

# *Saint Anne Catholic Church*

*December 11th, 2016 - Third Sunday of Advent*



## **Church Schedule**

### **Daily Mass:**

Tuesday–Friday: 8:00 am

### **Confessions:**

Saturday: 3:00 pm–3:45 pm

Thursday: After Mass

### **Mass Times:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am  
& 11:00am

### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 10, 4 pm	<b>+ Harold Goff</b> requested by Catherine Goff
Sun. Dec. 11, 7 am	<b>Parishioners of St. Anne</b>
Sun. Dec. 11, 8:30 am	<b>+ Marie Angelo</b> requested by Rose Matthews
Sun. Dec. 11, 11 am	<b>+ Dr. Bob Bradley</b> requested by Don & Martha Krehely
Tue. Dec. 13, 8 am	<b>+ Fr. Hugh Dolan</b>
Wed. Dec. 14, 8 am	<b>+ Jose Otagan</b> requested by Feli Salon
Thu. Dec. 15, 8 am	<b>+ Thoi Le</b> requested by Kim Le
Fri. Dec. 16, 8 am	<b>+ Mark Bricco</b> requested by Flora Cohotino

### Please Pray For...

Jeanne Allegato, Sue Almsted, Loretta Amoni, Clara Ann, Gloria Armitage, Ann Baker, Angel Beasley, Linda Beninato, Sandy Blair, Stephanie Browne, Joseph Buscia, Deborah Bush, Glenda Carmichael, Janet Cherry, Nicole Christy, Brenda Crosby, Harper Elizabeth di Graaf, Patricia DiLeonardo, Linda Dodds, David Dominguez, Josie Dominguez, Mary Dominguez, Marie Dreaden, Elizabeth Duckett, Butch Durden, Larry Farley, Roberto Fernandez, Francis Figaniak, Sylvia Figaniak, Jaylen Fortune, Catherine Goff, Robert Greathouse, Betty Jo Guertin, Cheri Hoagburg, Genevieve Holley, Agnes Huele, Marion Humar, Jean Jennings, Justina Jennings, Avery Johnson, Robert Johnson, Nina Jones, Josefina Keeney, Joyce Kenney, Kathryn Kihyet, Mary Ellen Kolbe, Patty Lindsay, Dick Lumadue, Pete Lumadue Arthur Maltby, Mary Martin, Lori Matthews, Ruthie Matthews, Sara Matthews, Wanda McCagg, Jack McCurdy, Carl McDavid, Jay McGregor, Vince Mercon, Anna Merritt, Josh Middleton, Ed Moore, Virginia Moretti, Nga Nguyen, Quy Nguyen, Rubin O'Donovan, Jr., Lucie Offerle, Sue Olmsted, Suzanne Pell, John Peters, Jody Pipes, Dan Podufal, Rosie Podufal, Aubrey Reed, Jason Reynolds, Allisa Rice, Prescilla Robinson, Doris Rogers, Theresa Row, Betty Schmitz, Lisa Sepulveda, Fred Sepulveda, Shalee Shaw, Larry Stamper, Debbie Tennant, Fr. Henry Thorsen, Lisa Tisdale, Ken Tolbirt, Marie Trotsky, Barbara Turner, Jessica Turner, Robert Turner, Blaise Vallese.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. This season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 14th  
6:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday, December 24th  
4:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
12:00 AM (Midnight)  
Sunday, December 25th  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM

## Religious Education

There will be no CCD December 18th through January 1st. Classes will resume on January 8th. Have a Merry Christmas!

## Praise and Worship

Just a reminder that there will be no Praise and Worship from December 14 through January 11th for the Christmas Holidays!

## POPE FRANCIS NAMES BISHOP PARKES AS BISHOP OF ST. PETERSBURG

The Vatican announced November 28th, that our beloved Bishop Gregory Parkes is to become Bishop of St. Petersburg in Florida.

"I'm very grateful to Pope Francis for appointing me Bishop of St. Petersburg. It has been a joy to serve as Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee for the past four and a half years. I'm going to miss the Panhandle and all those I've had the pleasure of meeting during my time here."

Bishop Parkes will be installed as Bishop of St. Petersburg on Jan. 4 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg, and he will be dearly missed. We congratulate him on his new appointment and pray for him during this time of transition.

**Raffle! Raffle! Raffle!**

## Last Chance

Christmas Angel Quilt  
Ribbon & Candle Centerpiece  
Lighted Gift Centerpiece

Drawing 12-16-2016

For tickets or more information, please call:  
Joan Durdin 206-6192  
Rose Putman 261-8258  
Kathy Bullard 455-3245

Proceeds to benefit the Bereavement Ministry.

## Advent Day of Renewal

Sponsored by the West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Join us for an Advent Day of Renewal with Fr. John Licari as the guest spiritual speaker, including an opportunity for confession, Mass, lunch and fellowship.

