

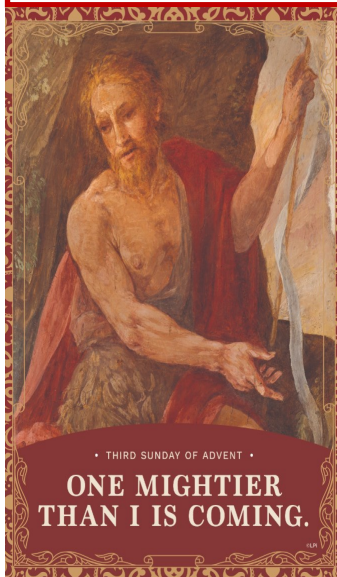


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**Rev. Donbosco, Associate Pastor**  
**Deacon Bill Vrazel**

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Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
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*Sunday,  
December 15th  
Third Sunday in  
Advent*



## *Help Me To Prepare For YOUR Coming*

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **“with the Holy Spirit and fire”** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— *Father John Muir*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

**Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

**Second Reading:** The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

**Gospel:** The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” (Lk 3:10)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Events of the Week**

<b>Monday, December 16, 2024 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7:25 am Rosary - Church</li> <li>- 8:00 am <b>MASS</b> - Church</li> <li>- 10:00 am School <b>MASS</b> - Church</li> <li>- 10:00 am Parish Prayer Group - Chapel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Adoration - Church</li> <li>- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm <b>RECONCILIATION offered in Church</b></li> <li>- 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, December 17 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel</li> <li>- 6:30 pm Men’s Group—Advent Lectio Divina - Conf. Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7:00 pm - <b>MASS</b> - Chapel</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, December 18 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6:30 am Java and Jesus Men’s Group - Parish Hall</li> <li>- 7:25 am Rosary - Church</li> <li>- 8:00 am - <b>MASS</b> with Moms - Church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9:00 am Bible Study - Parish Hall</li> <li>- 5:00 pm Parish Eucharistic Revival Team Mtg. - Parish Hall</li> <li>- 6:30 pm OCIA Faith Formation Classes - Conf. Ctr</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday December 19 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel</li> <li>- 8:00 am <b>MASS</b> - Chapel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel</li> <li>- 6:30 pm Men’s Advent Lectio Divina - Conf. Center</li> <li>- <b>6:30 pm ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - Church</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday, December 20 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8:30 am <b>Children’s MASS</b> - Church</li> <li>- 8:30 am <b>Children’s MASS</b> - Church</li> <li>- 9:30 am - 11:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Hall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Chapel</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, December 21 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall</li> <li>- 4:00 pm Vigil <b>MASS</b> - Church (<b>RECONCILIATION offered 30 min. prior to Mass</b>)</li> </ul>	

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

Mary Helen Allen, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Carver, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Sally and Wayne James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Dustin Leochner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Rod Malburg, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Lori Miller, Carl Mosesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin, Bruce Young



*In Memoriam*



Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Prayer List. Thank you.

**Weekly Operating Report**

**December 16, 2024**

**Weekly Operating Credits**

Offertory/Collection: \$10,432

Building Fund: \$289

Youth Ministry: \$1,169

Masses: \$460

Cemetery: \$

Memorials: \$5

Second Collection: \$1,358

Poor Box & Charity: \$50

Christmas Flowers: \$741

**TOTAL: \$14,504**

**Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers**  
**Forms are available in the back of**  
**the church or by calling the**  
**office at 228-452-4686**

**Weekly Fixed Expenses**

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance

Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

**TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY**

**EXPENSES: \$13,075.00**

*"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly. God Bless!" Father Mike Austin*

**Pray For a Priest Each Day**

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us, rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for our priests! Amen.

**Sun., December 15:** For Fathers Jacob Smith OFM and James Smith

**Mon., December 16:** For Fathers Michael Snyder and Michael Somers

**Tuesday, December 17:** For Father S. Kennedy Soosa

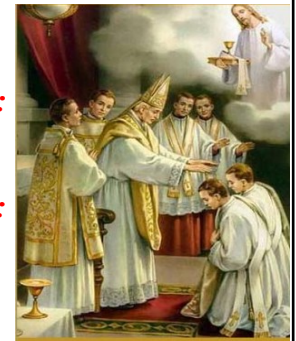
**Wed., December 18:** For Father Emmanuel Subaar

**Thur., December 19:** For Father Anil Thomas SVD

**Fri., December 20:** For Father Truong Q Trinh

**Sat., December 21:** For Father Joe Uko

Uko



**December 21 & December 22, 2024**

**4:00 pm - Saturday, 12/21/24 Vigil**

**LECTORS**

Gayle Nolan

**EEMs**

Darren Freeman, Donald Frilot and Ursula Frilot

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Cooper W. Ferrill, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

