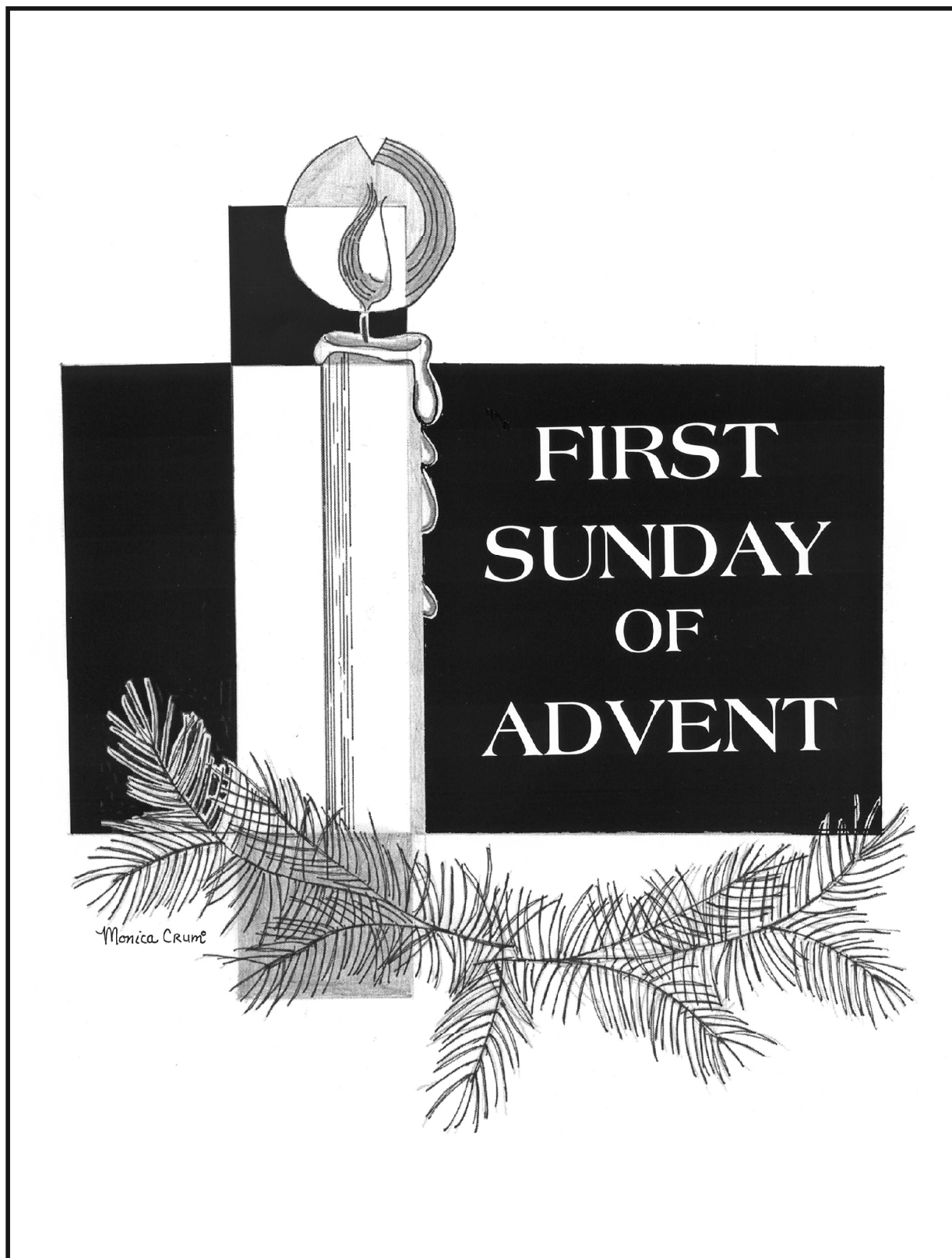


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00am: +Lorenzo Carrillo
5:00pm: +Adoracion Fajardo

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent

8:15am: +Mildred Cavins, +Daniel Conte
11:15am: For the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00am: +David H. Huguley

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00am: +Ronald Tepool

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 01

7:00am: +Kurt Ganey

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 02

7:00am: +Sharon Mantler

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 03

7:00am: +James Hudson Miller, Sr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 04

8:00am: For the Unborn
5:00pm: +Joanne Dodey Reynolds

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 05

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: Cardinal Raymond Burke

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



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, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrisona Lefebzre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Catherine Algie, Ramona Hallit, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Savannah Ponder, David Boren, Wanda Boren, Richard Brown, Cathy Filippo, Jena Lanszell, Charlotte Johnson, Michael Pesqueira, Jim Kollar, Emma Lang, Heidi Brown, Patricia Hendersen, Diane Goguen, Julie Algie, Bob Cuffe, Jeff Bertrand, Gary Mahon, Matthew M., Selena M., Matt Cox Family, Steven Weems and Serge Corvington.

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:

Let us say good-bye to the old and let us say hello to the new. The first Sunday of Advent begins a brand new liturgical year. So, I wish to say to each of you – Happy New Year. I hope and pray that this new year is filled with God’s special graces and blessings.

The following is found in the ORDO (Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2022). The article is taken from *“The Spirit of Advent”* by Mark Searle, in Assembly Volume 7:1.

FROM THE



PASTOR

ADVENT

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed – or cursed – with the ability to think about the future. And to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death and despair, But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of successor security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope and selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human beings: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus, we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God’s promises. Immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.

The following is from the *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar #39*. “Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delights.”

