

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015

"With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation." Isaiah 12:3

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am PRE Classes – PreK – 5th Grade
- 9:00 am **Adult Catechism Class** with Chris Greer
- 10:30 am Liturgy **For the Parish Community**
- 11:45 am Coffee
- 6:00 pm Christmas Dinner & Pageant

Monday, December 14, 2015

- Take Breakfast to ICU Waiting Room Baptist Desoto
- 8:00 am Liturgy +**Betty Thompson** by: J K Young
- 6:15 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Communal Penance service

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

- 8:00 am Liturgy +**Fran Albersman** by: Bill & Jeannine Gaudet

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

- 8:00 am Liturgy +**Mark Nix**
- NO pm PRE 6-12th grades – **Exams**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Churches prepare Christmas baskets

Thursday, December 17, 2015

- 8:00 am Liturgy **Leo Duykers** by: Art & Mary Cortesi
- 9:00 am **Bible Study** with Sara Rauch
- 10:00 am Senior Center
- 7:00 pm Choir
- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon

Friday, December 18, 2015

- 8:00 am Liturgy +**Tony Sabbatini Brown**
by: Ned & Rosemary Sabbatini

Saturday, December 19, 2015

- 9:00 am Interfaith Christmas distribution
- 5:30 pm Confessions
- Confessions available by appointment also 662-342-1073**
- 6:00 pm Liturgy **Intentions of Stanley Chimahusky**
by: The Morning Crew

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am PRE Classes – PreK – 5th Grade
- 9:00 am **Adult Catechism Class** with Chris Greer
- 10:30 am Liturgy **For the Parish Community**
- 11:45 am Coffee

Priest Contact Numbers:

SERIOUS SACRAMENT EMERGENCY ONLY 901-351-6591

All other needs 662-342-1073

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

December 13 – Merrygen Currick/Len Wright
December 20 – Beverly Goode/Rose Powell

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

December 13 – Joy Sample

December 20 – Ginger Raff

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

December – Cindy Thomas

Liturgy Ministry Schedule

PLEASE REMEMBER:

You are to arrive at least 20 to 30 minutes before mass is to begin. This is very important to prepare and be ready.

Saturday, December 19 – 6:00 pm

- Greeter:** Nancy Potts/Maureen Finley
- Usher:** Tom & Paula Busler
- Server:** Danny Thomas/Landon Ellis
- Lector:** Bill Marking/Nancy Brown
- Gift Bearer:** Hughes Family
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Sam & Leslye Hall/Lori Stephens

Sunday, December 20 – 10:30 am

- Greeter:** Jimmy & Susan Terry
- Usher:** Harry Tarsi/Alan Gho/Dennis Johnson/Lee Smith
- Server:** Anthony Johnson/A.J./Geir Sajdak
- Lector:** Morgan Billingsley/Matthew Roy
- Gift Bearer:** Cannon Family
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve & Kim Orr/Josephine Muzzi/
Flo Butler/Kristin Carter/Patsy Clark/Jessica Smith

REMINDER: If you are unable to fulfill your ministry obligation, it is your responsibility to find someone that can serve in your place. Thank you.

PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Weekly for Budget.....	\$5,153.85
Last Week's Offering	\$5,389.13
Needed Weekly for Note Payment	\$1,626.23
Debt Reduction Last Wk.....	\$2,819.00
Community Services.....	\$ 98.00
Bread.....	\$ 29.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 846.00

**Gifted and Called – I say “yes,”
Lord**

BULLETIN INFORMATION All material for the bulletin must be submitted to MaryAnn Nix, 662 429-7851 or holyspiritchurch@shsm.org by NOON TUESDAYS for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin.

There should be no eating, drinking or gum in the Church. If a child must have nourishment, please do so in the cry room.

Volunteers needed to serve at the weekend liturgies.
Be praying about
where God is calling you to serve.

HOLY SPIRIT RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE is available for business Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.



It is open on Saturday evenings before Mass and on Sunday mornings after Mass. Take time to stop in and check it out. **Lots of Christmas items & gifts!**

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS make plans to come Monday, December 21, to help decorate the Church for Christmas. The more we have the quicker it goes.

Our Holy Spirit web address is:
<http://www.holyspirit-catholic.com>

FAMILY ADVENT RECONCILIATION is scheduled for the following days:

December 14th at 7:00 pm Holy Spirit.

December 15th at 7:00 pm St. Joseph.

December 16th at 7:00 pm Queen of Peace.

December 19 at 9:00 am Christ the King followed by a breakfast in the Social Hall.

Most families come to Mass together as a family. Many families go out to eat after Mass or go home and have family time together. Lots of families go to basketball, soccer, football together, even grandma and grandpa! Make a plan now to come *as a family* to the FAMILY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE. Many families are in need of forgiveness and mercy within their own family. You may or may not want to confess your sins at the service but it is good to pray *as a family* for peace and love and forgiveness (the elements of MERCY) for your family. If you miss the one in your parish, come to the big one at Christ the King on Dec. 19th, a Saturday morning, and eat pancakes afterward (thanks to the Knights!).



