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870-316-0229

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11



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FOR SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANCE CALL:

870-520-8331

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14- Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Hayden Morrison +

Tuesday, December 15 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Int. of Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
by Jon & Nancy DePriest

Wednesday, December 16 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Therese Hettiarachchi +
by The Nonis Family

Thursday, December 17 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Memory of Bob, Frances and David Puryear +
by Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Puryear

Friday, December 18 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Hillard Clark +
by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss

Saturday, December 19 - Public Mass
Public & Livestreamed Mass
5:30 p.m. Agnes Tipton +

Sunday, December 20- Public Mass
8:00 a.m. Int. of Joy Vaupel
by Nancy DePriest
10:00 a.m. Int. of Tom & Jane LaHood Family
by Robert & Marita Monteforte
Public & Livestreamed Mass
12:00 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners

*Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.*



Agnes Tipton Mother of Sheila Tipton

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Please keep Sheila in your prayers.



PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Monday December 14
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday December 15
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday December 16
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. Year 2 Confirmation

Thursday December 17
5:30 p.m. Public Mass
6:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation

Friday December 18
Parish Office Closed
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday December 19
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday December 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
11 - 11:55 a.m. 1st Communion Year 2/RCIC
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming
5 p.m. Children's Ministry Live Nativity

READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Friday Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Parish Financial Report

GENERAL COLLECTIONS

	Goal	Actual
July	\$61,600.00	\$57,544.42
August	\$77,000.00	\$63,068.85
September	\$61,600.00	\$60,817.34
October	\$61,600.00	\$60,282.94
November	\$77,000.00	\$62,389.73
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
YTD (Jul-Present)	\$338,800.00	\$304,103.28

YTD Budget Surplus / Shortage (\$34,696.72)

Thank you for your parish support!!

"Pray With Me" a daily devotional prayer featuring Fr. Alphonse can now be found on our Facebook page every afternoon.



Have you prayed the Rosary today?



Mass Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Monday & Wednesday	7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Public Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Public Mass
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Public Mass
Saturday	8:00 a.m. (1st Saturdays) 4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Public Mass Confessions in the Church (In Confessionals) Public Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Public Mass (English) Public Mass (English) Public Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY UPDATE

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:
Utility assistance for 15 families
Rental assistance for 8 families
were provided.

Priority is given to members of our parish family.

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 17th
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Confessions

**Spanish Confessions in the
parish office**
**English Confessions in the
church**



Thanks for giving! “We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last week’s second collection.

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting Children, Youth & Adults at risk.

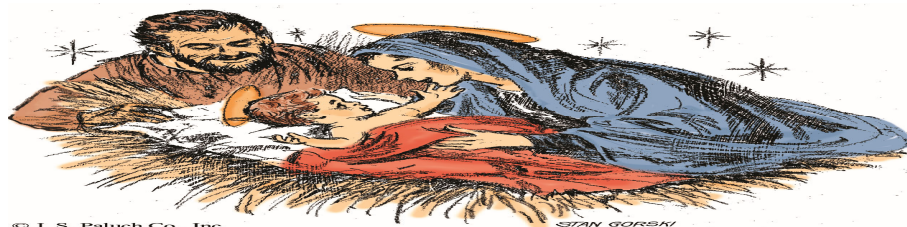


If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by clerics, Church volunteers or Church workers, please contact the **State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964** and the **Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, 501-664-0340, ext 361.**

For pastoral assistance please contact: **Diocese of Little Rock Victim Assistance Coordinator, Laura Gottsponer, 501-664-0340, ext. 425.**

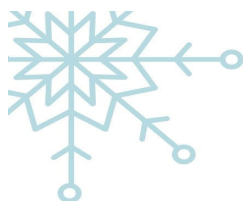
Thank you very much to the helpers who came to Holy Angels Convent Sunday, November 22nd and Saturday, December 5th to help move the furniture from the “flooded rooms” to the “storage box” and got all the furniture placed back into the rooms that were repaired after the water leak. You definitely proved that “many hands make light work”. It was amazing to see the young folks and the more mature folks working so well together. Your efforts were appreciated by all of us and most especially by the sisters who were happy to return to their own rooms. We appreciate all of your help.
Merry Christmas!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Shelby Ward, Mary Ann Eaton, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Millie & Bill Kueter, Rita Puryear, Pat Dacus, Misael Reyes, Freda & Jim Cole, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Larry McKinney, Andy Sanders, Marisol Guerra, Javier Garduno, Nathan Barajas, Earl Wallace, Candelaria Flores, Rita Vaught, Mashudi Gunawan, Amy Clancy, Malcolm McGregor, Mary Diaz, Debbie Marthey, Chelley Jordan, Mike Massanelli, Helen Wilson, Donald Schmidt, Lilly Blalock, The Cruz Family, Paula Wilson, John & Sharon Aleman, Dorothy Massanelli, Larry Wiles, Carolyn Schilly, Nancy Stillman, Marlene Turner, Pattie McDaniel, COVID-19 sufferers

