Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

All Souls Catholic Church
Sanford, FL

CLERGY OF THE PARISH
Fr. Gilbert Medina, Pastor
Fr. Ed McCarthy, Retired
Fr. Kenneth Metz, Retired
Fr. Andrzej Jurkiewicz, Latin Mass
Fr. Mark Christopher, Retired
Rev. Mr. Marty Mueller, Deacon

CHRUCH SCHOOL CEMETERY
3280 W. 1st St. (SR #46)
Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9:30am,
11:00am,
12:30pm (Spanish)
Historic Chapel Location
800 S. Oak Avenue
Monday—Saturday
Sunday 8:00am,
2:00pm (Latin Mass)
Parish Office
301 W. 8th Street
Hours: M-F, 8am to 4:30pm
office@allsoulssanford.org

Christmas 2015 Mass Schedule
Thursday, December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve
Church
4:00pm, 6:00pm
8:00pm (Spanish)
Midnight
Historic Chapel
5:00pm
Friday, December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day
Church
8:00am
10:30am
Historic Chapel
12:00pm (Latin Mass)

Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 31, 2015
Church
6:00pm (Bilingual Spanish/English)

Friday, January 1, 2016
Historic Chapel
8:30am, 2:00pm (Latin Mass)
Church
10:00am

Please bring your Nativity figurine of the infant Jesus for a special blessing at all of our Christmas Eve Masses.
Christmas thoughts from the Pastor

My dearest parishioners with great joy in my heart I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all of you—both in the English and Hispanic community—for an outstanding year.

I pray that the Christmas season will bring into each of you a profound sense of joy and peace in the birth of the Christ child at Bethlehem.

May the joy of this season illuminate the darkness in the world and give us courage to continue forward in the name of our Lord.

I look forward to an exciting 2016 year. Be certain that I will carry your intentions in my deepest prayers.

Peace in Christ,

Father Gilbert Medina

The 4th Sunday of Advent

"Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." What was the rush? Why did Mary go so quickly to visit her cousins Elizabeth and Zechariah? It’s hard to know exactly what her purpose was, but one thing is clear: Mary and Elizabeth shared a special connection. Perhaps Mary was anxious to be in the company of someone who could understand her unusual situation.

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Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.
Often people attend Mass at All Souls for several years, but never register. Registering here is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of All Souls Church. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings, too.

Church law advises that territories or boundaries no longer limit parish registration. All Souls accepts anyone who wants to share in the life of the parish regardless of where they live. In order to register, you need to complete a which registration card. These may be found near the church or chapel, the parish office during the week or online at our parish website: www.allsoulssanford.org. Why not sign up today? We love our new parishioners!

Welcome New Members!
Frieda Kulp
Reynaldo, Paola & Adrian Reyes

To all our families at All Souls... During this season, my prayer is that you will have a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

As we reflect on the wonder and birth of the Christ Child, let us first give thanks to God our Father who knows all our needs and deepest longings. Though Jesus the Father’s glorious light and love is made present to us. A light that shines like a beacon, even in our darkest moments. May we allow Jesus, our Savior and Lord to fill our hearts so completely that we will in turn be a light to others. A light that reflects His grace and majesty, a light that shines Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Jenny Mansingh, Director of Faith Formation

The wall calendars which are provided to our parishioners each year come from the Extension Society, Chicago, IL. The calendars will arrive before the end of the month and will be placed in the narthex of the church and vestibule of the Historic Chapel for you. We appreciate your patience and understanding until they arrive.

Again this year, the calendar is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 5357—to whom we extend sincere thanks and appreciation for all the gifts they bestow upon our faith community.

Please join us for the next Meeting of the ASCCW, Tuesday, January 5th, at the Knights of Columbus Meeting Hall, 2509 S. Oak Ave., Sanford at 7pm. And don’t forget to Save the Date for our next Bunco, to be held on Saturday, January 30th to benefit Safe House. For more information on our CCW, please contact Ronnie Capalino at rcapalino@gmail.com

“Service is Joy”

Did you forget your envelopes? Register for online giving today! www.allsoulssanford.org

Our Knights of Columbus

May the Lord make this, the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

Meetings 1st (Social) and 3rd (Business) Tuesdays 7pm, 2504 S Oak Ave, Sanford. kofc5357.org

All Souls Council of Catholic Women...