HOLY SPIRIT LADIES ASSOCIATION
e-mail holyspiritladies@gmail.com.



ALERT- Ending slavery is everyone's work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is a collaborative, faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors' services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day

slavery. Visit the website: sistersagainstrafficking.org

We have a beautiful church. We need your help to keep it picked up and cleaned after the masses. Take a few minutes after the Mass has ended to straighten the books and check the area for trash. This is our home and should always be clean and welcoming including our bathrooms! No food or drink inside!



RECYCLING The Men's Association is now accepting aluminum cans. Bring your bags to the garage door or if you are in the Family Life

Center, put them in the containers marked for cans. Proceeds are being split between Catholic Social Services, Interfaith Food Bank, and the Cindy Pretti Scholarship Fund. For further information, contact Lee Smith at 233-4833 or Sal Galtelli at 429-5071.

THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION now have the New Look shirts, caps, and visors of polyester "Sta Dri" material. Order forms available after weekend masses.

Shirts \$20.00 Caps/Visors \$10.00

Slip over windbreaker \$25.00

Ladies & Men's sizes available

Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

☛ Please Pray For The Sick ☛

Your prayers are requested for the following who are seriously ill:

Nancy Potts, Carolyn Ann Hollahan (B. Kelly's sis), Ginny Fuentes (Cindy Thomas cousin), Don Smith (Marie's son), Carol Menne, Linda Buechele, Art Cortesi, Ned Sabbatini, John Foti (Muzzi Bro), Dresten Gaboya, Stanley Chimahusky, Jane Cole (Infant), Cynthia Williams (Betty Mize niece), Lilyana Hill (Felicia grand), Elizabeth Thyer, Jeriel Caha (nix), Victoria Greer, Jennifer Smith (nix), David Snyder (Diane Dryja Bro), Lester Johnson (Bob's twin), Daniel Douglas (Jeffries bronlaw), Cathy Cuthbertson (Sheila Parr Aunt), Howard Snyder (D. Dryja dad), Harriet Lupo, Joy Smith, Joe Menne (Charlie's bro), Mary Griffin, Joseph Ingoglia, Birdie Lewis (Felicia grandma), Kim Craig (J. Davis sis n law), Nancy Rachal, June Vanlandingham, Farris Jenkins (N Rachal bronlaw), Chuck Dean (Fr. Greg), Carter Brooks, Meredith Hannah, Dan Chalk (N. French), Lucas Goeller (Newcamp), Dr. Robert Maddux, Myriam Suarez (M. Rexroade's mom), Sherry Vowell (Ken Hoover's sis), Josh Bixler (Bill/Liz Brown's nephew), Sara Hewitt (Marie Smith), Robert Tully (broinlaw), Kevin Nelson (Jeannine nephew), and Jared Smith (Liz Brown). Please notify the Pastor when serious illness occurs or when hospitalization is indicated: we would like to strengthen the ill with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

DAILY MASS DURING ADVENT Mass will be offered Monday through Friday during the Advent Season at Holy Spirit at 8:00 am, at Queen of Peace at 9:00 am, and Christ the King at 9:00 am each weekday morning. It is a catholic tradition to attend daily Mass each day of Advent.



SENIOR CENTER DECEMBER MEETING The *Young at Heart*, Hernando's Senior Club, will have their December meeting at the Gale Community Center, 2601 Elm St., Thursday, December 17th, 10 AM. Come enjoy lunch and fellowship. Vitamin B-12 shots available for \$10.

Christmas Dinner

Don't forget the children of the parish have been rehearsing with Barbara Smith to put on a wonderful pageant called "Christmas at Grandma's". You can

see this pageant and enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner with your parish family this Sunday evening, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. Ham and turkey will be provided by the church. Even if you failed to sign up – please come and bring a **LARGE** dish.

We always have a lot of fun and fellowship at this dinner and it is a blessed way to celebrate the Christmas season. Hope to see you there.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

To Bill and Liz Brown
on the birth of their granddaughter,
Nixon Lewellyn Brown
born on November 29, 2015
she weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and 19" long
Proud Parents Denis & Lynn Brown

CHRISTMAS MASSES

DECEMBER 24TH



4:00 pm at Good Shepherd.

4:30 pm at Queen of Peace, Christ the King
(Bilingual)

7:00 pm at Holy Spirit (Singing starts at 6:30 pm)

7:00 pm at St. Gregory and St. Joseph.

11:30 pm at Queen of Peace, Christ the King
(Bilingual)

DECEMBER 25TH

8:00 am at Good Shepherd.

8:30 am at St. Joseph.

10:00 am Christ the King, bilingual.

10:30 am Queen of Peace and Holy Spirit.

Bring your bells to ring at all the Christmas masses.

FR. BRUCE NEILI RETURNS!

SAVE THE DATES JANUARY 10, 11, 12

All are invited to attend Fr. Bruce's talks featuring the topics of Mercy, Mercy in our Families and Mercy in our common home, the earth. As we know, our Holy Father Pope



Francis has declared this year a Holy Year, a Jubilee Year, dedicated to God's Mercy. This will be a time to go deeper into the depths and realities of our faith, a time to put the demands of our busy lives on hold and to pay attention to a deeper spirituality. Dinner and child care will be provided in the hopes that each of us will take the opportunity to attend these talks.

