

Sign Up Sheet is in the Vestibule!

December 15, 2019

Following the 11am Mass on 12/15/19 we will have a Church Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a side dish or dessert and the church will supply the meats and drinks. This will be a happy time to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Fr. Marcin

If you would like to sponsor one or more of the new Permanent Missals they are \$25.00 each. There will be sponsor cards available in the coming weeks but you may also email or call the church office to be added to the list. These can either be sponsored by you or sponsored in memory of a loved one.

Lawn Party Leader Needed

The traditional date for the lawn party is the 4th Sunday in April. This year that date is April 26th. Much planning is required for this event so a leader needs to be named soon. Please speak to Fr. Marcin or contact the church office to fill this position.



Christmas and New Year's Masses
Christmas Eve Mass
4:00pm and 9:00pm
&
Midnight Latin Mass

Christmas Day Mass
10:00am
New Year's Day Solemnity
New Year's Eve 5:00pm & New Year's Day 10:00am

OUR LADY OF
LOURDES
CATHOLIC PARISH

1621 Boykin Blvd Mobile, AL 36605

Pray For Our Active Military

Austin Booth
Army
Dominic French
Army
Jordan Guidry
Marines
Austin M. Goodin
Marines
Fr. Paul A. Halladay
Major US Army
Matthew Ladnier
Coast Guard
Kenneth L. McAlman
1st Lt. US Army
Captain Alex Mileszko
Army
Corie Demetri Mitchell
Army
Kevin O'Rourke
Coast Guard
Sam Schoolfield Jr.
Marine Reserves
Sam Schoolfield Sr.
Marines
Jerrick Thompson
Army Reserves



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

DECEMBER 8
2019
2ND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
VIGIL MASS
5:30PM

SUNDAY
MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM

LATIN MASS
6:00 PM

MONDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00AM

TUESDAY
MASS
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
MASS
8:00AM

THURSDAY
MASS
8:00AM

FRIDAY
MASS
8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
8:30AM TO NOON

FIRST SATURDAY
MASS
8AM

FIRST WEEKEND
ALL MASSES

LITANY TO THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS

HOLY DAYS & SOLEMNITIES
8:00AM & 6:00PM

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY
4:30PM-5:15PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

This is the
season

This is the
reason



Knights of
Columbus
-and-
Ladies
Auxiliary
#8740



Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish

Liturgy
Committee



Altar
Society

Pray the Rosary and read the Bible daily.

MOBILE TASKMASTERS

Pressure Washing- Pet Services
Odd Jobs

251-382-0508

2019 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

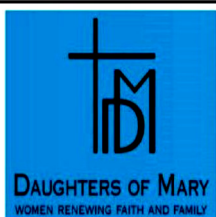
12/01/19 \$3,398.00

2019 Total Regular Collection
\$181,193.94

Parish Projects

12/01/19 \$584.00

2019 Total Parish Project Collection
\$41,839.00



Our Lady
of Lourdes
Parish Hall

Tuesday
at 6PM

1621 BOYKIN BLVD MOBILE, AL 36605

REV. MARCIN DUDZIAK, PASTOR

DEACON, ED CONNICK

WWW.OURLADYOFLOURDESPARISH.COM

Family Advent Preparation

2nd Sunday Of Advent

Gospel Reading
Matthew 3:1-12
John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: “. . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals” (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

Family Connection

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

Church Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm
Lunch Daily at 1:00pm
Pastor’s Office Hours
By Appointment

Phone Number: 251-479-9885
Church Email: ollparish@att.net
Pastor’s Email: padredudziak@gmail.com
Website: www.ourladyoflourdesparish.com

Attention!

We will begin the New Year with a **NEW Prayer List**. If you or someone you know needs to be placed on the prayer list, there is a list in the vestibule that you can add names to. In the first bulletin of the New Year it will be these names that appear on the Prayer List. Also, hospitalized or extremely ill parishioners will be listed separately in the bulletin and that list will be changed out weekly. Please remember, the deadline for Bulletin Submissions is by **Noon Wednesday** for publication the following weekend.