**8:30 am - Sunday, 12/22/24**

Michael Burch

Ken Braud, Phylis Carlton, Carol Church, Tony Diaz del Valle and Tracy Patridge

A. Dave Bernadas, Hadleigh Boswell, Anna Ladner, Jared Smith and

**11:00 am Sunday 12/22/24**

Carl Mayeaux

Andrew Koslosky, Gretchen Mayeaux, Michael Mayeaux, Gayle Parker and Sid Petagna

Calel Brenneis, Charlotte Payment and Emily Payment

**5:00 pm - Sunday, 12/22/24**

Jo Johns

Richard Bohn, Joy Miller and Aimee Tramontana

Sophia Gonzalez and Thomas Williston

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Let's decorate the church with poinsettias for Christmas!**



Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are in the Church pews. Please consider giving a gift of poinsettias in honor, thanksgiving, or memory of someone dear. Then on Christmas Eve, a festive explosion of bright red poinsettias will adorn the Church. It's a beautiful way to remember your loved ones this Christmas.



***Holy Family  
Advent  
Penance Service***

**Thursday,  
December 19th  
6:30 pm at  
Holy Family Church**

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*



**THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472  
INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF  
THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month following 8:30 am Mass – **December 29<sup>th</sup>, March 30, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Meetings: 6:00 pm First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **January 7, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Corporate Communion: Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month. Parish Fellowship will follow in the Conference Center with coffee and donuts – **January 12, 2025**
- KOC Coffee and Donuts: 9:00 am – Conference Center – **January 12, 2025**
- Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings: 6:30 pm Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **January 14, 2025**

Saturday, December 14	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Healing for Kyle Patridge and James Bertucci Healing for Wayne and Sally James
Sunday, December 15	8:30 am	†Barbara Washer †Mary and Ray Gallagher †Frank and Patricia Schmidt
	11:00 am	†William A. Hughes †Jasper Reaves Special Intentions for John Hall
	5:00 pm	†Brenda Riordan
Monday, December 16	8:00 am	† Knost Family
Tuesday, December 17 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	Healing for Wayne and Sally James Special Intentions for Bonnie Talbot
Wednes- day, December 18	8:00 am	†Knost Family Special Intentions for Gerrie Gough
Thursday, December 19 (Chapel)	8:00 am	†Gene Levens †Patricia Kelly
Friday, December 20	8:30 am <b>* †The Repose of the Soul</b>	† Sheila Smith

*At Holy Family Parish*



December 3rd, 10th and 17th: 6:30 pm: **Men's Advent Lectio Divina** - Conference Center  
 December 5th, 12th and 19th: 6:30 pm: **Women's Advent Lectio Divina** - Conference Center  
 Sunday, December 15th: **Youth Christmas Party** - After 5 pm Mass - Conference Center  
 Thursday, December 19th: 6:30 pm: **Advent Penance Service** - Holy Family  
 Friday, December 20th: 3 pm, **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Chapel  
 Monday, December 23rd - Wednesday, January 1st - **Parish Office closed.**

**THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER HEALING FACE OF JESUS HEALING MINISTRIES HEALING SERVICE.** Services will resume in January 2025.

**ATTENTION HOLY FAMILY LECTORS, EEM'S & ALTAR SERVERS**

A REMINDER TO ALL LECTORS, EEMs & ALTAR SERVERS TO PLEASE PICK UP YOUR MINISTRY SCHEDULE for DECEMBER- APRIL 2025 IS IN THE HALL OF THE CHURCH ENTRANCE.

*Thank for being a part of this important Holy Family Ministry. Please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 if you have any questions.*

**THANK YOU!**



**Holy Family Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st.**

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**Holy Family Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual**

**Angel Tree**

THANK YOU HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS for your very generous donations to the Angel Tree Ministry! Thanks to you, we gave over 100 gifts to children in need in our community.



**ANGEL TREE**

*God Bless and Merry Christmas!*

**HOLY FAMILY 4TH & 5TH EDITION CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ARE IN!**



If you ordered Holy Family Christmas ornaments, please stop by the Parish Office to pick up your order.

**WE HAVE EXTRAS!**

If you missed ordering ornaments we have extras. *They make wonderful Christmas gifts!*

**Upcoming 2025 Second & Special Collections**

- January 4 - 5: Aged and Infirm Priests**
- January 25 - 26: Church in Latin America & Saltillo Mission**
- February 1 - 2: St. Paul Cemetery**
- March 1 - 2: St. Paul Cemetery**
- March 5 (Ash Wednesday): Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa**
- March 8 - 9: Black & Indian Missions**
- April 5 - 6: St. Paul Cemetery**
- April 18: Holy Land**
- April 26 - 27: Catholic Home Missions Appeal**



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