



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

Welcome **NEWCOMERS!**

We invite you with great joy to become a member of our parish by filling out an enrollment form and census form located in the vestibule. You may put the completed forms in the collection basket or mail to the office. Thank you.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday @ 3:15, Sunday before mass & By Appointment**

Questions about other Sacraments (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage)

Please contact Fr. Duane Trombetta

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, promise to abide by the commandments and will of God, which is nurtured in us by our prayer life and by our worshipping together. We will proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing this, we will work to minister to the growth and needs of our neighbors and this community.



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Monday – Thursday ----- Holy Mass----- 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days ---- 9:00 a.m.



Following 9AM Mass

Journey of Faith: Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Soup & Scripture: Wednesdays @ 10 am – 2 pm

Christian Men's Group – Be A MAN - 2ND Saturday of the Month @ 10:00 AM

Third Order of the Secular Franciscans – 3rd Saturday of the Month 10:00 am ***

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December 5, Second Sunday of Advent



**Rev. Andre McGrath,
O.F.M.
Second Collection – Building Fund**

Prayer for the Sanctification of illness: Oh God the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for the Sick and Homebound

Annie LaCour-Moore		



December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent:



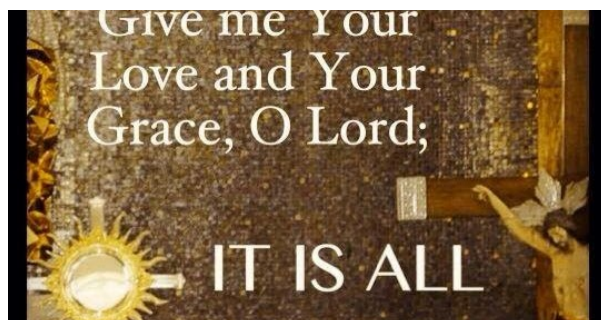
In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

First Reading



Second Reading



The Sanctuary Candle  **at the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament burns:**
December 4 – December 10, 2021

For: Patrick Harvey Jr. (Special Intention)

By: Odelia and David Hays



ACTS Prayer

How To Pray:

A = Adoration	Tell God how wonderful He is; worship Him
C = Confession	Admit your sins, cry out your brokenness, ask for forgiveness
T = Thanksgiving	Say "thank you" for all God has done in your life
S = Supplication	Make your requests to God - for yourself and for others



Remember to offer Masses for: **Deceased relatives, deceased Birthdays, Anniversary of Marriages, Ann. of Deaths, Health and Healing for relatives, dads, moms, brothers, sisters, cousins, children, Special Intentions, Giving Thanks to God, etc. Need our supplications.**

"Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them". Mt. 5:7

Call the office or send in your intentions by mail. There are forms in the vestibule of church. Forms have also been sent to your email so you can send your requests to olbschurcsport.com. Please submit your requests to the office no later than noon on Thursdays. Thank you and God Bless!

I invite you to go to our Facebook Page at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for our LIVE STREAM Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Nadalie & Deacon Charles will also lead us in the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily 3:00 p.m.

We also encourage to attend Mass in person on Saturday and Sunday when you feel comfortable doing so.

--- Fr. Bosco

Faith Formation: Please contact Nadalie Thomas for information on faith formation during the COVID-19 CRISIS. You can email any questions you have to rere062450@yahoo.com subject: Faith Formation.

Reserved Meetings & Events Schedule

Our Lady of Kibeho will become Canonical – small reception following -Drexel Hall -TBD

Saturday, December 4th – KPC

Saturday, December 4th – Ushers Annual Dinner – Drexel Hall

Saturday, December 11th – Secular Order of Franciscans

Sunday, December 14th – Cookie, Coffee and Conversation – Drexel Hall

Sunday, January 16th – KPC Special Event -Drexel Hall

The Community Center is reserved on:

1st Sunday every month after mass (KPC)

Tuesday 5:30 pm. (Journey of Faith)

Wednesday 11 am – 2 pm (Soup & Scripture)

2nd Sunday (Cookies, Coffee and Conversation) following mass

2nd Saturday 10 am (Christian Men's Group - Be A Man)

3rd Saturday 10 am (Third Order of the Secular Franciscans)

Last Thursday of every month 12 noon (St. Vincent de Paul)

Please call the office if you need to schedule an event or meeting anywhere on the church grounds.

