

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

"The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear." Zephaniah 3:15b

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am PreK – 5th Grade PREP
8:00 am Adult Education
8:00 am RCIA Classes
9:30 am Liturgy +Mark Nix
7:00 pm AA & Al Anon



Monday, December 17, 2018

- 8:00 am Liturgy +Parker Carroll by: George & Amanda Ready
6:15 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

- 8:00 am Liturgy +Toni Sabbatini Brown by: Ned & Rosemary Sabbatini
9:00 am Weight Loss Support Group



Wednesday, December 19, 2018

- 8:00 am Liturgy +Parker Carroll by: Lucy Holland
NO PRE

Thursday, December 20, 2018

- 8:00 am Liturgy +Tony Leisner by: Carmen Kreider
9:00 am Adult Ed
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon



Friday, December 21, 2018

- 8:00 am Liturgy +Faithful Departed 3rd mass

Saturday, December 22, 2018

- 5:30 pm Confession
Confessions available by appointment also 662-429-7851
6:00 pm Liturgy +Art Cortesi by: Ted & Mary Green

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- NO PREP
NO Adult Education
NO RCIA Classes
9:30 am Liturgy For The Parish Community
7:00 pm AA & Al Anon



Priest Contact Numbers:
SERIOUS SACRAMENT EMERGENCY ONLY 901-351-6591
All other needs 662-429-7851

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

December 16 – Maria Mitchell
December 23 – Rebecca Parker

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

December 16 – Kim & Beverly
December 23 – Christmas

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

December – Noreen French

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.

Saturday, December 22 – 6:00 pm

- Greeter: Paula Busler/Maureen Finley
Usher: Tom & Paula Busler
Server: Landon Ellis/Cooper Sells
Lector: Bill Marking/Liz Brown
Gift Bearer: Gunn Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Skip & Mayra RexRoade/Lori Stephens



Sunday, December 23 – 9:30 am

- Greeter: Jimmy & Susan Terry
Usher: Larry Goode/Dennis Johnson
Server: Jimmy Terry/Coen/Brody
Lector: Adam Henning/MaryAnn Nix
Gift Bearer: Mayfield Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Greg & Leanne Meng/Kristin Carter/Diane Cullen/Merritt Powell/Barbara Nickarz/Amanda 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.....

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total: \$6,094.81. Last Week's Offering: \$6,292.75. Maintenance Fund Last Wk: \$952.00. Community Services: \$75.00. Children's Collection: \$18.00. Christmas Flowers: \$335.00. Feast of the Immaculate Conception: \$614.00.

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

BOSTON BUTTS ON SALE NOW—The Men's

Association is now accepting orders for "Boston Butts". They will be between 8 lbs and 10 lbs for \$40. Last day to order Sunday, December 23 – pick-up day is Friday, December 28. Please call Sal Galtelli 429-5071 or see one of the men after mass to place your order. You must order to get one. Order today!



DAILY MASS DURING ADVENT Mass will be offered Monday through Friday during the Advent Season (from December 2 to December 25) at Holy Spirit at 8:00 am, Queen of Peace at 9:00 am and Christ the





For more info and for entry forms: Dan Bicknell 901-832-3254 or danielbicknell@comcast.net

Entry forms are also available in the religious education office with Ms Donna. **Deadline: December 19, 2018.**

Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

☠ Please Pray For The Sick ☠

Your prayers are requested for the following who are having/recovering from surgery or are seriously ill:

