

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 14	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Dec. 15	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Dec. 16	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Dec. 17	8:00 AM	For Cora Cooper (L)
Wed. Dec. 18	8:00 AM	For the Intention of the Celebrant
Thur. Dec. 19	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from William Homan]
Fri. Dec. 20	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 21	5:00 PM	For Regina Bach and Dudley Magee (L)
Sun. Dec. 22	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffinan, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Rita Funke, and Mary Lou Kaub.

**BIRTHDAYS**– Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 7-Nolan Redmon, Dec. 8-Sherman Redmon, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 21-Ava Mae Hummel, Dec. 23-Kaylynn Cooper, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

**ANNIVERSARY**– Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe, Dec. 22-Lawrence and Amanda Eten, Dec. 31-Chris and Linda Fryman.

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.*



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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

**HOLIDAY CARDS TO SHUT-INS**—The CCD kids will be making holiday cards (Thanksgiving and Christmas) for our shut ins. We already have Imogene Fisk and Bill Schneider on our list. If you know of someone else, please tell Lindsey Rawe.

**HOSEA HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAMILY**—We will have a family for which to purchase Christmas presents again this year. The names will appear on our ‘giving tree’ at the beginning of Advent. Please take as many tags that you wish. Please return the gifts with their tags as soon as possible so we can get the gifts to the family in time.

**CCD COLLECTION**—The CCD classes would like to establish a collection of personal hygiene products that will be delivered to the Parish Kitchen before Christmas. The following list contains a few suggestions, but is not limited to them: soap, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable cleansing wipes, feminine hygiene products, assorted bandages, hair ties, combs. A box will be placed in the back of church for drop offs. Any and all donations will be appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**—Please get your flower donations in by next Sunday if you want your memorials and dedications listed in the Christmas bulletin.

**THANK YOU** –Thank you to our CCD classes who put on a great play/concert for us last weekend. You made it feel like Christmas for all of us.

**LECTOR**— Dec.15-Jesse Rawe, Dec. 22-Brad Cooper

**CLEANING** – Dec.-Genita and daughters

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULES

Christmas—Dec. 24 @ 6:00 PM and Dec. 25 @ 9:00 AM

Mother of God—Dec. 31 @ 5:00 PM and Jan. 1 @ 9:00 AM

## FROM THE PASTOR—THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

Traditional Formula: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Commentary: Names have power in the spiritual realm. To invoke a name is to show that one has some type of serious relationship. You do not casually drop a name in conversations without implying something about their status with yourself. It is the same with the name of God. So holy is the name of God that demons tremble and angels rejoice at its mere utterance. So revered was the ancient revealed name of God given to Moses from the burning bush that Jews would not utter it except for the great high priest once a year in the ancient Temple. Whenever you see “LORD” such as in the formula above, that is a signifier for the use of that ancient and awesome name (also known as the Tetragrammaton—“Four Letters”).

We now have a new name by which we may invoke the Almighty, a name equal in power and majesty to the Divine Name: Jesus. The name the archangel St. Gabriel revealed to the Virgin Mary tells us who this: “God [who] saves”. At the name of Jesus, every knee must bend (see Philippians 2:6-11). Yet how many make the Divine Name or the name of salvation as a cuss word? We must regain respect for the names of God in order to better respect God who is close to us whenever we (reverently) call upon His name.

### Sins against the Second Commandment

-Blasphemy: speaking ill of God and His holy things, including His name. This is beyond misuse of the holy Name but shows immense irreverence and disrespect towards God, who is all-good and all-loving. In some cultures, it has become normative to cuss by “invoking” holy things such as the tabernacle or the Eucharistic host. These practices betray a lack of humility or even fear of the Lord who is all-holy. This can also include invoking God to commit a moral evil. We cannot sin in the name of God.

-False Oaths: To take an oath with the name of God has traditionally been a sign of verifying one’s truthfulness, because to invoke God in this manner shows one is trying to be as truthful as God who is Truth Himself. Breaking this oath will intensify the punishment due to a liar when they stand before God. We may make oaths in serious situations (such as in court) but we must be rather serious in our use of them, for we multiply the wrath of God upon us if we do not fulfill those oaths.

Cursing: invoking God to bring some evil upon a person, place, or thing. We are to call God to shower blessings even upon our enemies, in the hope of their repentance and conversion. We should not use foul language nor swear in any other common manner. “Let your yes be yes and your no be no.” (Matthew 5:37)

Keep your language simple, and seek to praise God with your tongue, that you may continue praising Him with the angels and saints for all eternity.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*