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MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am - 11:30 am Tues & Thurs 5:30 pm Wed & Fri 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Closed 12:00 - 1:00 for Lunch Fri 8:30 am - 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Sunday 4:30 pm to 5:25 pm Tuesday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm Thursday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday 7:00 am - Midnight

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Prepare the way of the Lord!

St. John the Baptist is up to bat this week. Every Second Sunday of Advent St. John the Baptist is at the forefront. He reminds all of us to "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Very often, that word – repent – can be off-putting to us. We think we are being judged and we either have to feel guilty or be turned away. The word repent is translated from the Greek work, metanoia – which has deeper connotations. Metanoia is a reordering or a change of attitude, mind, heart where we completely orient our lives to following the life of Jesus Christ and all that means for us. Not just for a few moments, but for the whole of our lives. Of course, turning away from sin is an important part of the program, but what is removed, must be filled up with something. And that something is sanctifying grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit – as the prophet Isaiah points out – "a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD." This is what is necessary for John's call to "Prepare the way of the Lord." May we all have that grace, to be prepared and to take part in doing what we need to do to "Prepare the way of the Lord" in the world.

Peace, Fr. Jason Johnston

Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS (+) Deceased;	
Monday, December 5	No Mass
Tuesday, December 6	5:30 pm - Joe Speetjens+
Wednesday, December 7	12:05 pm - Living and deceased members of Andrew Orgler family
Thursday, December 8	7:00 am - Mass for the People 5:30 pm - Debra Ruth Hart+
Friday, December 9	12:05 pm - Special Intention
Saturday, December 10	5:00 pm - People of Corpus Christi, Macon
Sunday, December 11	9:00 am - Suffering Souls of Purgatory 11:30 am - Mass for the People

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

November 27, 2022 Regular \$ 7,510.00 Online \$ 4,747.21

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cul- tivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to St. Joseph's online giving.



Here's what's going on this week at St. Joseph (CCM events appear in maroon)

Sunday, 12/4

All Day/Night - 24 hour Final Exam Study Hall (Hall)

10:15 am - CGS - 8th grade (Center/Hall)

10:15 am - Pancake Breakfast (Hall)

10:15 am - Adult Ed. (Hall)

6:30 pm - High School Religious Ed. (Center)

6:30 pm - Breakfast for Supper (Hall)

Monday, 12/5

All Day/Night - 24 hour Final Exam Study Hall (Hall) 6:30 pm - Breakfast for Supper (Hall)

Tuesday, 12/6

All Day/Night - 24 hour Final Exam Study Hall (Hall)

7:00 am - Men's Advent Prayer Breakfast (Hall)

7:30 am - Midnight - Adoration (Church)

11:30 am - Grand Generation Lunch (Church)

6:00 pm - Parish Reconciliation Service (Church)

6:30 pm - Breakfast for Supper (Hall)

Wednesday, 12/7

All Day/Night - 24 hour Final Exam Study Hall (Hall)

5:30 pm - Vigil Mass (at Corpus Christi, Macon)

6:00 pm - 9:00 am Choir Practice (Church)

6:30 pm - Becoming Catholic/RCIA (Center)

7:00 pm - LIFT/CYO (The House)

6:30 pm - Breakfast for Supper (Hall)

Thursday, 12/8

All Day/Night - 24 hour Final Exam Study Hall (Hall)

7:00 am - Mass for the Immaculate Conception (Church)

9:30 am - Ladies Study Group (Center)

5:30 pm - Mass for the Immaculate Conception (Church)

6:00 pm - KC Rosary for Family (Church)

6:30 pm - KC Business Meeting (Center)

Friday, 12/9

11:30 am - Pro-Life Rosary (Church)

Saturday, 12/10

10:00 am - Baptism (Church)

10:00 am - 20 Decades Rosary (Church)

Sunday, 12/11

10:15 am - CGS - 8th grade (Center/Hall)

10:15 am - Adult Ed. (Hall)

1:30 pm - LouAnder's Quilters (Center)

5:00 pm - Parish Christmas Party (Hall)

6:30 pm - High School Religious Ed. (Center)

Second Sunday of Advent



Readings for the Week

December 5 – Monday

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

December 6 - Tuesday - St. Nicholas

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

December 7 - Wednesday - St. Ambrose

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

December 8 - Thursday - Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

December 9 - Friday - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

December 10 - Saturday - Our Lady of Loreto

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

December 11 - Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



Week of December 04, 2022



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



FORMED Live: Do We Make Too Much of Mary?