Robert Brasher (Neechie's dad), Chris SelVO (N. French), Steve Polumbo, Marcia Perryman (J. Terry's sis), Bob Langley, Victor Pretti, Nancy Potts, Neechie Presley, Diane Smith (Ci sis), David Ward, Bill Warner, Marie Smith, Christopher Noel, Tiffany Ann Weishaar (Nix), Al Gawel, Deeanna Greer (Dean Niece), Sr. Mary Myles (Powell sis), Caralee Joyner (Barb Wilder niece), Angela Porter (Nix), Mary Greenwell (Barbara Dean's sis), Noah Sansom, Hayley Hardy (Higdon niece), Tony Pangelina, Gilda Stafford, Sr. Antonienne Thoma, Phyllis Pangelina, James Ferguson, Rosemary Sabbatini, Alice Quick (C. Menne sis), Barney Norys (Terry), Jared Smith (Liz Brown), Susan Terry, Mr. Thanh Pham (Fr. Thi's father), Brenda Caruthers, Baby Asher Farmer, Ron Pickard, Joyce & Terry Cobb (Stafford), Mike Johnson, Dennis Schwab (Powell nephew), John Foti (Muzzi Bro), Betty Brotherton (B. Martin mom), Pete Cervetti (Cass Douglas), 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), and Sara Hewitt (Marie Smith). 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).



King at 9 am. It is a catholic tradition to attend daily Mass each day of Advent.

2019 Calendars!!! Please pick up a 2019 Feasts and Saints Calendar located in the Narthex.

Monday, December 24th

Good Shepherd, Robinsonville: 4:00 PM
Christ the King, Southaven 6:00 PM
Holy Spirit, Hernando 6:00 PM
Queen of Peace 8:00 PM
Queen of Peace Midnight
Christ the King, Southaven Midnight

Tuesday, December 25th

St. Gregory, Senatobia 8:00 AM
St. Joseph, Holly Springs 8:00 AM
Holy Spirit, Hernando 9:30 AM
Queen of Peace 10:00 AM

MINISTRY SIGNUP NEEDS

Thank you to all who have signup up to help with the ministries for the coming holidays. We still have a few needs:

Christmas Eve: **2 Greeters/1 Eucharistic Minister**

Christmas Day: **Gift Bearers**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Years day): **Please sign up to help – need everything**

Please call the church office if you can help

662-429-7851 or e-mail holyspiritchurch@shsm.org.

 **“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST**
The Knights are sponsoring a poster contest for children between the ages of 5-14. Three age groups: 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds and 11-14 year olds.
Each poster must reflect the “Keep Christ in Christmas” theme with a visual image.
Each poster should be an original work and must be 11”X17” in size.
A contest entry form must be attached to the back of the poster. Entry forms are available in the Religious education office. **Deadline: December 19, 2018.**

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

“How does your family keep its Catholic faith in action?” All students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to enter by writing a 500-750 word essay reflecting the theme. Essays must be typed on 8 1/2”X11” paper, one sided, double spaced with one-inch margins.

Names should only be on the entry form which should be stapled to the essay.



SCAM ALERT! **REQUEST FROM PRIEST OR RELIGIOUS FOR GIFT CARDS, MONEY.....SCAM 12-4-2018**

If you receive a text, email, or phone call from someone using the name of one of our Priests or Religious, Fr. Thi Pham, Fr. David Szatkowski, Fr. Greg Schill, Sr. Emily Morgan or Sr. Rose Hacker asking for you to send gift cards or money to them, hang up immediately and delete the text/email message. Our Priests and Religious would never contact you asking for money or gift cards.

This is a scam.

Do not respond to them in any way.

Thank you and God bless you.

Confessions available by appointment 662-429-7851

LA POSADA – On Sunday December 16th at 5:00 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.

PIETA BY MICHAELANGELO

During the visit of the replica of the Michelangelo Pietá CTK will have two additional masses for all parishioners. The **First Saturday** of the month at **9 am** and every **Wednesday** at **5:30 pm**



Mary, the Holy Mother of God MASS TIMES

Monday, December 31, 2018

St. Joseph	4:00 PM
Good Shepherd	4:00 PM
St. Gregory	6:00 PM
Queen of Peace	6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Holy Spirit	8:00 AM
Christ the King	9:00 AM

Planting the Seeds of Good Stewardship in our Children



Each weekend the children are encouraged by the presider to come forward and bring their offerings and place them in the basket on the Altar. Through this practice we want to teach our children how to be good stewards. At the same time, we want to teach our children that our monetary offering is only one way of being good stewards. All that we have comes from a loving God and in gratitude we acknowledge that by offering our time, treasure, and talents to serve God and his people.

