrand
11:15am: Bernita Briggs*, Quitman Turner, Carrie Turner, Brenda Brown, Sidney Jackson

LECTORS

5:00pm: Diane Hollingshead, Leon Joly
8:15am: Ellen Styles, Robert Styles
11:15am: Randy Buckner, Gennafer Grant

GIFT BEARERS

5:00pm: Mack & Gina Yates
8:15am: David & Jeanette Pohl
11:15am: Jessica Mayer

USHERS

5:00pm: Sheila Brown
8:15am: Anita Deer
11:15am: Claude Davis/Victor Ejimah
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



Thank you to all the children and catechists in RE for once again making such lovely cards for our Christmas Box Outreach. I am sure the families will appreciate your warm wishes! Don't forget to come help pack the boxes on December 14.

NOTE: All RE classes will meet in St. Francis Hall on December 15 for a special Advent presentation and celebration. Please enter St. Francis Hall through the Breezeway.

CALENDAR

Dec. 8	RE/RCIA	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Dec. 15	RE/RCIA	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Dec. 22 & 29	NO RE/RCIA	
Jan. 5	RE/RCIA	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Jan. 12	RE/RCIA	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Jan. 19	RE/RCIA	9:30-11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2019

Thanks to all who contributed food items for our Christmas Baskets. We appreciate your generosity.

You can still purchase Scrip, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Basket Donation," and place it in the offertory. Proceeds from our special collections will be used to buy item shortages and grocery store certificates for perishable items like meats and fresh produce.

Important Dates

- 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday, December 8 and will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. It is not a Holyday of Obligation this year, but we will have an additional Mass at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9.

AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY in St. Louis, Missouri offers full-tuition, merit-based scholarships for Masters students in theology and ministry. The scholarship package includes full tuition, book and housing stipends and work-study employment.

Degree program options are Master of Arts in Theology (MA), Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) and Master of Divinity (MDiv).

The application deadline is January 28, 2020.

Aquinas Institute of Theology is a Catholic, Dominican-sponsored graduate school of theology and ministry. For more information, call 314-256-8801 or email to admissions@ai.edu.

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

HFS Santa Store 8:00am-3:00pm Dec. 9-13
(SFH Small Classroom)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 09

6:00pm: Communal Reconciliation (SJC)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 1:00pm: Caregivers (LIB)
- 5:30pm: Pumpkin Blast Meeting (SFH)
- 6:00pm: Boy Scouts (HFS)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 6:00pm: Rosary Knotters (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 6:00pm: St. Vincent de Paul (LIB)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 9:00am: HFS School Mass (SJC)
- 10:30am: Bereavement Group (LIB)
- 5:30pm: Adult Formation (LMR)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 10:00am: Adult Formation (LMR)
- 4:00pm: Christmas Box Assembly (FMC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 7:30am: Christmas Box Packing (FMC)
- 5:00pm: KPC/KPCLA Christmas Party (SFH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 8:00am: Christmas Box Delivery/Pick-up (FMC)
- 9:30am: RE/RCIA (LMR/LIB/SFH/HFS)
- 10:00am: Sanctuary Choir Practice (SJC)
- 12:30pm: ACA (LMR/LIB)

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