Why do Catholics think so highly of Mary? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.



Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name



Becoming Catholic

The last Becoming Catholic inquiry session of 2022 is at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 7. The topic is Catholic classics: St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises; Thérèse of Lisieux's Little Way; and John of the Cross's Dark Night of the Soul. The first Becoming Catholic inquiry session of 2023 will be Jan. 18. All are welcome!



The Mike Kassouf Vocation Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Vocation Pancake Breakfast THIS MORNING after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall.

For additional information, contact Richard Coughlin at 662-312-6449 / rfcoughlin@gmail.com.



Last 5:30 Mass of the Semester

Tonight, December 4th will be the last 5:30 pm Sunday Mass of the Semester.

The 5:30 pm Sunday Mass will resume on January 15, 2023.



THIS Tuesday, December 6th 6:00 PM



Feast of the

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

December 7th Vigil 5:30 pm Corpus Christi, Macon

December 8th 7:00 am and 5:30 pm at St. Joseph

The LouAnders Quilting Group

The LouAnders Quilting Group invite you to join them on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 1:30 pm in the parish center. They gather to quilt, find patterns, and talk about quilting. If you like to quilt or have ever wanted to learn how to quilt, please join these ladies and take advantage of this opportunity.



Grand Generation Lunch

November's Grand Generation Luncheon will be This **Tuesday**, **December 6th**, at 11:30am in the Parish Center. We hope

you can join us for some good food & fellowship.







Christmas Toinsettias

If you would like to donate a Christmas Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please enter the information or

write "see last year" on the envelope included in your most recent shipment of offering envelopes. Envelopes are also available in the back of the Church. Poinsettias are \$12 each.



Baptisms

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

Lucille "Lucy" Haze Atchley
Daughter of Lance and Danielle Atchley
Baptized November 20, 2022

Samir Singh Dhillon Son of Jagmandeep Singh Dhillon and Maria Sol Ramirez Saenz

Baptized November 23, 2022

Austin Vo Son of Quoc Bao Vo and Katherine Truong Baptized November 27, 2022

Pray for Parishioners

Bos Stevens Bob Bresnahan Dennis Reginelli Cindy Villavaso Tani Dubuisson Romma Bourgeois Dan Ryder Laura Thurmond Greg & Flo Henley Mariano Lopez Sharon Blaine Joyce Browning David Gaudin Bill Wilson JoAn Tubertini Amelia Bevill Karen Lilly Florence Richardson Jim Smith Robert Wolverton, Sr. **Emily Jones** John Andol George Sills Tim Bastow Edwina Hoque Lee Ann Wilson Ronnie & Tara Puckett Joe & June Schmidt Joel Okula Mary Beth Moore Kathryn Randall Robert Harris John Simpson Al Baca Patricia Raines Susan Brown Dianna & Kolten Janus Kathy Winston Jane Ammerman Dee Dee Cook Barbara Setaro

Pray for Families and Friends of Parishioners

J. C. Patton: friend of the Holmes and the Hoover's.

Ray West: former parishioner

John and Lois Riske: parents of Sarah Twietmeyer. Jordan Riske: niece of Gregg and Sarah Twietmeyer. Rose Zimmerman and Ivan Popov: friends of Gregg Twietmeyer

