



DECEMBER 5/6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Breviary Week II – p. 111

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PRAYERLINE REQUESTS:

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – Advent II

Giving Tree	
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	
RCIA	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation K-5	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation Edge (6-8)	9:30 a.m.
"Book of Revelation"	9:30 a.m.
Confirmation	12:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Filipino Mass and Reception	2:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop #293	3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Cub Scout #406	5:45 p.m.
Parish Life Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Childbirth Lamaze Class	6:00 p.m.
"Book of Revelation"	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception – Mass at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Women's Faith Sharing Group	10:00 a.m.
Holy Family Rings	12:00 p.m.
Teen Singers	6:15 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group	7:00 p.m.
Haiti Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Laurel Cove Civic League	7:00 p.m.
Holy Family Book Club	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

J.O.Y. Club	11:00 a.m.
Environmental Committee Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop #587	6:00 p.m.
Family Addition Support Group	6:30 p.m.
Rosary	6:30 p.m.
Advent Reconciliation Service	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir	8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

"Book of Revelation"	10:00 a.m.
Auction Committee Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Children's Choir	6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:45 a.m.
K of C 4th Degree Christmas Dinner Dance	

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 – Advent III

Reconciliation	4:30 p.m.
"Pizza with Santa" Youth Fund Raiser (after Mass)	

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – Advent III

Giving Tree Packing after 11:00 a.m. Mass	
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)	
RCIA	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation K-5	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation Edge (6-8)	9:30 a.m.
"Book of Revelation"	9:30 a.m.
Liturgical Ensemble	9:45 a.m.
Weblo Cub Scout Troop #406	2:00 p.m.
LifeTeen	7:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, December 7:** Morning Prayer**Tuesday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception:** 12:00: Intention for the brothers and sisters of Barbara Davis by Barbara Davis; 6:30 p.m.: Chris Smith by Lisa Smith**Wednesday, December 9:** Francis Nagle by Nancy Kelly**Thursday, December 10:** Morning Prayer**Friday, December 11:** Tom Aubry by Joe & Sandi Murray**Saturday, December 12:** Peggy and Fred Pace by Paula and Warren**Sunday, December 13:** 8:15 a.m.: Lois Brezina by John & Jean Trotter; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Sunday, December 6:** *Second Sunday of Advent:* Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6**Monday, December 7:** *Saint Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the church:* Is 35:1-10; Ps 85: 9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26**Tuesday, December 8:** *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the USA:* Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38**Wednesday, December 9:** *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin:* Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30**Thursday, December 10:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15**Friday, December 11:** *Saint Damasus I, pope:* Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19**Saturday, December 12:** *Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA):* Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47**Sunday, December 13:** *Third Sunday of Advent:* Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18**PARISH COUNCIL:** Greg Brown, Chair; Todd Solomon, Co-Chair; Kathy Staskin, Secretary; Brian Alexander; Dick Dietz; Joe Kelly; Julianna Luecke (Youth Representative); Beverly Manlove; Bill Shannon; Gwen Stinard; Fr. Gaudy.**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler, Vice-Chairperson; Jean MacLeay, Secretary; Steve Ambrose, Andy McClaskey, Terry McElroy, Fr. Gaudy.**NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET):** Mike McCormick and Kathy Staskin, Co-Chairpersons; Mike DeJaeger, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Dean Schleicher; Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy.**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Budget 2015/2016 is \$1,077,484.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$84,719.00.

Our total offertory to date is 40% -\$431,618.17.

For November 21/22, the weekly offertory total was \$15,173.00.

For November 28/29, the weekly offertory total was \$15,662.70.

Holy Family Operating Fund: \$215,459.12

Social Ministry: \$20,902.06

Haiti Fund: \$74,705.99

Capital Reserve: \$175,295.04

**“LIVING OUR MISSION” CAMPAIGN:**

We have received **431** pledges for a total of **\$1,456,656.66**. To date, we have been paid Holy Family’s share of **\$146,166.28**. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible and **please make checks payable to “Living Our Mission” (not Holy Family)**. Also, **make sure your address and phone number are on the pledge card.**

SUNDAY NURSERY:

Childcare is provided in the Nursery during Sunday Masses. Children ages 6 months-4 years old are welcome. Please contact Kathy at hfevangelization@gmail.com with any questions.

