

**December 9, 2018 –
2nd Sunday of Advent**

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY-

**Entrance: #38 vs. 3 & 4, Offertory: #66,
Communion: #61, Recessional: #52 vs. 2**



OUR SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR THE RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND. Proceeds from the collection underwrite financial assistance, educational programming and hands-on consultation that help religious communities reduce funding deficits, enhance eldercare and plan for long-term needs. Proceeds are distributed to eligible congregations to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses. Roughly 94 percent of donations aid elderly religious.

PLANNING AHEAD: We will have the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph this Thursday, December 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.** There will be 5 priests available during those times to hear confessions.



CHRISTMAS "GEBEN BAUM" 2018 (Christmas Giving Tree) –Deadline to return gifts is next Sunday, December 16. (This is a hard deadline, as gifts have to be sorted and distributed to families before Christmas.) Any questions, call Susan Beebe at (601) 605-2131 or Lisa Crout at (601) 953-6643.



LOOKING TOWARDS ADVENT: Our annual St. Joseph Advent Concert will be next Sunday, December 16, 6:00 pm (following the 5:00 pm Mass) in the church. The Choir will host a reception in the Library after the concert. All are welcome!!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS: Anyone wishing to make a donation for the Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one may do so until December 16. Please put the donation in an envelope with the name of the person(s) to be remembered and give to Pam.

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are in need of prayer, especially Paul Aubin, Sandy Brignac, Earlyn Carmody, Warren Davis, Doris Degenhardt, Abbie R. Dupont, Geraldine Dupont, Robyn Dupont, Earlene Fletes, Bernice Fontenot, Peggy Gauthier, Thomas Guest, Beverly & George Kehle, Lacey Madden, Nicole McDonald, Arleen Mink, Martha Faye Minninger, Mike Minninger, Robin Morris, June Schmidt, Maverick Schwartzenburg, Jan Smith, Hazel Strong, Linda Sullivan, Sheila Yeck, Matt & Amanda Cobb family, Patsy Hubert, Catherine Bratton, Breanna Halley, Rob Edward, Kristen Campbell, Ava Martinez, Joe Jones, III, Jimmy Justice, Olivia Scott, Dan Riessenbeck, Joe Forsythe, John Boudreaux, Finn Blaylock, Diane Beasley, Lisa Barajona, Germaine Pruden, Robert Endris, Chami Kane, Carl Welsh, Beth Gaston, JoAnn Hartley, Bryan J. Coate, Alan Henderson, Henry Weissenborn, Trevor Lott, Kenny Webb, Paul Byrd, JL Moody, David Doggette, Wayne O'Bannon, Donna Dennery, Teresa Jefcoat, Bill Waltman, Sylvia Richard and our loved ones serving in the military.



OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS DEACON ADOLFO SUAREZ: Contact Adolfo with your prayers and best wishes at his email: asuarez@nds.edu. Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES MONDAY, DEC. 24 AT 4:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. AND TUESDAY, DEC. 25 AT 8:15 A.M. IF YOU CAN SERVE AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST, LECTOR, HOSPITALITY MINISTER OR ALTAR SERVER, PLEASE CONTACT PAM.

Weekly Readings

Mo, Dec 10: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26
 Tu, Dec 11: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Matt 18:12-14
 We, Dec 12: Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38 or 39-47
 Th, Dec 13: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Matt 11:11-15
 Fr, Dec 14: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Matt 11:16-19
 Sa, Dec 15: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matt 17:9a, 10-13

Meetings & Events for the Week of Dec 9 – Dec 16

Sun, Dec 9 Religious Ed (K-Gr. 12 & Confirmation) classes, 9:30 am
 Adult Faith Formation, 9:30 am, Parish Hall
 RCIA today, 6:00 pm, Room 106
 Mon, Dec 10 KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 6:00 pm, Heritage Hall
 Tues, Dec 11 Mass, 6:30 am, Chapel
 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, 9:15 am, Chapel
 Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall
 Yoga Class, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
 Wed, Dec 12 Mass, 6:00 pm, Chapel
 Adult Faith Formation, 6:30 pm, Heritage Hall
 Sat, Dec 15 Jesus, Coffee & Yoga, 9:00 am, Parish Hall
 Sun, Dec 16 Religious Ed (K-Gr.12), 9:30 am
 Adult Faith Formation, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF SIS REXINGER CUTRER, mother of our parishioner Mary Ellen Porter, who died recently. Mary Ellen, Joseph and all of Sis's family are remembered in our prayers. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

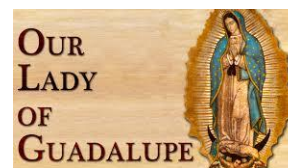
JESUS, COFFEE AND YOGA: Continues Saturday, December 15 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. No charge for this series, and we welcome all ladies of our Parish. Also, every Tuesday we have Gentle Yoga and Lectio Divina in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. Donation is \$7 per week, all given back to our church. Every BODY is welcome!! Come join the fun! If you have any questions call Teresa Speer at (769) 233-1989.



FATIMA – THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION: You are invited to become part of the Fatima message by fulfilling the request of Our Lady of Fatima to complete the Five First Saturdays Devotion. Scheduled dates for 2019 are: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4. Please see future bulletins for a detailed flyer with additional information.



