

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-**

**ing:** John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Bill Hoffman, Jr. George Duke. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Juan Delgado. Mark Owen. Andrea Easter. Dottie Schuetz. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Beth Benoit, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Jim Catalano, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Greg Hass, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Fr. Nano, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Betty Pritchett.**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service**

**from our parish community:** Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Zachary Stephen York, Specialist 4 U.S. Army (Son of Steve & Julie York). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma).

**GOD'S PROMISE**

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Sat 12/23 5:00pm Mass**—Stephens Family

**Sun 12/24 9:30am Mass**—Pritchett Family

**Tue 12/26 NO MASS & NO ADORATION**

**Wed 12/27 NO MASS**

**Thurs 12/28 NO MASS**

**Fri 12/29 NO MASS**

**Sat 12/30 5:00pm Mass**— Fr. Mike's 9th Ordination Anniversary

**Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm**  
**Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Required Weekly Funds Offerings**

**12/16 & 12/17 Attendance**

<b>\$ 3,961</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Info will be in next week bulletin.</b>		

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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## EVENTS AND NEWS

### December Second Collections:

23rd, 24th & 25th: "Seminarian Special Collection" & "10% Christmas Collection".

### Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"There is more sweetness in one hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament than in all the world's crowded theaters, and brilliant drawing rooms, and giddy diversions, and social gatherings." - St. Gabriel Possenti

Volunteers needed for this coming year to purchase the donuts for after Sunday Masses. Preferably on a quarterly basis or annual..

We also need volunteers to pick them up at the donut shop on the corner of 2869 and 14 and serve them. On the first Sunday of the month (when the K of C do not have breakfast), or second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday of each month. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

We would like to thank everyone that provided, picked-up and serve the donuts for this year. Holy Spirit has been so generous with the coffee/donut weeks this year. Many Blessings!!!

Plan now to attend the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Spirit (Jan. 12th). Bishop Strickland will be here to celebrate the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, January 14th and we will all join in a potluck brunch following Mass. There will be a slideshow presentation during this gathering highlighting our parish, the transformation over the years as well as events and special times which have been instrumental in our journey of faith and growth. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for this slideshow. Additional pictures will be taken the day of the event before a final copy of the DVD is made. Parishioners will be able to sign up for copies of the slideshow at the potluck. A \$5 donation is asked for each DVD requested and can be paid during the celebration. We hope to have the disc ready for pick up at the end of January.

Everyone is asked to contribute food/beverage to the brunch for this event. There will be a sign up sheet the next two weekends in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign up for something that you can bring.



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
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Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of you that made food donations. They were able to make-up and deliver "12 BIG BASKETS" weighing approximately 60 pounds each full of good wishes for people in need. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**Sun., Dec. 24th: PLEASE NOTE CHANGED THE TIME TO: 6:30pm Candlelight Music, follow by 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

**Mon., Dec. 25th: 9:00am Mass Christmas Day**

**Mon., Dec. 25th & 26th: Diocese & Church Office Closed**

**Tues., Dec. 26th—Fri., Dec. 29th: NO MORNING MASSES OR ADORATION THIS WEEK.**

**Wed., Dec. 27th: Fr. Mike "Ninth Ordination Anniversary."**

**Sun., Dec. 31st: 5:00pm New Year's Eve Mass**

**Mon., Jan. 1st: 9:00am Mass Holy Day of Obligation. Diocese & Church Office Closed.**

**Tues., Jan. 2nd—Fri., Jan. 5th: NO MORNING MASSES OR ADORATION THIS WEEK.**

**Wed., Jan. 10th: Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30pm**

**Thurs., Jan. 11th: K of C Meeting**

**Sun., Jan. 14th: Bishop Joseph will be celebrating our 15 year Anniversary at the 9:30am Mass. Family Faith Formation parents brief meeting immediately following Mass to receive packets.**

**Wed., Jan. 17th: Fundraiser Meeting 6:00pm**

**Fri., Jan. 19th: K of C Fish Fry**

**FYI!** Barb Sudderth (HLR resident) is making plastic mats for the homeless to put under their blankets or sleeping bags. The mats are 4 feet by 6 feet long. If you have plastic grocery bags you don't want she could use them, Barb is grateful for whatever you can spare. Please drop off at Bridget's Church Office and I will be glad to deliver them to Barb. Questions call Barb Sudderth 903-613-0412.

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