



Assumption Catholic Church

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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Rejoice in the Lord Always!



Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Third Sunday of Advent

When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival (Malachi 4:5, Deuteronomy 18:15)? John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity, he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah.

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do we recognize who we are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

Readings for Sunday, December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Saint of the Week: St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross was born in Spain in 1542. As a child John was sent to a boarding school for poor and orphaned children. He was given a religious education from a young age and chose to follow a religious path, even as a child.

At age 21 he joined the Carmelite Order and studied theology and philosophy. He became an expert on the Bible, and became a priest in 1567. Soon after he encountered Theresa of Avila, a charismatic Carmelite nun who asked him to follow her. He was attracted by the strict routine she followed and her devotion to prayer and simplicity.



Feast Day: December 14



Several years later, Theresa asked him to travel to Avila with her to become her confessor and spiritual guide. While there, he had a vision of Christ and made a drawing (shown at left) which shows Christ on the cross, looking down on him from above. It is called "Christ from Above."

As Theresa and John worked to reform the Carmelite order to its original rule, they were met with violent disagreement from within. He was imprisoned and came to know "the cross" acutely as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. This is where he began to write poetry.

After nine months he escaped, rejoined Theresa's nuns where he recovered, and after the Carmelite order was formally split, he traveled and established new houses across Spain.

He died at the age of 49 from a skin infection. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. He is the patron of mystics and Spanish poets.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 12

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the
Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families

Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m. - Gladys Calemine †

Monday, December 14

No Mass

Tuesday, December 15

No Mass

Wednesday, December 16

6:00 p.m. - Marie Fitzgerald †

Thursday, December 17

12 noon - John Turner †

Friday, December 18

9:00 a.m. - Carmela & Larry DeMasi †

Saturday, December 19

4:00 p.m. - Herman Wise †

Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m. - Hazel Coffman †

Collections & Attendance:

Week Ending December 6, 2020

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,245
Loose Donations	\$1,665
Repairs & Maintenance	\$70
Holiday Flowers	\$240
Total	\$4,220

Diocesan Collections

Diocesan Collections	\$110
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Saturday Attendance

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Sunday Attendance

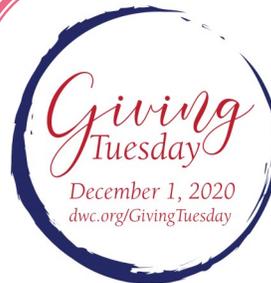
Sunday Attendance	32
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Total

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November 2020 Balance Sheet

November Income	\$11,922
November Expenses	\$10,819
Balance	\$1,103



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Giving Tuesday Update

Not only have we met our goal of \$12,000 for the Giving Tuesday campaign, we have surpassed it! \$16,500 raised!

Thanks to all of you who have contributed! These donations will help to fund the installation of a security system for all church properties and new carpet in St. Mary's Hall.

If you have not yet made a donation but would like to help with the campaign, we can still accept donations. Just put your check in the offertory or mail or drop it off at the Parish Office (be sure to write "Giving Tuesday" on the memo line).

Remember...our parish receives 100% of your donation. Thank you!

Church Greeters Needed

As you know, when we resumed Masses in the spring we began using greeters to welcome and register attendees, check temperatures, etc.

While we all look forward to the time when these precautions are no longer necessary, we plan to keep having greeters at the entrance of the church.

We will be developing a schedule for greeters just like we do for lectors; if you would like to participate in this ministry, please call or email the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions in 2021

New for 2021 Mass Intentions:

Since Mass isn't celebrated at our church everyday and the dates fill up quickly, we will begin scheduling more than one intention for each Mass if the same date is requested. Many people want to remember or honor someone on or around a specific date (birthdays, death anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). This will help accommodate more people.

Also in 2021, we will begin publishing in the bulletin who the Mass intention was offered by (you can also choose to remain anonymous).

Masses can be offered for a variety of reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or most commonly, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. This tradition originates with the very early church.

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office. The typical stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.

Confession for CCD Students

Fr. Thomas will hear confessions for CCD students on Thursday, December 17, from 4-5 p.m. at the church. All students who have received their First Communion are encouraged to attend. Masks will be required and appropriate social distancing will be followed.

Remember to Register For Christmas Masses!

Online

<https://signup.com/go/LNZufWb>

Email

acckwv@gmail.com

Phone

304-788-2488

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Eve

Our church will be open for private prayer on Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. We need volunteers to clean the pews that are used in between visitors. If you are available for a 1- or 2-hour shift that day, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 19....Doug Minnich (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, December 20.....Paul Bogdan (L)
Julie Alt (C)

Christmas Eve, 4 PMKelley Kuhn (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)

Christmas Eve, 6 PM.Mike Landis (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Christmas Day, 8:30 AM...Karen Yowler (L)
Nancy Starcher (C)

Saturday, December 26....Karen Yowler (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, December 27.....John Bogdan (L)
Julie Alt (C)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date,
please arrange for a replacement.*



Prayer List

Jennifer Boling
Wanda Bruno
Bobby Dorsey
Joe & Barbara Gratto
Sue & Mick Greco
Helen Holder
Dennis McGann
Esther Shockey
Sue Spotts
Bill Stein
Maleigha Taylor
Bonnie Whetzel

*To have a name added to the prayer list, please
call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in
the offertory basket.*