THE WORD AMONG US--FREE!

Each issue includes daily meditations based on the Mass readings, articles about the saints, and practical advice on living the Christian life. Pick up your family's copy located in the box at the bulletin board.



Annual Open House December 30th

11:00 am till –
1447 Tara Drive
Hernando, MS 38632
For information
Call Barbara Wilder at 901-832-0672

Flowers in the daily mass chapel are placed by Mike and Diane Cullen.



Our Holy Spirit Parish Family offers their deepest condolences to Tony & Julie Stefanik on the recent death of his mother +Emily Stefanik

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

FAMILY IDEAS

When it is time for the Gospel, we stand to sing the Gospel Acclamation at Mass. For most of the year this is the Alleluia. The word 'alleluia' means 'praise God'. We know we will encounter Jesus Christ in the Gospel. We have much for which to praise God.

Encourage family members to live in joy. Pope Francis said, "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives in all who encounter Jesus" (The Joy of the Gospel, 2014). Talk about what this means to your family.

Share ideas as a family of ways to be joyful people, such as saying good morning, finding the positive in each day, expressing appreciation for what others do, and watching for opportunities, to help other people.

FAMILY PRAYER

God of joy, we praise you for all that you are and all that you have done for us. We lift up our voices that we may proclaim Alleluia at Mass and in our lives. Help our family to live in joy and see the blessings in each day. Amen. Alleluia!

NOTE TO FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Preparing a child for First Communion should be a joyful time. Encourage your child to give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist and other blessings in their lives. Remind them that we are to share the joy of the gospel with others.

Update Membership Information

Does our Parish database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book and Directory (if you have not already done so).

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

If you have not already informed the Parish office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book and Directory is correct. The office number is 662-429-7851 or email holyspiritchurch@shsm.org Thank you for your help.

Registration forms are located at the Bulletin Board as you enter the church for new members.



The Knights of Columbus have the "Best Book" on sale this weekend for \$20.00 each.



Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, January 5th at 9:00 AM.

Christ The King in Southaven

All are invited.

There will be a breakfast after Mass.

Everyone is invited to attend this Mass, especially anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This sacrament is not just for the dying, but anyone who suffers from a chronic illness or infirmity. There will be a breakfast after Mass.

Please sign up in the Narthex



Our priests will be out of town on Thursday, January 10th and Friday, January 11th we will have

Communion Service at 8:00 am



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AT Christ The King in Southaven – All men over the age of 18 are invited to the monthly prayer breakfast in the parish hall

on Saturday, January 12th at 7:00 am.

MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION SPONSORED BY SACRED HEART SOUTHERN MISSIONS

Once a month Sacred Heart Southern Missions has a mobile food distribution at Landers Center in Southaven (East parking lot) to help families in need in Desoto County. Sacred Heart Southern Missions serves 1,500 families so it is a massive undertaking that requires at least 75 volunteers from 1:30pm to 5:00pm. You can stay the entire time or volunteer a few hours. These are the days for 2019: **January 16**, February 13, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 12, October 9, November 20 and December 18.

Please contact Lois Harrison if you are able to help at 662-429-5789 or Lharrison@shsm.org.



BLESSING OF MINISTERS-

All ministers who serve at liturgy will receive a special blessing and commissioning on the weekend of

January 12 and 13.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated with the children/youth preparing for First Holy Communion in May 2019 on Saturday, January 19th at 9:00am. The Knights of Columbus will provide a pancake breakfast immediately after the service for the children and their families.