My hope and prayer is that each of us will find Advent a wonderful spiritual adventure as we prepare to celebrate the Lord’s Coming. Advent is a time to recall the cry of the early Christians: *Maranatha!* “Come, Lord Jesus.” You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

HFS SCRIP will be sold after all weekend Masses on December 4/5 and December 18/19.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5 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	Romans 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Matthew 4:18-22	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	Baruch 5:1-9 PS 126:1-6 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matthew 7:21, 24-27	2nd Sunday of Advent	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have one more ministry workshop for all current liturgical ministers and anyone interested in becoming active in one of our liturgical ministries: altar server, choir member, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, lector, Liturgy of the Word with Children catechist, usher/greeter.

If you did not attend the Nov. 17 session and want to join us on December 4, please call the parish office to sign up if you have not already done so. Remember, you must attend one of these workshops to continue in your chosen ministry.

- Saturday, Dec. 4 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Please call the parish office by November 30 to RSVP.

ADORATION TO END ABORTION Holy Spirit Catholic Church will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 p.m. November 30 through 7:30 a.m. on December 1.

Catholics across the country will join together in Eucharistic adoration on the eve of December 1, the day when the Supreme Court hears the landmark pro-life case *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health*. Please join us in this historic moment for our country.

BURRITOS & TAMALES ON SALE on Sunday, December 12, after the 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. Burritos are \$5.00 each and tamales are two for \$5.00.

All proceeds go to the Holy Family School Capital Campaign. Don't miss out!

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA December 4, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, and milk or juice. The whole family is welcome. Santa will be there for pictures.

Tickets are \$5 each. Reservation forms and a collection box will be in the church vestibule. Or you can call the school office at 256-539-5221 to make your reservations and pay at the door.

SANTA'S TABLE MINI CRAFT FAIR IN ST. FRANCIS HALL

Saturday, December 4 noon-5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 5 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come browse our selection of beautiful Altared Glass and other handcrafted items, just in time to pick up some unique Christmas gifts.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

CURRENT WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 9,299.57
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,279.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 04, 2021-DECEMBER 05, 2021

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Johnny Ayala
8:15am: Jacob Spradlin, Kale Stewart
11:15am: Quade Turner

LECTORS

5:00pm: Ben Sunday, Karen Somers
8:15am: Robt Styles, Ellen Styles
11:15am: Karen Somers, Tom Uss

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Geri Donnelly
8:15am: Josette Dant
11:15am: Andy Somers

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

Topics to discuss as a family for Advent

Liturgical Year—Cycle C
 Advent Season
 Christmas Season
 Feast days in December/January



CALENDAR

RE Academic Year 2021-2022

- Nov. 28 **NO RE/RCIA—Thanksgiving**
- Dec. 5 RE—9:30—11:00 - SFH/HFS
RCIA—9:30-11:00—Parish Office Bldg.
- Dec. 12 RE—9:30—11:00 - SFH/HFS
RCIA—9:30-11:00—Parish Office Bldg.
- Dec. 19 **NO RE/RCIA—Christmas**
- Dec. 26 **NO RE/RCIA—Christmas**
- January 2 **NO RE/RCIA—Happy New Year!**

ST. JOSEPH 2021 CHRISTMAS BOX PROGRAM

It's Christmas Box time at St. Joseph! We will be preparing about 125 baskets this year. All food donations must be returned to the church by December 10. You can also purchase Scrip for the baskets, put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Basket Donation", and place in the offertory basket. We will have two collections designated for the Christmas Boxes — the Thanksgiving collection and the second collection on December 4 and December 5. Proceeds from these collections will be used to purchase item shortages and grocery store gift cards. These gift cards will allow recipients to purchase perishable items, such as meats and fresh produce, that we do not provide.

Important Dates

- Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Begin bringing donations of food to church
- Dec. 4/5 Second collection at all Masses

Important Dates

- Dec. 10 Last day to bring donated food to church
- Dec. 11 Count and sort donated items—9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 18 Pack the boxes—9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 19 Boxes available for pick-up or delivery

This is a big annual undertaking for our parish that could not be done without the efforts of everyone who contributes to this outreach ministry. It is a wonderful way to enter into the spirit of Christmas and a blessed family and community event.

Please give generously of your time, talent and spirit to make this another successful year. For more information, call Gina Yates at 256-534-8459.

NOTE: We ask that you return your Christmas Box food bags to the church when you come to weekend Mass. Please do not bring them to the parish office or the church during the week. Thank you for your cooperation.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 5:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign Committee (LMR)
- 6:00pm: Confirmation Rehearsal (SJC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LMR)
- 6:00pm: Confirmation (SJC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 01

- 10:00am: Grissom High School Chamber Chorus (SJC)
- 4:00pm: 5:00 pm Mass Choir Practice (SJC)
- 7:00pm: 8:15 am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 02

- 6:00pm: Parish Security Meeting (SFH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 03

- 11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration (SJC)
- 4:00pm: 11:15: am Mass Choir Practice (SJC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 04

- Santa's Table Craft Fair 12pm-5:00pm/6pm-8pm**
Hospitality after the 5:00pm Mass
- 9:00am: Breakfast with Santa (HFS Cafeteria)
- 10:30am: Ministry Workshop (SJC)
- 12:00pm: Santa's Table Craft Fair (SFH)
- 6:00pm: Santa's Table Craft Fair (SFH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 05

- Santa's Table Craft Fair 9am-1pm**
Hospitality after the 8:15am Mass
- 9:00am: Santa's Table Craft Fair (SFH)
- 9:30am: RE/RCIA (LMR/LIB/SFH/HFS)

Facilities Key

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