

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00am: +Daniel Conte
5:00pm: +Gladys Rhinestein

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:15am: +Janis Sutton
11:15am: For the Parish
5:00pm: +Pat Dant

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00am: +Joanna Prunty

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01

7:00am: +Fr. Eliot Nitz, S.D.S.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 02

7:00am: +Donna Moffet

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 03

7:00am: Kia Batchelder

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 04

7:00am: +Charles Bryant

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 05

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Ciro Franco

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Sylvester N. Muotoe
5:00pm: +Ray Segelhorst

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, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, George Wertz, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrison Lefebvre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Savannah Ponder, David Boren, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Richard Wagner, Cathy Filippo, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Kia Batchelder, Will Stachura, Beth Hofferth, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Heidi Brown and Patricia Hendersen.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer 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:

We begin a brand new year this weekend as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. We begin a preparation for the celebration of Christmas. As I was thinking about what to write, I came across this wonderful article. It is a special call and an opportunity to allow the Lord Jesus to touch our lives so that we can become what we were meant to be. I hope you enjoy this food for our souls.

FROM THE



PASTOR

Embracing Our Universal Call to Holiness A Theological Reflection by Rev. Robert J. Hater, PhD

Introduction

Jesus' death on the Cross happened because of the boundless love of God. We see the extent of this love while Jesus suffered and died. Soldiers mocked him, crowds jeered him and Mary, his mother, cringed in agony. On the day of his Resurrection, his confused, terrified disciples began to see that something new was happening. Then, the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost and they became the holy Church of God: his mystical body on earth. They were terrified no more, for the risen Lord remained with them.

From this time on, speaking to God "face to face" was not reserved to holy men, like Moses and the prophets. The gift of holy intimacy with God is given to those who profess their faith in Jesus as Lord, are baptized, and live as he taught them (**Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 2777**). Every baptized person receives a universal call to holiness. We are all called to be saints.

The beautiful frieze in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. pictures this universal call to holiness in its depiction of people of different times and places: young and old, rich and poor, men and women, known and unknown. They are with Jesus, Mary and the saints. This holy contingent of the Communion of Saints invites each viewer to look into his or her personal call to holiness.

We will address the universal call to holiness in three parts. Part One uses a simple story to introduce the universal call to holiness. This story is akin to human experiences that often pass us by without us giving much thought to them. When looking deeper, though, we discover God's invitation to holiness in the ordinariness of life. Part Two relates our call to holiness to the holiness of God, Jesus and the Church. Holiness is always a response to God's gift of grace. God extends this invitation, and we respond. In saying "yes," we learn how prayer leads us to God and enhances our personal holiness. Part Three invites us to embrace our personal call to holiness through prayer, worship and the actions of our lives.

Next weekend, we will explore the witness to holiness. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. You are in my thoughts and prayers each day. I pray that God will bless you with the best.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Romans 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Matthew 4:18-22	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 40:1-5, 9-11 2nd Sunday of Advent Ps 85:9-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matthew 7:21, 24-27		

2020 St. Joseph Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule*

Advent Confessions: Every Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Special Confession Opportunity on Thursday,
December 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, December 24** Family Mass @ 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**
 (please call the parish office for reservations—limit 150 per Mass)
 Midnight Mass @ 12:00 a.m.**
 Christmas music before Mass @ 11:30 pm
- Friday, December 25** Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday, December 31** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Vigil Mass @ 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 1** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

*There will be no 7:00 a.m. daily Mass on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
 **Masks will be required at all Christmas Masses

BISHOP STEVEN J. RAICA MASS DISPENSATION EXTENSION As you know, Bishop Raica has issued another extension to the current dispensation from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

We have posted the Bishop's entire decree on the church website and I encourage you to read it. However, I would draw your attention specifically to the following paragraph:

"Therefore, as your Bishop, tasked as I am with the care of your souls and conscious of the account that I will someday render to God when death comes for me, also, I take this opportunity to remind you of the Church's teaching on the Sunday obligation. Though I am extending the dispensation now, *there will arrive a day when the special dispensation will not be extended further.* We each have the opportunity during this present extension to assess the risks we are already taking and, if we have not yet returned to Mass (even with precautions), ask ourselves, before God, if our reasons for missing are truly legitimate. We hoped that COVID-19 would have been a footnote in history by now; alas, it is still with us. Therefore, as faithful Catholics, drawing upon the riches of our great tradition, *let us find the way forward with and through COVID-19,* rather than living in fear of it – or even worse, rather than putting life on hold."

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



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

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 8,626.18
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,129.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 05, 2020-DECEMBER 06, 2020

LECTORS

5:00pm: Johnny Ayala, Patty Ayala
 8:15am: Claire Fried, Jillian Fried
 11:15am: Sierra Aragon, Ben Basta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Maureen Chemsak
 8:15am: Theresa Arnold
 11:15am: Bernita Briggs

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

WE HOPE ALL OF OUR FAMILIES
HAD A HEALTHY, HOLY AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



CALENDAR

- Nov. 29 **NO RE/RCIA—Thanksgiving**
- Dec. 6 RE/RCIA 9:30—11:00 am
- Dec. 13 RE/RCIA 9:30—11:00 am
- Dec. 20 **NO RE**
Drive thru Advent/ Christmas gift
9:30—10:30 am
- Dec. 20 RCIA 9:30—11:00 am
- Dec. 27 **NO RE/RCIA—Christmas Holidays**

Face Masks required for all classes

RE/PFLAUM GOSPEL WEEKLIES LESSONS

Unit 2 packets for the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies are now in the parish office. Unit 2 lessons began on November 15. Please pick up your packet, which includes an Advent calendar.

THE ROSARY IS OUR LADY'S SWORD to battle evil and sin in this world. Join us in making rosaries for our parish and Missions on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the RE Center large meeting room, beginning October 14.

No experience is necessary and we will practice social distancing. Please bring your mask!

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION SERVICES Did you know that you don't have to pay for tax preparation? SaveFirst, sponsored by United Way of Madison County and the University of Alabama- Huntsville, offers FREE IRS-certified tax preparation and electronic filing services for working families and individuals. We provide these services for households earning up to \$57,000 per year.

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For More Information:

Visit our Website: <http://csquaredscholarships.org/>
Contact Andy Ryan, Executive Director: aryan@alosf.org

Here Is What's Happening This Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01

- 9:00am: Quilters (LMR)
- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 02

- 5:00pm: Columbarium Board Meeting (SFH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 04

- 11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)

Facilities Key

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