Monthly Calendar

December 5

December 12

December 19

December 25th

2nd Sunday of Advent

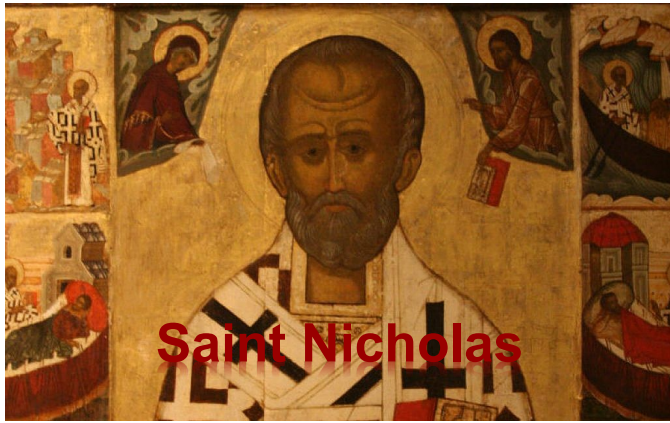
3rd Sunday of Advent

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Day



Our Lord came to the aid of each great tribulation with a special devotion. The present and future tribulations of the Church and of nations are greater than at any other period, and this persecution is more dangerous than those of previous times. Hence, the devotion which God sends to the succor of His Church and of the nations at the present time is the devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. It is the highest of all devotions. - Pope Leo XIII



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Feast Day—December 6

From the ninth century in the East and the eleventh century in the West, Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints in Christendom and in Christian art and is the patron of many countries, dioceses, churches, and cities. He was a Greek bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey).

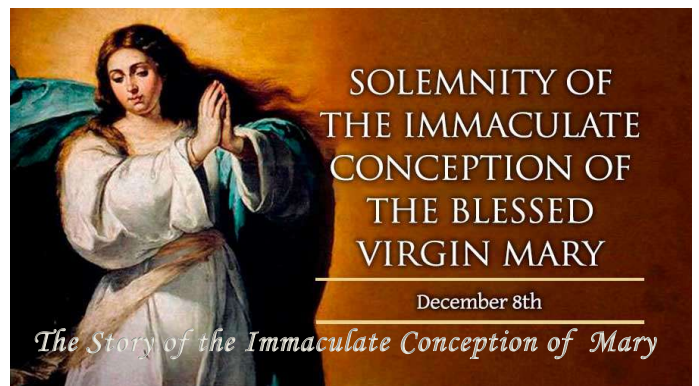
According to folklore, he may have saved three girls from prostitution, restored to life three children who had been killed, and saved three unjustly condemned men from death. While some sources say that he may have been imprisoned during the Diocletian persecution, there is no historical certainty that he suffered persecution for his faith. Likewise, while some sources place him at the Council of Nicaea in 325, it is uncertain if he attended. His charity to the poor is commemorated in modern times by those who follow the tradition of stuffing a boot or a stocking with gifts on his feast day. “Santa Claus” comes from the Dutch form of his name, “Sinterklaas.” He is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, and children.

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YOUTH who made the HONOR ROLL for the first nine weeks, please submit a copy of your REPORT CARD to Tim Ford or Ramona Green by Sunday, December 12th

Thank you for your cooperation.



A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary’s Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus’ redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus’ work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

Reflection

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God’s behalf, addresses Mary as “full of grace” or “highly favored”. In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary’s intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary’s whole life.

The logic of piety helped God’s people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

Mary as the Immaculate Conception is the Patron Saint of:

Brazil, United States



Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

As we enter into this second Sunday of Advent, you can begin to feel something in the air beyond the lights, shopping, and the cool fall air before winters arrives. Above all that is happening in the worldly sense with Advent and Christmas, it is not all about Santa coming to town, it's about Jesus coming to town. I can remember someone who came out with these candy cane lapel pins, if you wore them upside down instead of them looking like a candy cane they looked like the letter "J" reminding us that Jesus is the reason for the season. The word advent means to come or the arrival of. The stable will be here in the church to welcome Jesus because there was no room at the inn, but Advent is the time we make room for him in the inn of our hearts through prayer, thanksgiving, and penance. I know you all say you already have Jesus in your hearts, but Advent is a time for us to realize now more than ever we can have more of Jesus in our lives, that Jesus is that answer to our questions and longings. This is a time that we realize that a ring, new clothes, toys, or that car with the bow on top is a onetime rush we receive at Christmas, and when the newness wears out of these earthly things, we sit there feeling empty wanting more stuff. If we look deeper into Advent and its meaning, we learn it is a time of receiving God's grace, it is a time to spend more time with Jesus, allowing him to answer our eternal needs and wishes.

