



This prophecy is once more pronounced into our life on this *Gaudete* Sunday, when the Church invites us to rejoice. Rejoice because the barrenness, the dryness, the emptiness of our life will be made fruitful, graceful, and filled. However, as we wait for this prophecy to come true, we need to expel from our mind and heart the spirits of despair and fear, and fill them with the spirit of hope and patience. Remember, nothing is impossible with our God of Possibilities, who creates all things out of nothing. It is important for us to be mindful of the fact that some barren, dry, and empty situations in our life may not be turned around. However, God can work through them to lift us up, turn us around and place our feet upon the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus.

In many places in the Catholic world, one of the Advent candles is pink in color. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. It reflects the rejoicing and joyful spirit within the liturgy of the day. It is in that same spirit of rejoicing and joy that this third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is a Latin word which means rejoice. Rejoice because the Lord, our Redeemer is no longer said to be coming, but that the Lord, our Redeemer is nigh, and as such, our salvation is nigh. In our everyday interpretation, *Gaudete Sunday* could be said to be “a day off from the sober mood of the Advent season;” “a day to brighten up in rejoicing in anticipation of the joy that the coming of expected Messiah will bring to us.” Hence, the pink candle we lit on the third Sunday of Advent signifies the brightening of our hope and joy as we celebrate the very nearness of the coming of our Redeemer.





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in her Honor

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•TODAY - DECEMBER 15

Lectors.....Barbara Mitchell & Ruth Pettaway
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:Walter Battles & Sheila Mosley
Altar Servers.....Jessica, Kiara & Keari B.
Family Gift Bearers..... Frazier Family

• DECEMBER 22

Lectors.....Rosemary Austin & Tara Evans
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Charles & Barbara Mitchell
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DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

•ANNIVERSERIES

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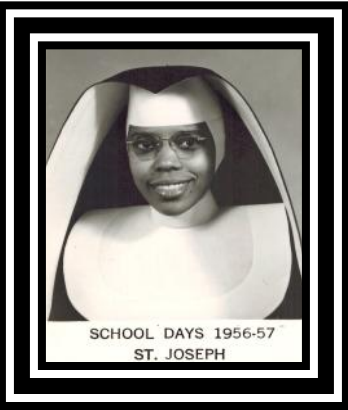
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23 Genevieve Carter
23 Tiffany Davis
26 William Lofton Jr.
26 Michael Steele
28 Kendrick Mackie

Weekly Collection - \$1946.00

(December 8)

Attendance - 93

Dedication of Stained Glass Window



Dolores Blanch Lewis Bishop
Sister Mary Jose’, OSP

Dolores Blanch Lewis, her Christian name, was born April 7, 1930, in Prichard, Alabama. She was one of 12 children, born to Mr. & Mrs. John and Anna Mary Lewis. They were members of St. James Major Catholic Church. Ms. Lewis received the Blessed Sacrament of Baptism at St. James Major Catholic Church December 31, 1932.

The Lewis family later joined Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, where Dolores received the Blessed Sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, and Penance. She attended Heart of Mary School. She sang in the choir, and learned to play the trumpet.

Upon graduating Heart of Mary in 1947, Ms. Lewis attended Spring Hill College and Webster College. She entered the Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP) as a postulant September 5, 1947, and received the name, Sister Mary Jose’. She received her First Profession on August 15, 1950. Following this transition, Sister Jose’ entered Notre Dame Teacher Training and performed Motherhouse duties.

Sister Jose’ first taught third grade at St. Augustine School in Washington, DC. In 1952, she taught grades 3 and 4 at St. Joseph School in Mobile. In 1956, she received her Final Vows.

In fall 1962, Sister Jose’ taught at St. Philip School in New Orleans. In 1963, she returned to St. Joseph and the St. Joseph Convent, and furthered her educational training at Spring Hill College. Later that year, she traveled to the OSP Motherhouse in Baltimore due to illness. She was eventually assigned to Holy Cross Catholic School.

From 1966 to 1970, Sister Jose’ taught grades 7 and 8 at St. Gerard School in Aiken, South Carolina. She requested, and received, final dispensation of vows July 8, 1971, and returned to Mobile.

Mrs. Lewis held several jobs and later married briefly. She ultimately re-entered the education arena. Former St. Joseph School student and Mobile County Public School System Administrator, Mrs. Marva Hall Carter, hired Ms. Lewis Bishop as Reading Coach at Morningside Elementary School, where Mrs. Carter is Principal. She worked there for several years before she retired.



The 3rd & 4th graders are learning to write.



THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Battle Mrs. Delores Isom
Mr. William Lucas Mrs. Reola Juzang
Mrs. Theresa Gulley Mr. James Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman Little Christen Roberson

(Please sign the Healing Prayer Book to list ill and/or homebound parishioners)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Any parishioner seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism

Parents desiring baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the pastor at least two weeks in advance to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and godparents.

Mass of Christian Burial

When a funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR MASS

Third Week of Advent

December 16-22, 2013



MON 16	First Reading: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27
TUE 17	First Reading: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17
WED 18	First Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8, Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25
THU 19	First Reading: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Gospel: Like 1:5-25
FRI 20	First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
SAT 21	First Reading: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Gospel: Luke 1:39-45
SUN 22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

NEW LAW PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **ADVENT RECOLLECTION** A time to pause in preparation for Christmas. This will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here at the church on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **FELLOWSHIP** — Please join us after Mass on Sundays at the Carroll’s Coffee Café at the picnic tables for coffee, doughnuts, and bagels (held in the convent in inclement weather).
- ❖ **WELCOME** - We welcome in our midst Brother Joseph Kikanda, a Josephite Seminarian. Brother Joseph will be with us for two weeks, then he will travel back to the Josephite Seminary in Washington DC. Please let us show him our spirit of hospitality and make him feel welcome.
- ❖ **CONFIRMATION CLASS** – will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 2:00 pm. Confirmation students please take note and save the date. Parents of our confirmation students are expected to be present for this class.
- ❖ **MOST PURE HEART OF MARY – BINGO**, every Friday night. Doors open at 6:00 pm., games begin at 7:00 pm. Help save our school!
- ❖ **PRAYER INTENTION CARDS** are now located in the Vestibule of the Church.
- ❖ Our Community Life Committee is asking for clothing donations for the **WINTER CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE** for Catholic Social Service.

