



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all  
God's people by word and by action.

## Sunday Mass

Vigil: 5:30pm (Saturday)  
8:00am and 10:00am  
12:30pm (Spanish)

## Weekday Mass

Tues and Wed 6:00pm  
Thurs and Fri 8:00am

**Holy Days of Obligation**  
8am and 6pm on the Holy Day

## Eucharist Adoration

Thursday 8:30 am-12pm  
And the 3rd Thursday  
6pm-8pm

## Confessions

Saturdays from 5:00PM-5:20PM  
Sundays from 7:30AM-7:50AM  
and 9:30AM-9:50AM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

## Parish Contact:

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## Office Hours

Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 12:30pm

## Pastoral Staff:

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**Advent Adviento**  
*~ a time for preparation ~ un tiempo para  
preparación ~*

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 5—December 8, 2023

6pm, Tuesday, December 5  
Bill, Rosemary, Mark Pankratz (D)  
6pm, Wednesday, December 6  
Bill, Rosemary, Mark Pankratz (D)  
8am, Thursday, December 7  
Bill, Rosemary, Mark Pankratz (D)  
8am, Friday, December 8  
Souls in Purgatory (D)

## LECTORS

December 9 & 10, 2023

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Terri Weller

Sunday 8 a.m.

Dale Schwarz

Sunday 10 a.m.

Philip Nadeau

## NOVEMBER 18-19 TITHE

Offertory \$5,382.00

Online \$1,098.00

## SECOND COLLECTION

Retired Religious

December 10

## BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, CONFESSION

*Please call Msgr. Martin  
Or the Office*

## MINISTRIES

**Knights of Columbus**

Glenn Philen 583-9607

**Men of St. Joseph**

Van Milne 709-3080

**Suzette's Food Pantry**

Bonnie Loewen 251-649-6615

## ALTAR LINENS

December 15—Mary Alice Wink

December 29—Lyndi Harpen

## SPANISH MINISTRY

Celia Gamiño 554-8327

## CCD

Debbie Drake 709-6059

## MINISTRIES

### **Join the Men of St. Joseph Thursdays from 6-7pm**

Our purpose is to help men become the spiritual leaders of their family. All men are welcome to meet for prayer, gospel reflection, and fellowship.

### ***Our Lady's Prayer Group***

**Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
All ladies are invited  
to join us.**



### **COME JOIN!**

### **HNJ YOUTH GROUPS**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**Middle School 4:00 until 5:30**

**High School 6:30-8pm**

**DINNER/DESSERT PROVIDED**

**Please call the office or Msgr. Martin to let us know about any homebound, sick or hospitalizations so he can visit and bring Communion.**

### **Anointing Of The Sick**

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage.

## OUR PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For Our Sick:** Doris Reed; Louise Armelin; Tom & Margaret Haddox; Ronnie Robinson; Chong Thwaites; Lacey Porter; Tom & Rita Evans; Mac & Debra Otto; Kim & Denny Savage; Rose Hrabar; Brie Case; Janet Hyde; Mary Frances Britton; Sean Keyser; Addie Orren Arras; Margaret Mortellaro; Fr. J. Francis Sofie; Shirley Guy; Michael Lowery; Sonny Courtney; Nystrom Family; Joseph Milne; Mrs. Pierce; Victor Olivero; David Keyser; Drake Smith; Roger Estes; Barbara Crow; James Strayberry; Margene Williamson; Bobby Hamner; Rachael; Reede Evans; Barbara & Howard Thomas; Tommie & Berndetta Mitchell; Frank Edwards; Mike Edwards; Gina Eanes; John & Deborah Gibson; Bertha Belt; Vicki Aguilar Bohn; Carrie Spiack; Mike & Tricia Carter; Eulalia and Isabela Domingo; Christine Niaga; Heather King; Bonnie & Maisie Gaudet; Joe Grabowski; Scott Ward; Bart Supino; Anne Germann; Joe and Judy Pledger; Jason Dorgan; Joan Dorgan; Connie Stearman; Linda Ryals; Barbara Thomas; Howard Hanson; Brooke Jarrell; Harper Howell, Tom Zwiefelhofer; Pat and Jack Freeman; Kathy Hendrickson; Matthew Coleman; Graylen Peek, Wendy Grysowski., Gregory Padgett, Robert Dorgan, Julia Furbershaw, Susan Dorgan, Laurie Jones, Becky Jones, Pamela Lamarre, Mary and Gerald Gore, Becca Buckner, Jo Ann Lee., Roger Estes, Jr.