COUPLES WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED 25, 50, OR 60 YEARS IN 2019 will be honored by the Jackson Diocese on World Marriage Day on February 24, 2019. Please give Pam your names, address, and the date of your wedding by December 23 so that you can be included on the invitation list for this special celebration.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, DECEMBER 12 - In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared Her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle (tilma) of Juan Diego. The tilma of Juan Diego has been the subject of much modern research. The tilma, woven out of coarse cactus fiber, should have disintegrated after 20 years, but although over 500 years have passed the tilma is still in perfect condition. The pupils of Mary in the picture reflect the Indians and clergy present at the time of the first revelation of the image. No paint was used, and chemical analysis has not been able to identify the color imprint. Additionally, studies have revealed that the stars on Mary's mantle match exactly what a Mexican would have seen in the sky in December of 1531. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (catholicculture.org)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our Parish Mission – "Surge of the Heart" featuring international Catholic speaker and author, Jon Leonetti begins Sunday, January 27, 6:30 pm in the church and runs through Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 pm. See the insert in next Sunday's bulletin for additional details.

Discover the freedom Christ offers by way of his life and love in Jon Leonetti's newest book, **"The Art of Getting Over Yourself: And Why You'll Be Happier When You Do"**. St. Joseph Catholic Church purchased copies for our parish family as our Christmas gift to you. Please limit to one copy per family. (We will let you know if extras are available at a later date.) Jon Leonetti will be the featured speaker for our Parish Mission January 27-January 29, 2019.

YOUTH NEWS

Religious Ed (9th-12th grade) this includes Confirmation Class – meet today, Sunday, Dec. 9

DCYC – "FAITH HOPE & LOVE" will be held on February 1-3 at the Vicksburg Convention Center. How much does DCYC cost? Conference registration fee is \$100 per participant. **FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 12TH.** *Registration fee includes hotel room, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch Sunday, t-shirt, Conference supplies and activities. To find out how to register, check out our webpage for more info or contact Patti by email patti@stjosephgluckstadt.com.

CARMELITE MONASTERY GIFT SHOP: Open House Weekends with Bake Sale thru December 24. Hours open are: Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm; Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, located at 2155 Terry Road, Jackson. Call (601) 373-3412 for additional information. See flyers at the back of the church.

SCHOOL NEWS

GIFTS OF THE SEASON – St. Joseph Catholic School will host their annual Christmas Concert featuring the St. Joseph Bruin Band and Choir on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Come get into the Christmas Spirit with lots of traditional Christmas music.

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL has an immediate opening for a full-time bookkeeper/business manager. Experience in accounting is preferred. For additional info, contact the school office at (601) 607-7054.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Alicia Baladi, Stephanie Brown, Frank Blossman, Jim Caskey, Louie Tran, Stephanie Word
FINANCE COUNCIL – Eddie Adkins, Thomas Agostinelli, Patrick Beasley, Susan Beebe, Tina Dancer, Monica Price

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, December 9 –
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 (8:15) Tricia Williams & Gracie Wilson
 (10:45) Andrew Brown & Carolyn Callahan
 Mike & Cathy Hepburn
 (5:00) Traci Grubb & Susan Beebe
LECTORS
 (8:15) Sara Weisenberger & David Wright
 (10:45) Belinda Gordon & Anthony Fertitta
 (5:00) Cindy McGraw
HOSPITALITY
 (8:15) David & Lissa Ruhl
 (10:45) Eric & Lori Kimes
 (5:00) Volunteers needed
USHERS
 (8:15) David Flood & Denton Hartlein
 (10:45) Jason & Melanie Rice
 (5:00) David & Mona Cobb
ALTAR SERVERS
 (8:15) Cameron Miller & Colin Praytor
 (10:45) Amanda Hair & Mabry Hirn
 (5:00) Bella Alimot & Ava Spence

VOCATIONS

(8:15) Lennis & Mary Cook
 (10:45) Chris & Penni Davis
Sunday, December 16 -
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 (8:15) Adaire Young & Paula Bennett
 (10:45) Jim & Dana Caskey
 Anthony & Mindy Fertitta
 (5:00) Richard Johnson & volunteer

LECTORS

(8:15) Eddie Adkins & Joe Baladi
 (10:45) Kristi Thomas & volunteer
 (5:00) Larry Moorehead

HOSPITALITY

(8:15) Duane & Felecia Stevens
 (10:45) David & Lydia Holloway
 (5:00) Mike & Teresa Speer

USHERS

(8:15) Buzz Howard & Joe Jones
 (10:45) Jeannie Barrier & Curtis Gho
 (5:00) Mike & Angie Carney

ALTAR SERVERS

(8:15) Olivia Rabalais & Elaina Price
 (10:45) Augusta Hirn & Denley Holloway
 (5:00) Anna Meyer & Alexandra Zevallos

VOCATIONS

(8:15) Eric & Monica Price
 (10:45) Norman & Susan Brown

Collection Report

Week of December 2, 2018
 General: \$16,997.37 Bldg.: \$1451.00
 Our Daily Bread: \$135.00 Retired Religious: \$40.00

2019 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES – PLEASE TAKE ONE