We know and believe that God wants to be involved in our lives. And sometimes it can be that he seems to be far away. Sometimes you may feel that you are alone or abandoned. Sometimes we face our own personal problems, financial, sickness and other suffering, we close the inn of our hearts where Jesus was staying. But in times like this I want you to remember three things: One to have a regular prayer life. Often, we only pray to God in times of trouble. Recommit yourselves this Advent to daily prayer even if you start with ten to fifteen minutes. This Advent if you learn to converse with the Lord every day, you will be much more able to hear him in times of trouble. Second, this Advent I want you to look deeply at the Crucifix, this is a central image of our religion. We often take it for granted, remember that God chose to save us by sharing in human suffering. Third, we need to help others to carry their crosses. The devil tends to make us selfish, thinking only of ourselves and what we want to do, not what the Lord wants us to do. We don't get out of our own world to support and help others who are suffering, more than us. You may not think you can help, or you may not think you have a gift, or you may feel not worthy to help others carry their crosses. Just think, God chose Abraham, just and ordinary man to lead, God picked Moses who at one time had a bad reputation with both the Jews and the Egyptians. And he tried to avoid God's will for him by telling the Lord he was slow in speech and tongue. God chose Peter who had just came off a boat smelling like fish and at times ran his mouth when he shouldn't. And God chose Saul, who had been murdering Christians. They all did alright and when you answer the Lord's call you will be alright too.

So, this week remember pray, focus on the Cross, and be prepared to help others carry their crosses. If each one of us can chose at least one of these things, when we gather for Mass as a family during these coming weeks of Advent, we will share the joy of our deeper experiences with God and we will feel the true joy of Advent and the coming of Christmas. ----- *Deacon Charles*

The [Catechism](#) of the **Catholic Church** states that "**Adoration** is the acknowledgement of God as God, creator and savior, the Lord and master of everything that exists, as infinite and merciful love." "**Adoration** is homage of the spirit to the King of glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever-greater God."... [***en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adoration Can](#) **You Spend One Hour With Me**



Mass Times

Saturday --- 4:00 P.M.

Sunday --- 9:00 A.M.

Weekday, Monday – Thursday --- 5:00 P.M.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

December



Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**WE WILL HOST
AN EVENING ADVENT**



RECONCILIATION
OPPORTUNITY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
AT 5:30 PM



Faith Formation

Faith Formation instruction for the Sacraments for all ages have begun. Formation sessions are held on the second and the fourth Sunday of each month via Zoom. Parents if you have not registered your child for Faith Formation (sometimes called Catechism), please call Nadalie Thomas at 347-9219 at any time or Sylvia Williams at the church office between 9AM-2PM.

Lector Ministry Schedule

December 4 ----- Van Sanders
December 5 ----- Tim Ford
December 8 ----- TBD
December 11 ----- Catherine Deal
December 12 ----- Adrienne Williams

I will be scheduling all lectors who inform me that they are available to attend Mass. If you want to become a lector, please let me know.

Deacon Thomas





Fr. Benedict's Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, You offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave Your priestly people a share in Your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests.

Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to You, the Divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to Your own Heart, single-minded in service to You and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Weekly contributions needed--\$5,000.00

Nov 7	Weekly Col.:	\$4,901.00	
Nov 14	Weekly Col.:	\$2,943.00	
Nov 21	Weekly Col.:	\$2,805.00	
Nov 28	Weekly Col.:	\$	
		Income:	Expense:
		\$10,649.00	\$

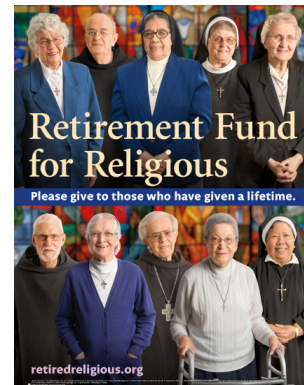
Mass Attendance

November 27 ----- 31

November 28 ----- 50

Retirement Fund for Religious

Sunday, December 12, 2021



Elderly religious have offered a lifetime of service. Now they need your help. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass next weekend. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.



Our second church grounds clean-up day will take place on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon or until completion.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 am. Let's make a concerted effort to come out and beautify our church grounds.