## Reflections on Stewardship

***"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."  
Mark 13:33***

***We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.***

**First Sunday of Advent**



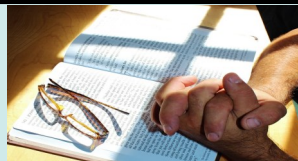
# Suzette's



Distributes free food (canned, boxed and frozen meat) to our neighbors in Semmes and Wilmer the FIRST & THIRD Thursday mornings from 8:30-11:30am.

On the first Thursday we distribute clothing, household items, and other things that have been donated. If you have anything you would like to donate, please call the office for a time to drop them off.

We do not take Medical Equipment. Thank you.



## RCIA

These classes are Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center and are for anyone who desires to become Catholic or learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact Monsignor Martin or the office for more Information.

## Toys for Kids for Christmas

**We hope to provide some toys for children this Christmas. There is a box in the back of the church where you can leave them. Please bring new toys only, for ages newborn to 17 years old.**

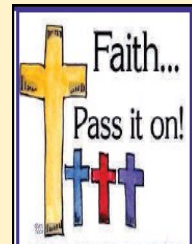
**For our Military: (If any of these people are no longer in the military, please let us know.)**

Hannah M, Petty Officer; Airman 1st Class, E3 Gabrielle Smith (daughter of Ken and Tracy Smith); SSGT Eddy Massingale Engineering Unit, Afghanistan; Aaron Livell ; Joseph Gilbert U.S. Navy; Lt. Adam Glass Marine; Keenan Wilson U.S. Army; Renee Maison U.S. Navy; Jeremy Hernandez (Afghanistan); Zack M. and the U.S. Navy Seal Teams; Brandon Graham, Coast Guard; Alex Steber Coast Guard; Harold Smiley, Jr. U.S. Army; Tom Adent (Kuwait), U.S. Army; Jessica Bachmann U.S. Army; PFC; Kelvon Marshall, Air Force (Afghanistan); Marissa N. McMillan (Navy) Jacob Santana (AIT Training); Wes Barnett (Air Force); Sean Dearmon (Marine in Iraq); Eric Reddick (U.S. Navy); Wes Stringfellow; Michael Hartlee (Navy); Captain Timothy J. McClure (US Army); Josh West (Coast Guard Academy); Captain Josh Anderson (Army) Deployed to Germany; Noah Robinson;

**PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFE RETURN HOME OF ALL OUR MILITARY**

## CCD

Classes are held Sunday morning after 10:00 Mass. Please see Debbie Drake or call the office for information.



Please consider taking a name from the Angel tree in the back of the church and provided a senior citizen with a gift or two. Remember that Jesus promised that what we give will be returned to you greater than what you give.

## DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be asking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will be doing so on December 16 at 9:00 am. Please consider helping.

**December 2-3, 2023**





# **ADVENT**

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# **THE ADVENT WREATH**

“Advent” means “arrival” or “coming,” and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas.

The tradition of celebrating Advent has existed within the global Christian church for centuries. It is nearly as old as the church itself, with the earliest mentions of the tradition happening as early as 380 AD at the Council of Saragossa. It is one of the major seasons celebrated by most Christian churches in the Western tradition.

The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ. The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent hope, peace, joy, and love, and the four weeks of Advent. One candle is lit each Sunday.

The three purple candles in an advent wreath represent penance. The pink candle represents joyfulness.