GIVING TREE:

The Tags are up for the Giving Tree. Please help provide a wonderful holiday for the many agencies we are supporting this year.



Holy Family Day School: Happy first weekend of Advent! This time next month we will be entering in to a new calendar year. But, first let’s savor every moment of this joyous season as we enter the new liturgical year and prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. In chapel and the classrooms, we are talking about waiting patiently. Oftentimes the quality of being patient is hard to find in today’s society. Take time out this Advent to slow down and savor some quiet time – make room in your life for Jesus Christ!

Farm Fresh: The Key Tags Have Arrived! For everyone who has been waiting so patiently, it’s time! The key tags are in at the Day School Office during the week and available at the Welcome Office after each Mass on the weekend.

Holiday Food Drive: The Day School classes collected canned food items, brought them to school, sorted them, and watched the mountains of food grow in the Atrium the week before Thanksgiving. They were completely amazed on Monday morning to see that all that food had been bagged up and was ready to be given out to the many families in need during this holiday time. The opportunity to help others is an invaluable experience at any age!

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”: The Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” card sale is underway with a good selection still available. Stop by after Mass and purchase your cards. When they are gone, they are gone until next year.



FACEBOOK: Holy Family is on Facebook! Be sure to like our page. Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church VB

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

A Great Big “Thank You” to all who donated to the Holiday Food Baskets! We fed over 130 families.

The Food Pantry needs: **cereal, canned meat, and canned fruit.**

THE YEAR OF MERCY: This Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will open the “Holy Door” in Saint Peter’s Basilica, symbolically opening *The Jubilee Year of Mercy*. In today’s scriptures, Baruch confidently anticipates God’s healing of the brokenness of humanity, and Paul sees God bring our discernment, knowledge, and love to fulfillment. Our experience of life and of ourselves can make such prophecies seem wildly optimistic, even hopelessly naïve. Pope Francis challenges us to live this Jubilee Year as a graced time, when God’s mercy reawakens our enthusiasm to live our baptismal call as Gospel people, our hope renewed and ourselves recommitted to selfless charity. Notice that in Luke’s Gospel today, God bypasses the religious elite and politically powerful to speak to a humble believer in the barren desert the saving word that will transform history. So God’s mercy continues to accomplish humanity’s salvation in and through ordinary, flawed, and least likely instruments – even us.



Bambinelli Sunday

During the 3rd Sunday of Advent, families in Italy travel to Rome and bring their baby Jesus figurines from their Nativities. During that Sunday’s noon Angelus, the Pope blesses the figurines as well as the children and families that are gathered. This is called “Bambinelli Sunday.” “The blessing of the Bambinelli, as they are called in Rome, reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy.”

Italian Nativity scenes are much more elaborate and filled with scenes of daily life within a village (women carrying water jugs, washing clothes, children playing, market place where things are sold, etc.) The concept is that Jesus came in the midst of our busy lives. This serves to remind us that Jesus is not in the past but lives with us today and enters into the midst of our busy lives!

This year, Holy Family will be celebrating Bambinelli Sunday on **December 13**. We are asking that all children (and adults) bring their baby Jesus figurines from their Nativity scenes to Mass on **December 13**. After the homily, Fr. Gaudy will bless the figurines, children, and everyone. This will occur at both the 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.



GOLDEN SENIORS NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m.
(Everyone is invited)

“The Silver Tappers” and
A Catered Christmas Luncheon

December 17: Catered Christmas Party

Cost – \$5.00 per member; Entertainment - “The Silver Tappers,” an over 50 Women’s Tap Team
More details available on the poster in the Commons!

December 8: Tidewater Winds Concert at the Sandler Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Sandler Center Box Office: \$25.00. A pre-concert “no-Host” dinner at Bravo Cucina Italiana (Town Center) at 5:00 p.m. is planned. Please call **Mary DeLaney at 481-1046** for details and reservations.

We look forward to seeing you on December 8 and 17!!

Tours/Trips and first Thursdays will resume in February

Need a ride to the meeting? Call Barbara Morris at 496-2696.

Membership information? Call Cathy Haley at 463-0525.