Jubilee Year of Mercy December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016
Find out more here: http://www.orlandodiocese.org/yearofmercy
Remembering our deceased diocesan priests

Let us remember the truly remarkable priests who have impacted our lives and especially those deceased priests of the Diocese of Orlando.

Let us pray during this month of December for the repose of the soul of:

- Father Francis Letourneau—December 2, 1997
- Father Armand Gregoire—December 3, 1979
- Father Con Shine—December 4, 1996
- Father Stephen Phillips—December 5, 2008
- Msgr. William Mullally—December 13, 1971
- Father John Fiola—December 20, 1990
- Father Walter Franczek—December 20, 1999
- Father William O’Farrell—December 21, 1997
- Father Vincent E. Smith—December 22, 1981
- Father Gerry Granahan—December 22, 2010
- Father Charles Moser, S.M.A.—December 29, 1999
- Father Claude Laquerre—December 30, 1985

Prayer for our Deceased Priests

O God, you raised your servants, to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, according to the Order of Melchisedech, giving them the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice, to bring the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ down upon the altar, and to absolve the sins of men in your own Holy Name.

We beseech you to reward their faithfulness and to forget their faults, admitting them speedily into your holy Presence, there to enjoy forever the recompense of their labors. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Moore State Champs!

ORLANDO, Fla. - Bishop Moore Catholic High School won the 5A State Football Championship title on Friday, December 11, at the Citrus Bowl.

The Hornets beat Crawfordville Wakulla 37-34 with a comeback late in the fourth quarter. Bishop Moore was down 21 to 17 at halftime. Still trailing toward the end of the fourth quarter, the Hornets scored a touchdown, which secured them the state title.

Congratulations Hornets!
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Week Day Readings...**

**Sunday, December 20** ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

**Monday, December 21** ~ St. Peter Canisius  
Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

**Tuesday, December 22**  
1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

**Wednesday, December 21** ~ St. John of Kanty  

**Thursday, December 24**  
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Luke 1:67-79

**Friday, December 25** ~ Christmas  
Isiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

**Saturday, December 26** ~ St. Stephen  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

**Sunday, December 27** ~ Fest of the Holy Family  

**Our Adoration Chapel—Won’t you please come spend an hour with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel?** Open Monday through Friday from 9am to 9pm. You may bring your own prayers books, read the Bible, pray the Rosary or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the real presence of God. The Master is waiting for you. Contact Mary Butler at 407.321.0029 to schedule a regular visitation time as an “Adorer”. Please note: If you have never visited our Adoration Chapel before, contact the parish office at 407.322.3795 before your first visit for important information. The Adoration Chapel will be closed from December 23rd through January 4th, 2016.

**Grupo de Oración:** “Jesús, María y José” Cordialmente los invita: A compartir con nosotros un momento de oración y alabanza a Nuestro Dios. Todos los Lunes a las 7:15 pm en la Capilla. La Praying Group: “Jesús, María y José” invites you to their weekly gathering this Monday at 7:15 pm in the Social Hall.

**Mass Intentions...**

**Saturday, December 19, 2015**

- **8:30 am**  
  Chapel  
  †Emilia Orejuela & Hilda Leiva by Marlene Alphonso

- **5:00 pm**  
  Church  
  People of the Parish by the Parishioners of All Souls

**Sunday, December 20, 2015**

- **8:00 am**  
  Chapel  
  †Angie Medina by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

- **9:30 am**  
  Church  
  Sanctity of Life by the Knights of Columbus

- **11:00 am**  
  Church  
  †Christopher Slaughter by the Long Family

- **12:30 pm**  
  Church (Spanish)  
  †The Garcia Family by the Garcia Family

- **2:00 pm**  
  Chapel (Latin)  
  †The Rodriguez/Cid Family by the Abinader-Cid Family

**Monday, December 21, 2015**

- **8:30 am**  
  Chapel  
  †Gertrude Giel by Father Medina

- **8:30 am**  
  Chapel  
  †Joseph Hai Ngo by his family

**Wednesday, December 23, 2015**

- **8:30 am**  
  Chapel  
  †Josie Chavez by Sheila Calhoun

**Thursday, December 24, 2015**

- **8:30 am**  
  Chapel  
  Julie Tice by George Opolka

- **4:00pm**  
  Church  
  †Jenni Heneghan by the Palmer Family

- **5:00pm**  
  Chapel  
  †Mariana Libretti by Angela FitzPatrick

- **6:00pm**  
  Church  
  Staff & Families of All Souls Employees by the Priests of the Parish