Hazel Anderson: Grandmother of Connor Anderson

Cindy Walker: friend of Patti Abraham

A young friend of G G Holmes

Connor Bastow: nephew of Tim Bastow

Sarah Moreland: sister of Amelia Bevill

Sr. Margaret O'Brien: sister of Fr. Mike O'Brien

Brenda and Robert Groves: sister and brother-in-law of Debra Lipe

Willie "Cookie" Gray and family: friends of Peter Franco

Jo Ann and Robert Moore: sister and brother-in-law of Rosemary Cuicchi

Jayna McQuade: niece of Beverly Wilson

Dalin Davis and the Davis Family: Great niece and family of Janet Downey

Delaney Pricer: friend of Ree Herschede

Cindy Pittman: daughter of Wil White

Repose of the soul of John Sellers and for his family: relative of Jim and Greer-Smith

Paul Kurtz: nephew of Gerry Orgler

Tom and Mary Parker: brother and sister -in-law of Suzanne Stumpf

Brenda and Robert Groves: sister and brother-in-law of Debra Lipe

Mike Delouche: son of Curt and Shirley Delouche

Gerald Michel: former parishioner

Jordan Bruce: son-in-law of Randy and Melissa Follett

Mary Margaret Brabston: sister of Peter Franco

Hunter Smith: son of Greer and Jim Smith.

Ruby Wren Raftery: infant daughter of Kevin and Erin Raftery

Mary Lancaster: cousin of Melissa Follett

Matthew Duchaine: son of Taylor and Edy Duchaine

Irene Duff and Teresa Dumas: Aunts of Amy Rollins. Kim Homer, Rebecca Plunkett, Pam Champion and Robin Hunter: friends of Amy Rollins

Patricia Uzoigwe and Marilyn Muse: friend of Mary June Lavelle and former parishioner

Celeste Wood: Sister of Mary Ann Reese

Dan Purvis: friend of Dan and Lynne Ryder

Letty Jane Clark: mother of Robin Pigg

Kathleen LeBlanc: daughter of David and Lisa Darce

Bruce Morton: friend of Ben and Carolyn Abadie

People of Ukraine and all war-torn areas of the world

Linda Tucker: friend of Jim Tomlinson

Frank Smith, Sr.: father of Frank Smith, Jr.

Donald Thompson: friend of Bennie and Diane Keith

Maggie Reedy: relative of Mary June Lavelle and Fran Lavelle

Mike Kassouf: former parishioner Emily Rust: former parishioner Marie Faust: friend of parishioner

Mark Poole: relative of Marie Portera

Jeffrey and Catherine Simmons: brother and sister-in-law of Rhonda and Bradley Burns

Portia Keel and Alando Keel: grand-daughters of Claire Keel

Stephanie and Mike Missanelli: friends of Laura McPhail

Betty Mooney: mother of Laura McKee

Samantha and Nathan Hood: friends of Cynthia Harris

Dan Mangum: son of Jeri Mangum; Braden Preus: friend of Jeri Mangum. Susan Griffin: friend of Jeri Mangum

Mary Katherine Prewitt: relative of John and Anna Andol

John B. Lane, Ill: uncle of Dianna Janus Alexander Rosener & family: brother of Dianna Janus Juana de Naveda: grandmother of Diana Janus. Bob Rosener: step-father of Dianna Janus. Mike Janus: cousin of Mark Janus

Jeannine Dionne: mother of Dawn McGinley. Wes Webb: brother-in-law of Deacon John and Dawn McGinley. Thomas Lott: friend of Deacon John and Dawn McGinley

Harold Ray: friends of Marc and Lainie Anthony

The Burnham family, the Coleman family and Ida Harrell: friends of a parishioner Joy Impastato: mother of Debra Few

James and Mary Brown; Karen McRae and family: family members of Susan Brown. Thelma Sparkman and Anne-Cummings; friends of Susan Brown

Pray for our soldiers

Pray for our seminarians

Price Day Adam Fuhrmann Christian Bondi Conor Mangum Cory Delouche Robert Elias Clayton Eckler Scott Lacy Dcn. Carlisle Beggerly Ryan Stoer Tristan Stovall Will Foggo Grayson Foley E. J. Martin John Le Tripp Bond Straton Garrard

Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent.

Help me to love more fully.

To forgive more generously.

To wait more patiently for Christmas,

embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.