

First Sunday of Advent
 December 3, 2017
*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know
 when the time will come." Mark 13:33*

December 3 – Allison Baskin
 December 10 – Mindy Williamson

Ministry Schedule

PLEASE REMEMBER:

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

Friday, December 8 – 8:00 am

Greeter: Barbara Wilder/Lorraine Faulkner

Usher: Cindy Thomas/Help

Server: Danny Thomas/Ron Sheppard

Lector: Bill Marking

Gift Bearer: Powell Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Josephine M./Nancy Marking/Cindy T.

Friday, December 8 – 7:00 pm

Greeter: Cathy Powers

Usher: Ron & Shirley Henderson

Server: Jimmy Terry

Lector: Jim Buechele

Gift Bearer: HELP

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Smith/Help/Help

Saturday, December 9 – 6:00 pm

Greeter: Maureen Morgan /Lorraine Faulkner

Usher: Tom & Paula Busler

Server: Landon Ellis/Cooper Sells

Lector: Liz Brown/Bill Marking

Gift Bearer: Gunn Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck & Martha Blumer/Lori Stephens

Sunday, December 10 – 9:30 am

Greeter: Kim Tarsi/Gia Matheny

Usher: Larry Goode/Dennis Johnson

Server: Luke Anderson/Katie Henning

Lector: Adam Henning/Blaine Anderson

Gift Bearer: Orr Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Smith/Kathy Fink/Robin B./ Sarah Galtelli/Aime Anderson/Amanda Ready/Keelan Ready

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING



PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Weekly for Budget.....

\$6,094.81

Last Week's Offering\$6,306.00

Maintenance Fund Last Wk.... \$ 984.00

Community Services..... \$ 120.00

Thanksgiving.....\$ 751.00

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

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

December 3 – Brenda Caruthers/Rose Powell

December 10 – Merrygen Currick/Len Wright

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

December – Cindy Thomas

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am PreK – 5th Grade PRE

8:00 am Adult Ed

9:30 am Liturgy Intentions of Gloria Clippinger

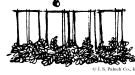
by: Nancy Rachal

10:45 am Manger Blessing/Brunch Following

10:45 am Christmas Pageant Practice

4:00 pm Christmas Concert CTK

7:00 pm AA & Al Anon



Monday, December 4, 2017

8:00 am Liturgy +**Oxlee Rodriguez** by: Bob & Cil Johnson

6:15 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of Al Gawel** by: Dee Gawel

8:30 am Weight Loss Group

7:00 pm Men's Association Meeting



Wednesday, December 6, 2017

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of Chris Greer**

by: The Morning Crew

11:30 am Silver Saints

6:30 pm 6th through 12th Grade PRE Classes

Thursday, December 7, 2017

8:00 am Liturgy **Intentions of Mr. Thanh Pham**

9:00 am Adult Ed

7:00 pm Choir Practice

8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon



Friday, December 8, 2017

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

by: The Morning Crew

7:00 pm Liturgy +**Mark Nix**

Saturday, December 9, 2017

9:00 am Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

5:15 pm Confessions

Confessions available by appointment also 662-429-7851

6:00 pm Liturgy **For the Parish Community**

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am PreK – 5th Grade PRE

8:00 am Adult Ed

9:30 am Liturgy ????????

10:45 am Christmas Pageant Practice

6:00 pm Parish Christmas Pageant and Dinner

7:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Priest Contact Numbers:

SERIOUS SACRAMENT EMERGENCY ONLY 901-351-6591

All other needs 662-342-1073

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

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

THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER DECEMBER MEETING

Shepherd Center of Hernando will meet Thursday, December 14th, 10 AM at Parkway Baptist Church. We will celebrate Christmas with a covered dish meal. The ham will be provided. "Staying Alive" will entertain us with Christmas music. Invite friends to join us. Wear Christmas sweaters! Any questions, call Barbara Cleveland at 662 449 1632.



FAMILY ADVENT RECONCILIATION is

scheduled for the following days:

Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm at Queen of Peace.

Dec. 13th at 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit.

Dec. 19th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph.

Dec. 19th at 7:00 pm at St. Gregory.

Dec. 19th at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd.

Silver Saints meet this Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 11:30 am. Bring a potluck dish to share as we celebrate Christmas together. After our meal, we will exchange Christmas ornaments. The Christmas ornament you bring should cost no more than \$5.00. Please join us for fun, fellowship and delicious food!!!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT ---This Sunday, December 3rd, at 4:00 pm at Christ the King. The concert will be followed by a Chili dinner. Everyone is invited!



MEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

All men of the parish 18 and over are invited and encouraged to come this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm and join in the Men's Association monthly meeting. We need you and all you have to offer. Please come.

Holy Spirit Men's Association E-mail

holyspiritmensassn@gmail.com

The Widows, Divorced and Separated group will meet on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 1:00 pm. We will have an afternoon of reflection and fellowship in celebration of the Christmas Season.

This will be a POTLUCK. The team members will be providing the meat, please bring a side dish. After lunch we will have a "Dirty Santa" if you wish to participate please bring a gift, (\$10 or less). We will be meeting at Loretta Hussey's home Address: 5743 Iroquois Dr. Horn Lake, Ms. 38637 Phone: 901.487.8321. Please join us for good fun and good food. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex

FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the altar the past two weekends were placed there in honor of Banks & Emily Ready who were joined in Holy Matrimony Saturday,

November 18, 2017. May God richly bless them as they begin their new life as one in Him.

Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

☛ Please Pray For The Sick ☛

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

Susan Terry, Mr. Thanh Pham (Fr. Thi's father), Macy Hasas (C. Patton), MaryAnn Nix, Debbie Gowen (Blount), Lynn Nix, Brenda Caruthers, Nancy Rachal, Nancy Potts, Victor Pretti, Deanna Greer (Dean Niece), Rosemary Sabbatini, Lucy Holland, Joann Rains (Liz Brown's sis), Dawn Kovaloski, Gene Winters (Nix), Baby Asher Farmer, Ron Pickard, Al Gawel, Ginny Skinner, Michael Williams, George Bonner, Tom Schrenk (Gawel), Joyce & Terry Cobb (Stafford), Jon Wilson, Penny Mracich (Aime Anderson mom), Mike Johnson, Sr. Antonienne Thoma, Raymond & Gloria Slonena (tully), Dennis Schwab (Powell Nephew), Betty Brotherton (B. Martin mom), Sonny Payne (Traicoff Uncle), Melanie Brauss (Bill Gaudet's sis), Tony Field (Maria Mitchell dad), Tony Pangelina, Natalie Kane (Higdon), Kerry Helms (Higdon bron law), Donna Youngblood (J. Terry cousin), Pete Cervetti (Cass Douglas), John Foti (Muzzi Bro), Daniel Douglas (Jeffries bronlaw), Birdie Lewis (Felicia grandma), Kim Craig (J. Davis sisn law), Farris Jenkins (N Rachal bron law), Carter Brooks, Josh Bixler (Bill/Liz Brown's nephew), Sherry Vowell (Ken Hoover's sis), Sara Hewitt (Marie Smith), 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 of the Sick).



DAILY MASS DURING ADVENT
Mass will be offered Monday through Friday during the Advent Season (Dec. 3-Dec. 25) **Holy Spirit at 8:00 am**, Queen of Peace at 9:00 am and Christ the King at 9 am each weekday morning. It is a catholic tradition to attend daily Mass each day of Advent.



Confessions available by appointment 662-429-7851



CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24TH

Good Shepherd at 4:00 pm.

Holy Spirit at 7:00 pm.

Christ the King at 7:00 pm and midnight (Bilingual)

Queen of Peace at 7:00 pm and midnight.

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25TH

St. Gregory and St. Joseph at 8:00 am



Holy Spirit at 9:30 am.

Queen of Peace at 10:00 am.

Christ the King at 11:00 am (Bilingual)

Bring your bells to ring at all the Christmas masses.

The foreigner residing
among you must be treated
as your native-born.

*Love them as yourself,
for you were foreigners in
Egypt.*

**I am the
LORD your God.**

Leviticus 19:34

THE STRANGER LIVING AMONG YOU

The stranger living with you must be treated as one of your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were strangers in Egypt. Leviticus 19:34

At our Catechists' Kickoff Day for children's religious education classes, Sr. Emily had a short 1 hour presentation on the Facts and Myths of Immigration Issues. Of our 800 children in religious ed. classes, 650 or so are Hispanic, many of whom are dealing with deportation and the demise of DACA. So we wanted our catechists to have some knowledge of what some of the children are experiencing in their lives.

Websites are www.sistersofmercy.org (click on the justice button) and www.dehoniansocialjustice.org The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) also sponsors the website: www.justiceorimmigrants.org During the first week of Advent, Sr. Emily will present again the workshop we gave for the catechists:

Dec. 4 at Christ the King at 7:00 pm- Parish Hall.

Dec. 5 at Holy Spirit at 7:00 pm- Parish Hall, and

Dec. 11 at Queen of Peace at 7:00 pm- Parish Hall.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—This year the Holy day of obligation is on Friday, Dec. 8th.