CPR TRAINING to be offered at Christ the King on Saturday, January 5th from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

We must have at least six to offer the class and it will be limited to 22 people. Cost is \$45.00/person. For more information contact Mrs. Donna at Christ the King at 662.342.1073 or ctksdonna@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY NEED– Sugar Holy Spirit provides sugar for our Food Pantry here in Hernando. This is "Sugar Weekend" we hope you brought sugar to mass with you. We have a growing number of families coming for food. We have been facing a **real shortage of sugar** lately to meet this demand. You may bring sugar whenever it is convenient. This food pantry serves the poor of our community. Matthew 26:11 **God bless your generosity.**

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Here's a thought! Instead of the typical New Year's resolution (which seldom are kept anyway), why not resolve to join your "Holy Spirit Men's Association". What a great way to start off 2019. Men 18 yrs. old and up are eligible. We meet one day a month, for one hour in the education building @ Holy Spirit @ 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month. If interested please contact me at this email address



rbrtjohnson716@gmail.com or 662-429-7611 (home) for more info.

If you're thinking of doing good in the world, now's your chance. Please mark your calendar for our next scheduled meeting on January 8th, 2019 (Due to Jan. 1st Holiday).

Yours in Christ,

Bob Johnson (Holy Spirit Men's Association Secretary).



WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP Come join us each week as we support each other on our weight loss journey. Tuesday morning at 9:00 am for a weigh in and sharing. Liz Brown is our contact person for this adventure. 901-331-3419. ***MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US EACH WEEK AS WE STRIVE TO BECOME HEALTHIER, HAPPIER PERSONS!!!***

NO CELL PHONE ZONE We remind all to please turn off all cell



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phones and electronic communication devices when entering the church buildings. The signals, even from a silenced phone, interfere with the wireless microphones of the church.



A CALL TO HOLINESS BY POPE FRANCIS.

29. This does not mean ignoring the need for moments of quiet, solitude and silence before God. Quite the contrary. The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not by joy but rather by the discontent of those whose lives have lost meaning. How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter. This may not happen unless "we see ourselves staring into the abyss of a frightful temptation, or have the dizzying

sensation of standing on the precipice of utter despair, or find ourselves completely alone and abandoned".^[28] In such situations, we find the deepest motivation for living fully our commitment to our work.

30. The same distractions that are omnipresent in today's world also make us tend to absolutize our free time, so that we can give ourselves over completely to the devices that provide us with entertainment or ephemeral pleasures.^[29] As a result, we come to resent our mission, our commitment grows slack, and our generous and ready spirit of service begins to flag. This denatures our spiritual experience. Can any

spiritual fervour be sound when it dwells alongside sloth in evangelization or in service to others?



UN LLAMADO A LA SANTIDAD DEL PAPA FRANCISCO.

29. Esto no implica despreciar los momentos de quietud, soledad y silencio ante Dios. Al contrario. Porque las constantes novedades de los recursos tecnológicos, el atractivo de los viajes, las innumerables ofertas para el consumo, a veces no dejan espacios vacíos donde resuena la voz de Dios. Todo se llena de palabras, de disfrutes epidérmicos y de ruidos con una velocidad siempre mayor. Allí no reina la alegría sino la insatisfacción de quien no sabe para qué vive. ¿Cómo no reconocer entonces que necesitamos detener esa carrera frenética para recuperar un espacio personal, a veces doloroso pero siempre fecundo, donde se entabla el diálogo sincero con Dios? En algún momento tendremos que percibir de frente la propia verdad, para dejarla invadir por el Señor, y no siempre se logra esto si uno «no se ve al borde del abismo de la tentación más agobiante, si no siente el vértigo del precipicio del

más desesperado abandono, si no se encuentra absolutamente solo, en la cima de la soledad más radical»[\[28\]](#). Así encontramos las grandes motivaciones que nos impulsan a vivir a fondo las propias tareas.

30. Los mismos recursos de distracción que invaden la vida actual nos llevan también a absolutizar el tiempo libre, en el cual podemos utilizar sin límites esos dispositivos que nos brindan entretenimiento o placeres efímeros[\[29\]](#). Como consecuencia, es la propia misión la que se resiente, es el compromiso el que se debilita, es el servicio generoso y disponible el que comienza a retacearse. Eso desnaturaliza la experiencia espiritual. ¿Puede ser sano un fervor espiritual que conviva con una acedia en la acción evangelizadora o en el servicio a los otros?