Appeal 2021 - Please consider making your pledge **TODAY!** Update as of Thursday, November 2, 2021

Donors	27
% Fam. Pledged	15%
2020 Goal	\$15,000.00
2020 Pledged	\$7,526.00
% Goal Pledged	50.17%
PAID	\$6,732.00
Pledged PAID	89.32%

2021 Assessments

Report as of November 21, 2021

30 Families paid the full amount of \$200.00
7 Families paid a % of the \$200.00

Readings for the Week of the Second Sunday of Advent

Our Lady of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Pray for Us.

<i>Mon.</i>	Isaiah 35:1-10		Luke 5:17-26
<i>Tues.</i>	Isaiah 40: 1-11		Matthew 18:12-14
<i>Wed.</i>	Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin</i>		Luke 1:26-38
<i>Thur.</i>	Isaiah 41:13-20		Matthew 11:11-15
<i>Fri.</i>	Isaiah 48:17-19		Matthew 11:16-19
<i>Sat.</i>	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11		Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
<i>Sun.</i>	Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Philippians 4:4-7		Luke 3:10-18
Day	Date	 Requested for:	Requested by:
<i>Sat.</i>	Dec 4	Sheldon D. Hays (Happy Birthday)	Odelia & David Hays
<i>Sun.</i>	Dec 5	Bennie Dixon (Anniversary of Death) Evelyn E. Hall Robert Chevalier (Health)	Lana O'Bannon Dixon Odelia & David Hays Rose Chevalier Jones
<i>Mon</i>	Dec 6	Flora Dell Hays (Deceased Birthday)	Odelia & David Hays
<i>Tue.</i>	Dec 7		
<i>Wed.</i>	Dec 8		
<i>Thur.</i>	Dec 9		
<i>Fri.</i>	Dec 10	Flora G. Weber (Heavenly Happy Birthday)	Connie Canada, Debra Weber & David Butler
<i>Sat.</i>	Dec 11	Odelia L. Hays (Happy Birthday) Jayceon Berry (Happy Birthday)	Odelia & David Hays Odelia & David Hays
<i>Sun.</i>	Dec 12	Clara McIntyre (Rest in Peace)	Carolyn McIntyre



The church will be open on
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for Adoration!
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 6

Reading I

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,
bear on your head the mitre
that displays the glory of the eternal name.
For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children
gathered from the east and the west
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:
but God will bring them back to you
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.
For God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low,
and that the age-old depths and gorges
be filled to level ground,
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.
The forests and every fragrant kind of tree

have overshadowed Israel at God's command;
for God is leading Israel in joy
by the light of his glory,
with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,
because of your partnership for the gospel
from the first day until now.

I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it
until the day of Christ Jesus.

God is my witness,
how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer:

that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia

Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region
of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,
during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.
John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will host an evening Advent Reconciliation Opportunity tomorrow here in the church at 5:30 pm.

Next Sunday the collection is The Retirement Fund for Religious:

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

The Knights are heading up our second clean-up here on the grounds, Saturday, December 11th. Breakfast will be served at 8:30. The clean-up will start at 9:00.

The office will be closed Wednesday, December 8th in observance of the Immaculate Conception (Diocesan Holiday)

We will continue to pray the Rosary to Our Lady each Sunday at 8:30 am.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings for December



December

Happy Birthday

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Gretchen Garner Ahmad McMillian	2 Bettye Frierson Mary K. Howell Adrian Green LeShaun Green	3 Gayard Gilliam Sylvester LaCour Corlecia Leviston Teirra Simpson Cheryl Stevenson	4 Delores Adger Christina Armand
5 Patricia McMillian Erin Cassiere	6 Angelia Turner	7 Elaine Hamilton	8 Gwendolyn Youngblood	9 Loretta Swedburg	10	11 Ricole Williams
12	13 Kimberly Fulton	14 David Rachal	15 Jewel Horton Roxlyn Otis	16	17 Nicole Wilson Cedric Pinkney Donald Wayne Lewis	18 Nettie Laurice Brown Billy Ray Lewis
19 Christon Dugas	20 Robert P. Piper	21 Deloris Rachal	22 Jacqueline Graham	23 Eleanor Baines Arianne Woodfork	24 John Metoyer	25
26 Ozelia Washington Tre' Henson	27 Kiara Balthazar	28	29 Richard Coutee, Jr. Mary Griffith	30 Caroline Garner Vickie Washington	31 Gaven Hammond	

Happy Anniversary

12-02 Diane and Van Sanders

12-04 Josephine and Calvin Long, Sr.

12-22 Caroline and Dock Lee Garner

12-29 Erica and Damien Brooks

12-31 Leslie and Gaven Hammond