There will be a collection at all the Masses. The masses are scheduled as follow:

VIGIL: Thursday, December 7th

5:30 pm at Good Shepherd.

5:30 pm at St. Joseph

7:30 pm at St. Gregory.

7:30 pm at Queen of Peace.

FEAST DAY: Friday, December 8th

8 am & 7 pm at Holy Spirit.

9 am & 7 pm (bilingual) at Christ the King.

9 am at Queen of Peace.

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 Tuesday, December 12.

The masses are scheduled on Dec. 12 as follow:

5:30 pm at St. Gregory followed by a reception.

7:00 pm St. Joseph, followed by a reception.

7:00 pm Queen of Peace, followed by a reception.



7:00 pm at Christ the King, followed by a reception.

If you can serve in a ministry for either Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please sign up or call the church office 662-429-7851.



Christmas Dinner Signup



The children of the parish have been rehearsing with Annemarie Gaudet and Mary Gaudet to put on a wonderful pageant called "*The Christmas Story*". You can see this pageant and enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner with your parish family on Sunday evening, December 10, 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 has volunteered to be in charge of decorating this year. She 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!!

!!!! 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 personality and creativity. You can come by during the week before the Dec. 10 program and decorate, or decorate on Saturday, Dec. 9, 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 901-486-9555.

Advent resources

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES VIA THE INTERNET:

Several good websites have daily short meditations for Advent to help us deepen our spirituality in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Savior.

<http://www2.loyolapress.com/advent> This is a Jesuit site.

www.wof@wordonfire.org Bishop Barron's website.

www.DynamicCatholic.com (Best Advent Ever) has daily inspirational messages and short videos.

Each week on the Sisters of Mercy blog, you'll find reflections and art created by members of the Mercy

community. Materials in English and Spanish, including large-print versions, will be posted the Thursday before each week of Advent, beginning November 30, at [Sisters of Mercy blog](#). We offer you the reflections and art for your personal and communal prayer.



FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Signup sheets for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are on the table in the Narthex.

There are other ways to help for Advent and Christmas as well – like decorating, a family to light the advent candle each week, carrying in the various pieces of the Nativity set....we will need lots of help. Please let us know when you will be attending Mass and how you can help. Call the church office 662-429-7851.

“The Christmas Story”

2017 HOLY SPIRIT
YOUNG PEOPLE’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rehearsals

Sunday*	December 3	10:45 am – Noon
Saturday (Dress Rehearsal)	December 9	9:00 am – 11:00 am

*Lunch will be provided for all Sunday rehearsals

Performance

Sunday, December 10 - 6:00 p.m.

Any questions, call Annemarie Gaudet 901-828-0768

Or Jeannine Gaudet 901-828-0768

*****Come to the Family Life Center
Immediately After Sunday Mass**



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
GOES TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS
FOR OUR NEW NATIVITY**

- Holy Family* – Bill and Chellie Warner
- Kneeling King* – Joe and Betty Kuhel
- Standing King* – Sam and Leslye Hall
- Standing King* – Harry and Kim Tarsi / Leroy and Yvonne Mayfield /Danny & Cindy Thomas/Shane & Stacy Hughes/ Cooter & Jackie Ellis/Adam & Kim Thomas
- Donkey* – Carmen Kreider
- Camel* – Carmen Kreider
- Cow* – Merritt and Rose Powell
- Standing Shepherd* – Ronnie and Theresa Sheppard
- Kneeling Shepherd* – Mary Margaret Brasher
- Angel* – Josephine Muzzi
- Lamb lying down* – Lorraine Faulkner and Maureen Morgan
- Lamb standing* – Rose Ganeles
- Lamb grazing* – LeRoy & Yvonne Mayfield

INTERFAITH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Once again Holy Spirit’s participation in the Interfaith Christmas Program will be providing gift cards for the teenagers, as well as supplementing household goods for the 55 families in our program. We are asking for monetary donations from our families at Holy Spirit. Last year, due to the overwhelming generosity of you, our parishioners, we were able to provide the best Christmas ever for 54 needy families. We will be collecting money this weekend and next weekend. Please be as generous as possible – the need is great.



Also we ask for help on our packing day which will be Wednesday, December 13th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Lunch will be provided. The Distribution Day will be Saturday, December 16th from **8:15 a.m. (NEW TIME) until 10:30 a.m.** We need lots of help – especially strong backs as all items must be loaded into cars.

Thank you, in advance, for all that you do to support the Interfaith Council on Poverty and those in need that we serve. God Bless You!!