LA POSADA December 22nd at 6:00 pm we will celebrate



La Posada at Christ the King. Everyone is invited to join in the procession with Mary and Joseph in their search for shelter. The night will end with hot chocolate and sweet bread.

WHAT POPE FRANCIS SAYS ABOUT MERCY If you did not receive your Pope Francis 30 day reflection & prayer pamphlet, we have one for each family. Please pickup yours on the way out of mass.

WWW.VATICAN.VA Click on the Mercy logo on the right side of the page. Find all you would like to know about the Year of Mercy. Check the 'language' at the top of the page to find Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy...Misericordiae Vultus. Definitely worth your time and attention to deepen your Catholic Faith!

WWW.LOYOLAPRESS.COM

Advent Moments of Mercy is a free, daily e-mail series brought to you by Loyola Press and running the duration of Advent through Christmas Day 2015 (November 29 through December 25, 2015). Jim Campbell—father, grandfather, religious educator, and author of *The Stories of the Old Testament* and *52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith*—writes daily messages to help us explore the Scripture and feast days of Advent, especially paying attention to themes of mercy and incorporating the words of Pope Francis each day.

INTERFAITH CHRISTMAS



Our Interfaith Christmas assistance project this year will provide baskets for 57 families. These baskets have food, household family gifts, children's toys, and gift cards for the teens in the family. Holy Spirit will be responsible for the older children ages 13-18 of our needy families in the community.

The gift cards for the older youths were a big hit the last two years. We are asking for monetary donations this year to cover the cost of these gift cards. If you normally sign up for a child, we are asking you to donate about the same amount of

money you would have spent on the gifts. Always if you can give more, it is always put to good use, no donation is too small.

We will be collecting monetary donations the weekends of December 5/6 and 12/13.

If you have questions, call Pat Traicoff 901-488-6903.

The Interfaith group is made up of our church along with fifteen other area churches. Remember 100% of the money given goes to support the poor in our community. Any additional funds over the amount to purchase the gift cards will be used to purchase other household gift items or food needed for the baskets.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS

For nationwide Mass times and locations: call 1-800-627-7846 or Internet www.Masstimes.org
Yes, Holy Spirit is there!



“Building Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive”

is a program Knights of our families they are called encourage all the families from all of our parishes to gather together for an evening of fun, fellowship, prayer, and discussion.



sponsored by the Columbus to help better become what to be. We

Sunday December 27th

“The Muppet Christmas Carol”

- 5:00** Doors open at Christ the King Parish Hall
- 5:30** Potluck Dinner – bring your favorite dish to share-
- 6:00** Introduction
- 6:30** Movie –free popcorn, lemonade and coffee or tea-



FREE!!! Snap the code below or go to OSV.com/YOM and install the *365 Days to Mercy* app on your mobile device. It’s a great way to spend a little time each day

during the Year of Mercy focusing on God’s mercy toward us, and learning how we can live more merciful lives. The app includes daily reflections on mercy, everyday Scripture reflections, Pope Francis’ tweets, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena, and lots more.



NO CELL PHONE ZONE We remind all to please turn off all cell phones and electronic



communication devices when entering the church buildings. The signals, even from a silenced phone, interfere with the wireless microphones of the church.

Bring your bells to ring at all the Christmas masses.

“BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS MERCIFUL” Luke 6:36

Today is the Third Sunday of a new church year, the middle of Advent, and a very special year it is. Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year, a Holy Year to celebrate MERCY. On Dec. 8 (feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Pope Francis began the year with the celebration of ‘opening a door’....not just any door but the door to the cathedral of St. Peter’s in Rome, which remains sealed except in jubilee years.

‘Celebrating a jubilee every 50 years was an ancient Hebrew custom. It was a year of rest and restoration...’ Pope Francis envisions a year when people will become more merciful in their own lives and bring God’s mercy to others. On Dec. 13, holy ‘Doors of Mercy’ will be opened all over the world. You may even want to ‘open a door’ of Mercy in your own house.



A prayer service for this small ritual is by the bulletin board upon entering the church. ‘Opening the door’ is a great symbol of warmth, hospitality, welcoming, being ‘at home’ and forgiveness...this is Mercy. Fr. Bob and Fr. David.

POPE FRANCIS SAYS - -

During his visit to the United States Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, implored all of us Americans to remember the Golden Rule and *help* refugees rather than view them as a problem.



“Our world is facing a refugee crisis of a magnitude not seen since the Second World War. This presents us with great challenges and many hard decisions. ...

We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation. To respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal.

We need to avoid a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome. Let us remember the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Mt 7:12). (Speech to U.S. Congress, 9/24/15)



*The Holy Spirit Parish Family offers their deepest condolences to
Jimmy & Susan Terry*

*on the recent death of her mother, +Betty Thompson
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.*

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MaryAnn Nix on the recent death of her brother, +Michael Shelby
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