

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

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Very Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ, Pastor

Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones

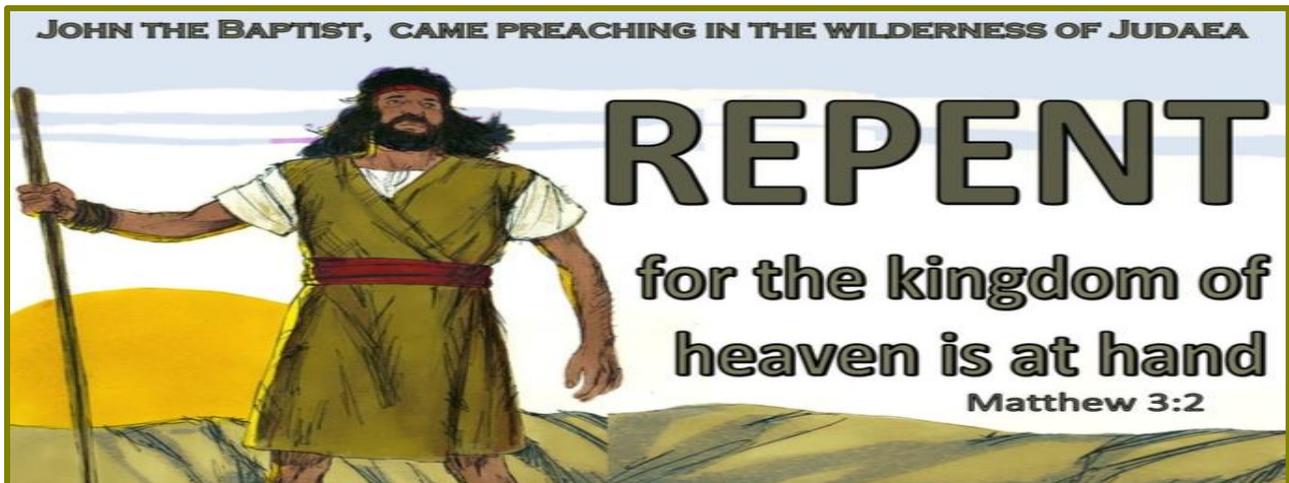
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Bernice Waller

Director of Faith Formation: Ms. Cynthia Battle

Director of Music: Mr. Rawn Harbor

Youth Choir Director: Melanie Cobb

Welcome Seminarians: Alexander Lema and Lawrence Omatola



The second candle, also purple, represents PEACE. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to “The Church on the Hill”!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace while here! Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory for a Registration Form. **Again, Welcome!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
(Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30 pm)

OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY & SATURDAY

**MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE
OLPH WEBSITE**

Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm Mass not Live Streamed

**Mass Intentions may not be made on
Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays nor Sundays.**
Mass Stipend Donation is \$10.00

Contact Doris Savoy in the Rectory, Ext. 2,
or email dsavoy0642@aol.com.

SUNDAY DONUTS

**Sunday fellowship with donuts and coffee
will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays ONLY.**

**Organizations and/or Ministries, please
contact Millicent Hawkins to advise when you
will be able to assist on the 3rd Sundays.**



Memorials are noted by + indicates deceased
BD means Birthday AD means Anniversary of death

Sunday (7th)

10:00 am For the People

Monday (8th)

8:00 am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday (9th)

8:00 am + Katherine McFadden McKenzie
By Gloria A. Lessington

Wednesday (10th)

8:00 am +AD Joseph Franklin
By Betty Swammy and Beverly Franklin

Thursday (11th)

8:00 am +BD Mary Shearard
By George Shearard & Children

Quote for the week

*I will give thanks every day for blessings received.
Not just on Thanksgiving!*



Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study
with Deacon Ira Chase at 6:30 pm
Studying Matthew

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398261?pwd=OHNBc2ZGdXh6WEtZcHVhS1pDZHg5UT09>

Meeting ID: 864 813 98261 Passcode: 509931

Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study
with Father Cornelius at 6:00 pm
Studying Habakkuk



Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle A
December 14, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10
Responsorial Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11



Collections Last Weekend Total \$5,106.00
Envelopes \$3,041.00 On-Line \$2,075.00

Thanks to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your
tithes and offerings. Please Note the amount
recorded here is from envelopes marked

“My Sacrificial Gift” only.

