

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

"God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low." Baruch 5:7

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Second 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 Pageant Practice/Manger Blessing/Brunch

4:00 pm Christmas Concert at CTK

Monday, December 7, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of Caleb Stephens**

by: Don & Chris Greer

6:15 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 – Immaculate Conception

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

Gaudet

6:30 pm Ladies Association Christmas Social

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy +**Glen Edwards** by: Holy Spirit

6:30 pm PRE 6-12th grades

Thursday, December 10, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of Sarah Rauch**

by: The Morning Crew

9:00 am **Bible Study** with Sara Rauch

10:00 am Shepherd Center – Parkway Baptist

7:00 pm Choir

8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon

Friday, December 11, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of Sr. Adelia Milligan**

by: The Morning Crew

Saturday, December 12, 2015

9:00 am Pageant Dress Rehearsal till 11:00 am

5:30 pm Confessions

Confessions available by appointment also 662-342-1073

6:00 pm Liturgy +**Doris Nuzzi** by: Holy Spirit

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Second 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

Priest Contact Numbers:

SERIOUS SACRAMENT EMERGENCY ONLY 901-351-6591

All other needs 662-342-1073

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

December 6 – Rose Powell/Maria Mitchell

December 13 – Merrygen Currick/Len Wright

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

December 6 – Mindy Williamson

December 13 – Joy Sample

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.

Monday, Dec. 7 – 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Vigil

Greeter: Help/Help

Usher: Help/help

Server: Help

Lector: Charles Young/Amanda Ready

Gift Bearer: Help

Eucharistic Ministers: Help/Help/Help

Tuesday, December 8 – 8:00 am Immaculate Conception

Greeter: Maureen Morgan/Lorraine Faulkner

Usher: Help/Help

Server: Help

Lector: Bill Marking/Nancy Brown

Gift Bearer: Help

Eucharistic Ministers: LaRae W/Nancy Marking/Sarah G.

Saturday, December 12 – 6:00 pm

Greeter: Tijuana Buchanan/Nancy Brown

Usher: Chuck & Martha Blumer

Server: Chris Sodd

Lector: Liz Brown/Sam Hall

Gift Bearer: Parker Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Help/Help/ Cindy Thomas

Sunday, December 13 – 10:30 am

Greeter: Kim Tarsi/Gia Matheny

Usher: Larry Goode/Gary Cannon/Brian Sajdak/Thad Sajdak

Server: Libby Moore/Rivers Tarsi/Rosa Gutierrez/Tatiana G.

Lector: Alan Gho/Mark Printup

Gift Bearer: Orive Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Diane Dryja/Barbara Dean/
Chris Mitchell/Sarah Galtelli/Kristin Carter/Aime Anderson

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\$4,559.36

Needed Weekly for Note Payment \$1,626.23

Debt Reduction Last Wk....\$1,585.00

Community Services.....\$ 50.00

**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.

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

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!**

2015 Holy Spirit Young People's Christmas Program "Christmas at Grandma's"

Sunday*	December 6	11.45 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday (Dress Rehearsal)	December 12	9:00 am – 11:00 am

Only two rehearsals left before the big event!!! Lunch will be provided for the December 6 rehearsal.

GIFTED AND CALLED I SAY 'YES' LORD

Performance: **Sunday, December 13 - 6:00 p.m.**
For more information call Barbara Smith 901-413-8102

FAMILY ADVENT RECONCILIATION is scheduled for the following days:

December 9th at 7:00 pm Christ the King.

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.



MANGER BLESSING AND BRUNCH immediately following Sunday Mass on December 6. We will have prayer and a ceremonial blessing of our new outside Nativity. All are invited.

Come as a family. If you have a nativity Scene, please bring a figure from your Nativity Scene to have it blessed.

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, Mike Shelby (Mary Ann's Bro), Art Cortesi, Ned Sabbatini, John Foti (Muzzi Bro), Dresten Gaboya, Stanley Chimahusky, Cynthia Williams (Betty Mize niece), Lilyana Hill (Felicia grand), Jane Cole (Infant), 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.



!!!! JUST ONE !!!! TABLE, THAT IS

We are asking your family to decorate a table for the annual Children's Christmas Program and Pot Luck Dinner. Make our Family Life Center more festive and fun, using your creativity and personality. You can come by during the week before the Dec. 13 program and decorate, or decorate on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., when the children will be there for dress rehearsal. If you would like to take part in this merry project, e-mail Jessica Smith at

jessicsmith@hotmail.com (notice there is no "a" at the end of her first name), or call her at 901-486-9555.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ---

This Sunday, December 6th, at 4:00 pm is the Advent/Christmas Concert at Christ the King. The concert will be followed by a Spaghetti Dinner. Everyone is invited!



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



"BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS MERCIFUL" Luke 6:36

Today is the Second Sunday of a new church year, the beginning 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 will begin 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 in the gathering space. '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)

CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Las mañanitas the traditional early morning serenading of Our Lady will be held at Christ the King at 5:30 am on Saturday, December 12. This will be followed by a reception in the Gathering Space of the Church. Everyone is invited!!

Mass Vigil Friday, December 11:

7 pm at St. Gregory, followed by a reception.
7 pm Queen of Peace, followed by a reception.
7 pm Christ the King, followed by a reception.

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.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER DECEMBER MEETING Shepherd's Center of Hernando will meet Thursday, December 10th, at 10 AM at Parkway Baptist Church on North Parkway. We will celebrate the happy and holy season with a covered dish meal. The ham and rolls will be provided. For more information call Barbara Cleveland at 662 449 1632.

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.

Christmas Dinner Signup

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 on Sunday evening, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. Ham and turkey will be provided by the church. Each family is asked to bring a **LARGE** dish. We want to make sure we have enough of everything. So don't forget to sign up and let us know how you will be helping. Volunteers to cook and cut up the ham and turkeys are also needed.

We have it from a reliable source that **Santa** will be there to visit with the kids and take their last minute requests. 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.

Jessica Smith, Lori Stephens and Diana Hill volunteered to be in charge of the dinner and decorating this year. They will need lots of volunteers to help setting up the room, decorating, organizing and of course clean up for this event. If you are willing to help, e-mail Jessica Smith at jessicsmith@hotmail.com (notice there is no "a" at the end of her first name), or call her at 901-486-9555 or the church office 429-7851. Be sure and let us know what you plan to bring and how you are willing to help!!



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 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.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION MEETING - Christmas

Don't forget this coming Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm the Ladies Association will have their Christmas Social 30 minutes before the regular meeting. All ladies of the parish 18 and over are invited to bring their favorite finger food and join the fun! We need you!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - This year the Holiday of obligation is on Tuesday, December 8th. There will be a collection at all the Masses. There are nine masses scheduled as follows:

VIGIL : December 7th

7 pm at Holy Spirit, Hernando.

7 pm at St. Joseph, Holly Springs.

7 pm at Christ the King, Southaven.

FEAST DAY : December 8th

8 am at Holy Spirit, Hernando.

9 am at Christ the King, Southaven.

9 am at Queen of Peace, Olive Branch.

7 pm at Good Shepherd, Robinsonville.

7 pm at St. Gregory, Senatobia.

7 pm at Queen of Peace, Olive Branch.



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.



*Holy Spirit Parish Family offers their
deepest condolences to Terry Cantrell
on the
recent death of his wife +Carolyn
Cantrell*

*May her soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, rest in peace*