- **8:00pm**  
  Church (Spanish)  
  †Emilia Orejuela, †Hilda Leiva by Marlene Alphonso

**Friday, December 25, 2015**

- **12:00am**  
  Church  
  †Elsa & †Margaret Callaghan by their friends

- **8:00 am**  
  Church  
  †Marina Cortez by Mr. and Mrs. Canonizado

- **10:30am**  
  Church  
  †Rose Occhigrosso by Bob and Annette Tolle

- **12:00pm**  
  Chapel (Latin)  
  †Oberto Piedro by his family

**Saturday, December 26, 2015**

- **8:30 am**  
  Chapel  
  †Ann Antonio by her children

- **5:00 pm**  
  Church  
  Janette Vicencio by her family

**Sunday, December 27, 2015**

- **8:00 am**  
  Chapel  
  People of the Parish by the Parishioners of All Souls

- **9:30 am**  
  Church  
  †Joseph Hai Ngo by his sister

- **11:00 am**  
  Church  
  †Ann Antonio by her family

- **12:30 pm**  
  Church (Spanish)  
  †Carmelo Ocana by the Boyd Family

- **2:00 pm**  
  Chapel (Latin)  
  †Herbert Tromby by Bill & Mary Gibbons

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**Art and Environment**

Please help us...  
Church decorating for Christmas  
2 pm after the Spanish Mass.

*All are welcome*

Our Sanctuary Light in the Church burns in loving memory of Joseph Battaglini, Bertha Battaglini and Theresa DiVito. As requested by Lorraine Battaglini. May they rest in eternal peace. Our Sanctuary Light in the Chapel burns in loving memory of Jewell Bollihorst and Priscilla Miller. As requested by Lorraine Battaglini. May they rest in eternal peace.
**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul...**

**Merry Christmas from your friends with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!**

How you help us help others: A mother with several children went into labor Thanksgiving Eve. Her brother came to watch the kids and there was very little food and absolutely no Thanksgiving meal for Thursday. The call came in late on Wednesday night. So, after Thanksgiving Mass, we took a full feast and lots of drinks - the water at this apartment tastes like rust. The kids were so excited about chocolate milk and marshmallows that they started dancing!

**Food Pantry Need of the Week:** Cereal. Last week: 127 items were donated with a retail value of $338. Thanks!

**Year-end giving:** We’re a non-profit and we’re happy to provide you or your business a tax receipt for year end donations. We appreciate your generosity!

**Vincentian Reflection:** Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

**SVDP Assistance Hotline call:** 407.330.4400

**SVDP for Pick up of donations:** 1-888-986-4483

**Thrift Store Location:**
- 216 N. Hwy 17-92, Suite #150 – Big Lots Plaza
- Longwood, 32750

**Hours:** Mon. to Fri.: 10am to 7pm; Sat. 9am to 6pm *

**End donations.** We appreciate your generosity. 

**St. Vincent de Paul Gala**

**St. Vincent de Paul, “Friends of the Poor” Gala**

Saturday January 23, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando.

**Dinner ~ Live Music~ Silent Auction ~**

Donation $100.00. For those that do not want to drive back that evening We have a room rate of $109.00 group # 50786. For ticket information contact: **Barbara Maize** at 407.804.8953

**EXCITING NEWS FOR YOU!! JOIN THE ALL SOULS YOUTH, D.A.W.G. ON OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIP!**

**JUNE 26—JULY 2, 2016 RICHMOND, VA**

This trip is open to 2016 High School Freshman into Collage Age Students. Deposits of $35 (non-refundable) are due by end of January 2016 for each participant. Contact Michelle Murphy, Youth Minister mmurphy@allsoullsanford.org

For more detailed information about CHWC go to http://heartworkcamp.com/about/our-mission/ Many All Souls Catholic families have participated in CHWC/DAWG for many years! Don’t take my word for it, check with them! Bornstein, Valente, Delpalazzo, Olsen, Drinkall, Frana, McGraw, and so many more!!!