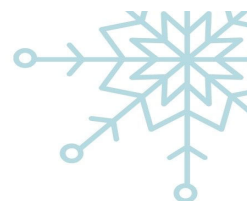


Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	4:00 p.m.
December 24th	6:00 p.m.
	8:00 p.m. (Spanish)
	11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	8:00 a.m.
December 25th	10:00 a.m.
	12:00 p.m. (Spanish)



**Blessed Sacrament
Parish Raffle
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Hispanic Ministry**



Grand prize: LG 86" Smart Television
2nd prize: \$200 cash
3rd prize: Apple Air Pods

The proceeds collected from this raffle will benefit the Building Fund. The raffle drawing will take place after the 12:00 pm Mass on January 31st in the church. You do not need to be present to win.

\$25.00 per ticket

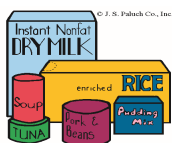
To purchase a ticket please call
Dcn. Ramon 882-0510
Ana Castañon 219-9458

WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 16 lbs of food and a \$125 donation from our parish this past week. Thank you!

F.Y.I.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (weather permitting) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



Third Sunday of Advent

The readings this week bear a certain similarity to those of last week—we hear a prophecy from Isaiah that is reiterated by John the Baptist in Mark’s Gospel—but today the focus is different. Last week John told us to repent. Today he is the light leading us to God. Today is also known as “Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday,” as the reading from First Thessalonians commands us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” We are to rejoice. Right now. Combined with last Sunday, this seems like a mixed message. “Which is it? Repenting or Rejoicing?” But John is telling us that one leads to the other. As we prepare for the coming of our Savior we must first repent and then rejoice.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

Many years ago, Canadian singer Ann Murray had a hit song that spoke of her frustrations as she listened to the radio and read the headlines. She sang that “we sure could use a little good news today.” It strikes me that this is the message that the readings want us to leave with this week. The Gospel Antiphon proclaims, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” (from Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4: 18). John the Baptist is here to testify to the light, to the Good News.

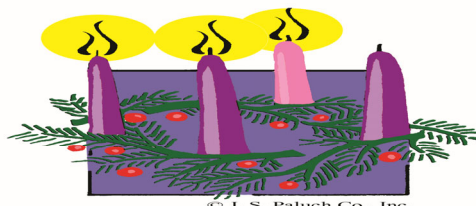
WILL THE REAL MESSIAH PLEASE STAND UP?

The Jewish people were waiting for their messiah, they were waiting for a hero. They prodded John several times trying to figure out what his role actually was, and to see what he knew. It became a guessing game. He tried to say nothing, but finally answered in a humble fashion, “I am not he.” He baptized with water as a means of leading people to the coming Christ and helping them to prepare. He somehow avoided the trappings of success that would turn his light on himself. Today he remains a road sign for us, pointing out Christ our Light.

We all want someone to rescue us, and most likely to fix the mistakes and errors that we continue to make as individuals and as nations. Much of that is human nature. Would there be as much fascination with superheroes if this were not the case? How many times do you as an adult turn to your folks for advice, or wish you could talk to a deceased parent? Some need help emotionally, others spiritually, others financially. The reality is that it is tough to get your “ducks in a row” and always has been. Today’s encouraging message is for us to always look to the Light for our help. May we always be like John the Baptist and testify how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been our Savior.

Today’s Readings: Is 61:1–2a, 10–1; 1 Lk 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54; 1 Thes 5:16–24; Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

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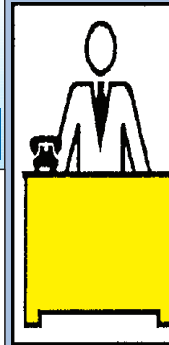
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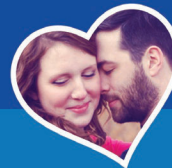
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