FUNASTIC AUCTION – JANUARY 30, 2016

Join us at Holy Family for an exciting evening. There will be gourmet heavy hors d’oeuvres, adult beverages, a silent auction of 100+ items and a professional auctioneer for our live auction.

We are collecting donations now and would appreciate your help. Can you donate a service, a gift card, or a collectable? Added to the donations that we have mentioned in the past few weeks are two wine-tasting parties for ten at Total Wine, a spa day for your dog at Boulevard Veterinary, a three-month family membership at Virginia Beach Tennis and Country Club, gift cards for Dan Ryan, Lynnhaven Fish House, and Ramone Photography. Watch the bulletin for more details.

All proceeds from this auction stay at Holy Family for our ministries. Presale tickets will be available after all Masses and in the Parish Office beginning January 9, 2016, for \$20.00. The cost at the door will be \$25.00.

If you have any questions about donations, please call John or Pat Wiersch at (757) 463-2263.

Many Blessings,
Auction Committee



The First Thing to Remember

Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen, and free you." This first proclamation is called "first" not because it exists at the beginning and can then be forgotten or replaced by other more important things. It is first in a qualitative sense because it is the principal proclamation, the one which we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment.

Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel



MUSIC NOTES

A Festival of Carols

Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.

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Music Ministry Contact Info:

Website is <http://holyfamilyvb.org/music-ministry>

Call 757-481-5702, ext. 116 or

Email Sylvia Chapa at music@holyfamilyvb.org.

Music Rehearsal Schedule: (in Music Room #134)

Handbells – Holy Family Ringers:

Tuesday, December 8, 12:00 p.m.

Teen Singers: Tuesday, December 8, 6:15 p.m.

Parish Choir and Christmas Choir:

Wednesday, December 9, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Children's Choir: Thursday, December 10, 6:15 p.m.

Liturgy Schedule of Choirs:

Handbells – Holy Family Ringers:

December 6 at 11:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Choir: December 6 at 11:00 a.m. Mass;

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. at Advent Reconciliation Service

Liturgical Ensemble: December 13 at 11:00 a.m. Mass

"A Festival of Carols" Schedule:

Saturday, December 19: All choirs and instruments rehearsal: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 20: Check your choir calendar for arrival time; program begins at 4:00 p.m.



HOLY FAMILY BOOK CLUB: Join us on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m., for our next Book Club gathering highlighting Bishop Barron's latest book, "Seeds of the Word." How do Superman, Gran Torino, and the Hobbit illuminate the figure of Jesus? Join us for a lively discussion on these captivating essays on finding God in today's culture. All are welcome!

SCHEDULE OF PARISH ADVENT

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- **DECEMBER 9 – HOLY FAMILY**
- December 10 – St. Luke
- December 15 – Star of the Sea
- December 16 – St. Nicholas
- December 17 – St. John

Note: All services are at 7:00 p.m.

Note: There will **not** be 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation on the following Saturdays: December 12 and December 19.

"TOOLS FOR EVANGELIZING FAMILY AND FRIENDS":

Join us for "Tools for Evangelizing Family and Friends" between the Masses on Sunday, December 20. Come and learn how to reach out to family and friends who are no longer members of the Catholic Church. The presentation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



"CARE FOR OUR EARTH":

When we support the GREEN ECONOMY our choices support community and environmental health resulting in: the restoration of the planet and the lifting up of people by the services and goods we buy; insuring that the companies we support with our purchasing and investing dollars are leaders in social justice and environmental sustainability; that a better future is promoted by the places we save our money. Then, we are not contributing to conventional companies which engage in the kind of business-as-usual practices that result in sweatshop labor, environmental damage, climate change, exposure to toxins, and predatory financial practices. When we promote the GREEN ECONOMY we are changing our style of living which will bring about a more desirable future for our descendants.

"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it." ~ Pope Francis' Message to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2014

Ed Marroni – 587-4887

Holy Family Parish Environmental Committee

2016 BAPTISM CLASSES AND DATES

Class: Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Date: Sunday, January 31 – 11:00 a.m. Mass

Class: Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Date: Saturday, April 30 – 5:30 p.m. Mass

SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Saturday February 13

Time: 1:00-5:00pm



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