- Wednesday, Dec. 21 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT
- Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church:  
1028 White Point Dr. in Niceville

Contact: Rosemarie Adams at 850-598-3465 or [catholicrose2010@gmail.com](mailto:catholicrose2010@gmail.com)

## Blue Christmas Mass

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 7:00 PM**

**Location:** St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola

The holidays can be a very painful time for those grieving a loss, are alone, sick or have difficult family relationships. The usual celebrations can exacerbate feelings of depression and anxiety, contributing to further alienation. St. Paul Parish is offering a Blue Christmas Mass for those who are suffering. All are welcome to celebrate the true religious meaning of the season in a more reflective atmosphere, without the pressures of social expectations of the season. For questions or more information, contact Christi Eadler at 850-516-7985 or [caeadler@cox.net](mailto:caeadler@cox.net).

## Parish Registration/Update

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New in parish. Please send registration and other pertinent information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Moving out of parish. Please delete me/my family from records. Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Moving within parish area. **Please change my:**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



### Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Submissions deadline is due 10 days (two Thursdays) before published Sunday. Email items to [office@stannebv.org](mailto:office@stannebv.org)

Ken Armitage	Pauline Lukkar
Kathryn Avila	Blanche Matthews
Sonny Bast	Dominick Meyers
Brianna Campbell	Wilson Miranda
Shirley Craft	Joey Myles
Ian DeLay	Thang Nguyen
Michael Doucette	Amanda Tirendi
Juliana Dragon	Conrad Picou
Juanita Edwards	Benjamin Posada
Charles Ferry	Kelli Watson
Lynn Gonzales	Glenda White
Madison Jayne	Suzanne Wilbur
Rick Kiesau	William Yourkewitz Jr.

### Now Available: Electronic Giving!

To become an electronic giver, log onto our website: [saintannebellview.org](http://saintannebellview.org) and click on the blue Online Giving button. You can choose your fund (Offertory, and/or some of the Holy Days of Obligation), how much you want to contribute to the fund and how frequently you want to have the money taken out for each fund (weekly, monthly, semi-monthly, annually). You can log-in once with your email and a password, or set up a profile for repeat giving. Please keep track of your info for future changes. If you have any problems, please contact customer service for assistance at 800-675-7430. Thank you for your continuing support of the parish.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION

**Educational Material on the Danger of Abuse** - The overwhelming majority of our clergy and lay leaders are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to serving the people of God in our parishes and schools. All of us together are responsible for making sure that all of our ministries are as safe as possible for our children and vulnerable adults. Each of us has a responsibility to educate ourselves about the real danger of abuse. Courses are available online at [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org), and they are free. For help on these courses and other safety matters, please contact the Diocese Office of Safe Environment at 435-3570.

**Victims of Abuse** - The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. Victim Assistance Coordinator: Pensacola/Fort Walton Beach area: Dr. Louis M. Makarowski, Ph.D., P.A.; 850-477-7181. Coordinadores Para Asistencia A Victimas: Deacon Santiago Molina; Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee; 850-435-3536. Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 850-435-3536.

## It's Advent! Come Lord Jesus!

Taken from the Latin word *adventus*, which was used in particular to celebrate the coming of the emperor— either in anticipation of, or to celebrate the fact that he came. This event only happened very infrequently for most Roman cities, perhaps only once in a lifetime, so when the anniversary of his coming, or coming (I know there is no such word but it fits here) approaches, the people would spend much time and effort in preparing their city for his arrival. The streets had to be swept, the bushes trimmed, the sewage washed away and the beggars had to be sent to the outskirts!

We, of course, celebrate Advent as an anticipation rather than something that has happened and past. So each year we start with a fresh new Liturgical season as we prepare for the three (3) comings of Christ – officially it's only two, but when we make Christmas a real personal event, it's three. 1. The first coming when Jesus was born into the world; 2. The second coming in glory at the end of time, referred to as the Parousia in Greek; 3. the coming of Christ into our lives each day that we live.

It is good for us to reflect and prepare for each of these coming of our Blessed Lord. While the historic event has happened and passed, preparing to celebrate that event is important for our faith journey as we come to realize the incredible Love that God has for us that He chose to become one like us. This is no small matter and our whole salvation history revolves around this event. Just as we prepare a special event to celebrate someone's great achievement or birth, fact that have already happened, so too it is right and necessary for us to celebrate this incredible historic moment.

Reflecting on the end of times or Christ's second coming, can be a daunting matter, filled with anxiety and sometimes trepidation. But it is a more than a fact, it is a promise to those who live in faith. It's a promise of justice and a promise of victory, a promise of glory and a promise of lasting peace – with all that, it really isn't such a bad thing to anticipate.

The coming of Christ into our daily lives is, I believe, the real challenge of Christmas. A challenge for us to realize the immeasurable passion and mercy that God has for us, not just on special days or certain circumstances, but every day. How often do we meditate on Christ's presence in our lives – especially when times are most difficult? Is it even possible to anticipate Christ coming into my life each day? It is, and Advent is the training time for that.

This weekend is referred to as Gaudete Sunday. The Introit (Opening Antiphon) for this Sunday, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments (if the church has them). The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. Come Lord Jesus.