Special envelopes are **not tithes**. The amount you
put into those envelopes is recorded and provided
to you in your Annual Contribution Statements.

FYI: If you send in envelopes for several months at a
time, please note we **cannot back date your tithes**.
They can only be recorded on the **actual date** you
submit them.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please only use **black or
blue ballpoint pens** when you write your checks.

2026 BOXED ENVELOPES

**Available for PICK-UP beginning
the weekend of December 13th.**
Boxes will be in alphabetical order.

**Reminder boxes CANNOT
be mailed.**

Church Announcements

Sunday, December 7th:

8:45 am Sunday School Teachers & OCIA Meetings

10:00 am Mass

Monday, December 8th:

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

To be chosen by God for a particular task is an awesome thing. That is why we honor Mary, the one chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. Yet we believe that each of us is chosen by God in particular and important ways, and each of us is given gifts and talents by God to share with the world. One of the tremendous responsibilities of parenting is helping our children determine the gifts and talents they have to share with others to serve the reign of God. As a family, identify some of the gifts and talents that God has given each person in the family. Talk about the ways in which these gifts and talents might be used in the service of others. Recall that Mary was given a special task by God. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:26-38. Reflect upon Mary's humble response to God's call. Pray as a family that each person will be like Mary and respond to God with a resounding yes by using their gifts and talents to serve others in both large and small ways. Conclude by praying together the Hail Mary, or perhaps pray a decade of the Rosary, reflecting upon the Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation.

Thursday, December 11th:

10:30-12:30 LOC Food Pantry

Friday, December 12th:

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a series of five Marian apparitions in December 1531, and a venerated image on a cloak enshrined within the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site. She is the patroness of the Americas as well as the patron saint of unborn children.

Saturday, December 13th:

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

She was a Christian martyr who died during the Diocletianic Persecution. She is venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Eastern Orthodox churches. She is one of eight women (including Saint Mary) explicitly commemorated by Roman Catholics in the Canon of the Mass. She is the patron saint of the city of Syracuse (Sicily) and of virgins. Today's feast can easily be harmonized with Advent themes. The very name Lucy pulsates with light, a living symbol amid the season's darkness.

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 14th:

8:45 am Sunday School Classes

10:00 am Mass



HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Agnes Dua, Edward Glover, *Cordella Gough, *Agnes Maxine Hart, Deborah Ogarro Kelly, *Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, *Helene Matthews, David McNeill, Deborah McNeill, Gloria Ann Moore, *Rose Quander-Nevedon, Antoinette Reese, *Cynthia Salter-Stith, *Amy Scroggins, George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, Augustine Thomas, New-Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams



Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Valarie Ashley, Frances Battle, Barbara Billings-Leftwich, Charlotte Blount-Lewis, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-Howard, Ronald Burton, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, Deacon Ira Chase, Judy Chase, William Clemons, Alberta Colbert, Carla Coleman, Margo Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford, Salim Franklin, Betty Franklin-Swammy, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter Goodwyn, Betty Graham, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross, Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael Howard, Lela Hagan, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal Jackson, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones, James King, Jessica King, Betty Lawson, Dianna Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall, Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred Mason, Carolyn Matthews-Alston, Justine Middleton, Danielle Mitchell, Henrietta Moody, Maurice Moody, Yvonne Moody, Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Nevedon-Stone, Dorethia Newby, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Terrance Oxyner, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence (Lonnie) Penny, Marvin Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny, Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Brenda Price, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, Brenda Robinson, Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott, Madeline Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley, Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, Donna Stewart-Moore, Patricia Stewart-Brown, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Brian Yeldell and Raymond Young

OLPH Parishioners

Let's Take Another Look!



Some names have been on this list for over a year, and we are downsizing the bulletin. Are there names that can be removed?



1st Liza Chance
 5th Dailia Candance Scott
 7th Cynthia Battle Tayloria Jordan
 12th Kathy Gross
 13th Jasmine Campbell



William & Darlene Shelton 18th on December 8th

In your prayers remember the souls of

Jerome Clarence Hall (DOD 10-30-25)

A Funeral Service will be held here at OLPH

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m.

Repast immediately follows in the Panorama Room

Burial at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Evelyn Clarke (DOD 12-4-25)

Aunt of James Jackson

Services will be held in South Carolina

when arrangements are made.

