



**First Sunday of Advent
December 1/2, 2018**

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM † Deacon John Cretaro / Fr. Maria

Sunday
8:00 AM † Karen Chambers / T. & H. Shields
10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday
8:00 AM † Richard Peterson / Anonymous

Wednesday
8:00 AM Catholic Extension Society

Thursday – St. Nicholas
8:00 AM † Mary Murray / Steve & Peg Misztal

First Friday – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8:00 AM Memorial Mass Association Members

Friday – Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass
6:00 PM † Deacon John Cretaro

Saturday – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 AM For all members of SVdP Society

Saturday – Second Sunday of Advent Liturgy
5:00 PM Barbara Kuntz / Fr. Maria

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Parishioners: Bill Brennan, Ginny Cook, Barbara Edwards, Richard Fortunati, Myrtle Graver, June Henderson, Brad Jarveis, Bill Johnston, Judy Jordan, Curtis Malone, Bob & Margaret Nail, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Dave Woodford

Homebound: Juanita Baena, Loretta Roy, Dotsie Santa Cruz, Jo Flynn, George Schaff, Mary Smith

Assisted Living: Allen & Gwen Dretzka, Paul Peschel

Non-parishioners: Berkleigh Cirilli, Jim Edward, Diane Geiselman, Susan Henderson, Valerie Hines, Bud Kaechele, Mercedes Carol Knutson, Brenda McCord, Bill Roman, Ann Scott, Sheila Scott

~ Prayer Requests ~

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If you or someone you know is homebound, ill, due to have surgery or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or to receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	2:00 PM	Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations followed by fellowship in IM Hall
Tuesday	8:30 AM	SVdP Meeting
Tuesday	4:30 PM	Christmas Choir Practice
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	4:30 PM	CCD Classes – Church
Thursday	10:30 AM	Altar Society Meeting– IM Hall
Thursday	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus meeting at Council Home, Elberta
Friday	8:30 AM–6:00 PM	First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up for Adoration in vestibule.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 43 8:00 AM = 50 10:30 AM = 67 Total = 160

STEWARDSHIP for November 25, 2018

Offertory = \$1,982.00
Maintenance = \$50.00
Renovation Project = \$1,707.00
Second Collection – **next week** – Retired Religious (envelopes are in the pews)

Quarterly Offertory Envelopes ~ If you need Offertory Envelopes for this quarter, please stop by the sacristy and pick up a generic packet. Be sure to put your number or name on each envelope you use.

Our "RAISING THE ROOF" Project – Our updated goal balance this week is \$30,213. (Correction: Last week's updated goal should have been \$31,920). Please use the "Renovation Project" envelopes to help us reach this goal. **Thank you for your continued support!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 12	4:30 PM	Children's Confession
Dec. 17	5:00 PM	Advent Parish Confession
Dec. 24	6:00 PM	Vigil Program
" "	6:30 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass
" "	8:45 PM	Adult Christmas Concert
" "	9:00 PM	Christmas Night Mass
Dec. 25	8:45 AM	Concert Prelude
" "	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
Dec. 31	5:00 PM	New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Jan. 1, 2019	9:00 AM	New Year's Day Mass

Gospel Reflections

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE ~ We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – December 1 & 2

We still need at least four more parishioners to sign up in order to have an election. Registration slips need to be turned in this week. They are available at church entrances. **You can make a difference!**

STEWARDSHIP – Annual Renewal ~ Calling All Cards
Thank you to all who made their annual renewal commitment to support our parish and its ministries.

ALL Liturgical Ministers: If you wish to renew your commitment to serve for 2018/2019, please turn in a Renewal Commitment Card. **ATTENTION Ushers and Gift Bearers:** Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for your updated schedules.



Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews. Fill out and place it in the offertory collection. Thank you for all you do to help beautify our church.

Congratulations to Florence Wabnitz, St. Joseph's winner of the Knights of Columbus weekly Super Bowl Raffle drawings for November.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

DECEMBER is our month to provide nonperishable food for the CSS pantry in Robertsedale. Bring items to IM Hall or place them in the container in the vestibule.

Church Cleaning – December 2018

Martha Byous and Jennifer Edwards

Dec. 8/9	Lectors	Ext. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Ushers
Sat: 8:00 AM	M. McCandless	J. & N. Alemany	Ushers Choice	
Sat: 5:00 PM	L. McGourty	Sr. Thérèse / J. Caudill	Ed & Nicole Fehn	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
Sun: 8:00 AM	M. Handzus	J. & N. Alemany	S. McKinney / B. Brennan	R. Geiger / Mike Gale
10:30 AM	R. Fortunati	B. / J. Johnston	Mike & Kenney Cote	B. Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt

COMING SOON ~ "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity." Modern culture is robbing billions of people of happiness. The world is getting messier, but the mess presents the perfect opportunity for Christians to serve the people of our time in a powerful, authentic way. Everybody knows the world needs changing. Who's going to change it? It all starts with you. Do you believe one truth can change your life? There is a single truth that has the power to change your life, your parish, and our nation. **Have you fallen for the lie?**

The Incorrupt Heart RELIC of ST. JOHN VANNEY, patron saint of priests, will be displayed at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, 21 N. Palafox St., in Pensacola and available for veneration by the faithful from December 3 through December 4, 2018. The full schedule of activities and hours can be found at www.st.michael.ptdiocese.org or www.ptdiocese.org.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this tour that was offered by the Shrine at Ars in France some months before the recent abuse scandal. They "now welcome as providential this opportunity to invoke the intercession of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a singular model for clergy."

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a newfangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul) when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	† Jim & Mary Link	James D. & Mary Lou Chunn Partridge & Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	† Deacon J. Cretaro	Living & Deceased Lacoey & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	† Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	† Margaret A. Mullek	Living & Deceased Pope & Lang Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	† Joe Lacoey	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	† A.M.S. Warriner	The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Shields, Self & Chambers Families	Mignon Kilday	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Cretaro & Kilday Families	Jo Anne Cretaro	Intentions of the President of the USA