

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

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People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?



Holy Rosary will Re-open Next Weekend!

Holy Rosary Church was on lockdown recently after a Covid -19 detection during Thanksgiving week. The health department requires a two-week lockdown, which meant the building was closed on November 29 and will only re-open for mass on Saturday, December 12. In the interim, the building has been completely sanitized and cleaned, and will continue to be sanitized each weekend. Father Ed was tested for Covid and his test came back negative. Please continue to pray for all those affected by this virus, and for all those who are ill.

Little Blue Books

Don't forget to pick up your "Little Blue Book" which begins the first Sunday of Advent. If you remember from last year, this little book contains short readings and reflections for the entire season of Advent. What a great way to prepare for the birth of our Lord. Pick a little blue book on the porch of the parish office. Other Advent prayer booklets are available at this location as well.

Advent Wreath

We light the candles on our wreath in the sanctuary to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Why not continue this tradition in your own family? Make a wreath and pray or sing while lighting your wreath. The whole family can be involved!

No Advent Communal Penance Service

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we will not have our Advent Communal Penance Service. There will be individual confessions any day and time for your convenience. Please just call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Father Ed if you would like to go to confession.

Immaculate Conception

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

Young Adult Group Is Forming at HRC!

Holy Rosary Church is looking for men and women between the ages of 18 to 30 who are interested in learning more about God! This Young Adult Group will meet on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. in Marist Hall for learning and social activities. Samuel Walker and Kaitlyn Luterek are organizing the group, hoping to build a strong youth community that is passionate about growing in their faith. Interested? Contact Kaitlyn at 304-516-1968 or Samuel at 304-519-4017.

Christmas Dinner Help Needed

The annual Parish House dinner on Christmas Day will be carry out or delivery only. No dine-in option is available. However, we need help! We need volunteers to dish up, clean up, or to deliver meals. If you can spare a couple of hours on Christmas Day to help our neighbors, please call or text coordinator Carol Mersey at 304-472-4465. Kristi Wilkerson of

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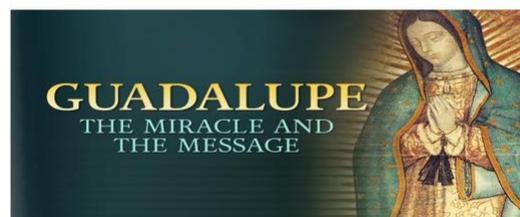
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



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Crosslines writes: "Many thanks to the parishioners of Holy Rosary for your partnership, kindness, care and support of our neighbors in need! We are truly grateful for your continual and ongoing generosity!"

St. Joseph Missals Are Here

Our Saint Joseph Missals have arrived! The books contain all of the readings for each week, plus some extra prayers and reflections. To avoid social contact, we have placed these books in Marist Hall for you to pick up. When you take a missal, please put your \$3.50 donation in the envelopes provided and drop the envelope in the regular collection basket. Thank you so much!

Christmas Cards for Service Members

The Knights of Columbus would like to send Christmas cards to all armed services members serving our country. If you would like the Knights to send a Christmas to your special service member, please email their address to: Richard Humphrey at richardhumphrey@live.com

Scripture Sharing During Advent

Because of the recent rise in Covid cases in our area, the Scripture Sharing for Advent has been cancelled for this year. Check Flocknotes in your inbox for some great Advent Scripture reflections.

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 12/12– Nancy and Tony
Sun. 12/13– Charlie Malcolm

Lector's Schedule

12/12: Colleen Hoover
12/13: Lori Post

Please pray for our homebound

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmons, and Jeanette Willett.

Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Patty Griffith, Gene Zara, Paula Ball, Dee Hendricks, Christopher Jones, Janine Robinson, Elaine Katai, Terry McKisic and Tori Odom.

Please pray for men and women in the military.

Collection for Retired Religious is December 12 and 13

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Coming Up:

Our Christmas mass times will be on Thursday, December 24 at 7 p.m. and Friday, December 25 at 9 a.m. Regular weekend mass times for Saturday, December 26 and Sunday, December 27 will apply. The church will be sanitized between the masses. Please use your best judgement when planning for these masses. We still have limited seating,

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Dec. 5 – Parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 6 – +Katherine Jack
Monday, Dec. 7+Leannah Lafferre
Tuesday, Dec. 8 – +Chris Lafferre
Wednesday, Dec. 9 – Poor Souls Living
Thursday, Dec. 10 – +Mary Kimberly Moore
Friday, Dec. 11 – +Joseph Lanham
Saturday, Dec. 12 – 7 p.m. – Deceased members of the Klapach Family (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Dec. 13 - 9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

and we require masks for all in attendance. If you or any member of your family is sick or showing signs of the virus, please stay at home. We will have seating in Marist Hall and in the choir loft for your convenience.

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