From the Pastor's Desk

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We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis. Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NIP AND SIP Friday, December 12th Contact James King 202-439-3360

JOSEPHITE ORDINATION at Church of the Incarnation Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 am

Wards 7 and 8 PRAYER BREAKFAST at OLPH Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 am

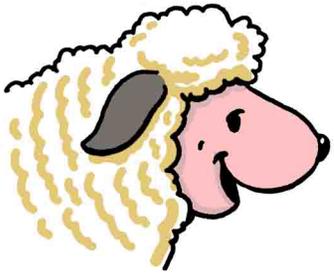
LOC CHRISTMAS PROJECT Distribution will be Saturday, December 20th.

Crankin' Through the Holidays – The Sweatsuit Party Edition featuring Rare Essence

Sunday, December 28th 5-9 pm (Flyer posted on bulletin board outside church)

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

National Marriage Week (February 7–14, 2026) celebrates the gift of sacramental marriage. Join us at the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, **February 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples, **please register with your parish office by February 6, 2026**, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of their anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long you have been married. Please contact your parish office to register. The Mass will be celebrated in English and Spanish. Contact Mrs. Bernice Waller with your information at her email: bwaller@live.com.



What else did John say?

Find the missing numbers to complete the sudoku puzzle. Each row, column and box should include numbers 1-9 with no duplicates. Use the numbers and code to fill in the blanks.

▷ = e ▲ = o ● = h ■ = t ✕ = a + = i ◆ = r ✿ = l ▼ = w



"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come

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Ages 7+

December 7, 2025 • Matthew 3:1-12

Preparing the Way for Jesus

Here are some words that John the Baptist preached.

Choose the word that doesn't fit in each set. Write it on the line.

- 1: rain, repent, umbrella
- 2: happy, for, rejoice
- 3: the, swim, water
- 4: sandals, kingdom, feet
- 5: desert, dry, of
- 6: heaven, hands, gloves
- 7: elephant, is, camel
- 8: near, voice, sing

" _____ , _____ , _____ , _____
 1 2 3 4
 _____ , _____ , _____ , _____
 5 6 7 8 "

To repent means to change your heart and mind to a better way.

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What did John say next?

Find John the Baptist's message in the maze.

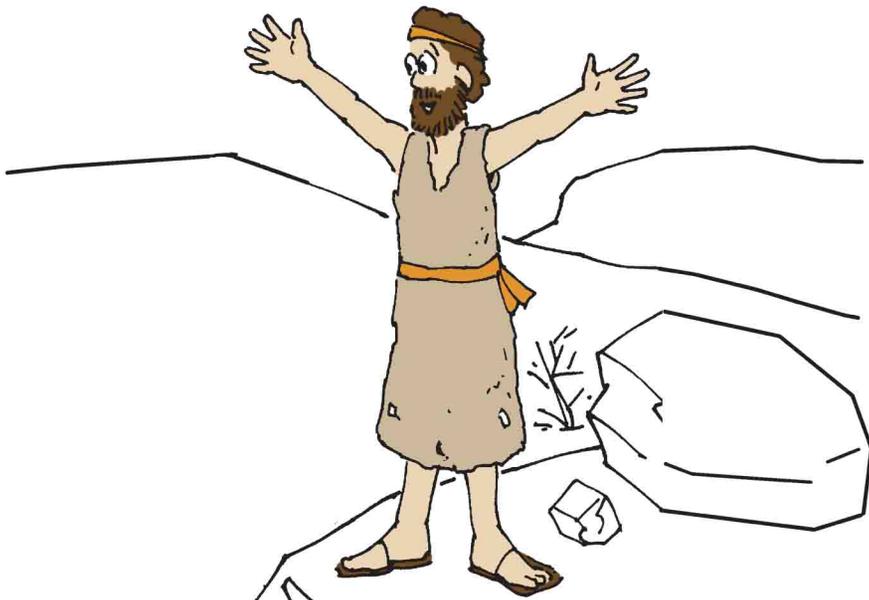
You may only move in straight lines:    
No diagonal moves.

"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for Him."

Begin 

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 End



Use this code to find facts about John the Baptist.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



John the Baptist

OCCUPATION:

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