Prayer List

Rhonda Adams, Tim Anderson, Dale Andrews, Karen Andrews, Richard Anthony, Margaret Arns, Vivian Bacot, Bob Balzli, Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Dorothy Bertagnolli, Don Bertagnoli, Chloe Beshears, Bodeem Blankenship, Blake Blackston, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Toni Boney, Logan Bowers, Eddie Booth Jr, Sara Bratt, Kateria Brewer, Jason Brown, Jean Brown, Paul Burch, Sr., Pat Burch, John Buhring, Lorrie Burgess, Conrad Burkhardt, David Burris, Marguerite Burris, Bea Burton, McKenzie Butterwick, Boatie Campbell, Wendi Campbell, Frankie Cayton, Ami Cheatham, Eileen Chestang, Mary Myers Clark, Rick Claxton, Theresa Coleman, Garrett Colvin, Evelyn Cooper, Helen Couch, Anita Cowart, Claudia Daniel, Patricia Davis, Susie DeWitt, Teresa Dezenburg, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorrierty, Roberta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, John Dumas, John Edwards, Josh Ellis, George Erickson, Johnny Finch, Lynne Floyes, Raymond Floyes, Elyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Randy Fuller, Janet Gafford, Tim Frontz, Logan Frye, Ron Garrick, Tony Golemon, Guillermo Gomez, Marilu Gomez, Joyce Goodman, Walter Grimes, Richard Guess, Greg Hampton, Irene Guess, Margaret Guess, Colleen Hill, Kate Hodge, Diana Holifield, Keith Holified, Randy Hooks, Buddy Hulkan, Alaina Hulse, Chrissy Irby, Elyssa Jacobs, Erin Jackson, Henry Johnson, Joshua Johnson, J.S. Johnson, Kaleb Johnson, Ginny Johnston, Mary Ann Keith, Billy Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Marshall Kern, Liz Kilborn, Ed Kimbrough, June King, James King Jr., Philip Larson, Polly Lartigue, Alfred Leonard, Matthew Lewis, Diane Little, Nancy Cowart Little, Beth Ellen Lloyd, John Loden, Fred Lorge, Joan Lorge, Paul Lyle, Emily McClinton, Amanda McDonald, Charles McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Shirley McDonald, Donna Magaldine, Mary Martin, John Martin, Paul Martin, Trissie Martin, Camden McKeough, Woody McPhillips, Stephanie Melton, Helen Merchant, Dolores Merren, May Merren, Faye Methaney, Alana Voivedich Mey, Louis Meyers, Priscilla Miller, Jean Morgan, Archie Moore, Margaret Moore, Marcie Morrow, Garrett Mount, Billy Murrill, Ernestine Murrill, Blake Myers, Johnathan Myers, Michael Myles, Paul Naylor, Tiffany Neese, Wally Neese, Ella Rose Norris, Kelly North, Mike Nunnery, Darlene O'Rourke, Joanne Orlean, Agnes Parker, Summer Patterson, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Barbara Phillips, Randy Phillips, Dana Pickel, Sue Pitt, Lorraine Carol Provost, Tracey Ransom, Rennie Pitt, Jr., Glenda Pose, Elizabeth Purcell, Holley Reese, Serina Reeves, Gerald Resso, Belinda Richard, Terri Richey, Jimmy Robinson, Marlen Rodriguez, Robert Salva, Jun Santiago, Richard Santiago, Michelle Saynor, Laura Lee Seargent, Grayson Scott, Patsy Sealy, Simon Schum, Stevie Shaw, Kay Shaw, Briley Shirah, Dorothy Simon, Lily Simmons, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Allison Spillman, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Cheryl Stewart, Sally Stokely, Todd Stringfellow, Chuck Sullivan, Ronald Summerlin, Cecilia Taylor, Charles Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Eddie Thomas, Gwen Thomas, Rita Tillman, Robert Todd, Belinda Tomplait, Cecil Tucker, Dede Unger, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Frances Ward, Wayne Ward, Gary Warner, Albert Washington, Sallie Washington, Brad Wells, Mark Westbrook, Ralph Wheat, Marlene Whisenhant, Leroy Wiese, Stephen Weise, Kenny Wiggins, Buddy Wilder, Bubba Williams, Kelly Wilson, Shelly Wilson, Agnes Worley, Ashley Wypick, Carol Ziebert, Christopher Zimmerman.

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

12/14/19
12/15/19

Sat. 12/14 5:30pm

Ushers

D. O’Rourke
L. Thompson

Lectors

- 1) P. Dais III
- 2) G. Peloux

Extraordinary Ministers

A. Kenny
B. Kenny
C. Peloux
B. Burton
JC Martin
S. Washington

Sun. 12/15 8:30am

Ushers

D. Dumas
L. Loftin

Lectors

- 1) L. Snow
- 2) M. Brierly

Extraordinary Ministers

J. Moore
L. Lovvorn
K. Kleinschrodt
A. Kleinschrodt
J. Dickinson
C. Snow

Sun. 12/15 11:00am

Ushers

B. Williams
L. Lavallais

Lectors

- 1) R. Thompson
- 2) L. Dowell

Extraordinary Ministers

A. Tomas
D. Harvey
P. Thompson
M. Portella
E. Lipscomb
B. Gonzales

quarterly schedule available
on the church website

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY
DECEMBER 9
8:00 AM
COMMUNION SERVICE

6:00PM
FOR PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 10
5:30PM
+PATRICIA DAVIS

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11
8:00 AM
+PATRICIA DAVIS

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 12
8:00 AM
+LUCILLE KENNY

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13
8:00 AM
+FR. TIMOTHY DEASY

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14
5:30PM VIGIL MASS
+RENNIE PITT

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 15
8:30AM
+ROSE MARIE MURPHY

11:00 AM
FOR PARISHIONERS



Please Submit Schedule Requests for
January—March
by December 15th



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Advent (A)
December 8, 2019

Preparing Ourselves

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

John the Baptist was a prophet who fully embraced his mission in Israel. He was so good at delivering his message that some people thought he was the Messiah. He preached with authority, and people traveled from all over Judea to hear his words.

His mission was to prepare the way, but not just for any man. As any pope, king, or president announces his intentions in advance so preparations can be made, John was sent to announce the coming of the Son of God and to tell the people how to prepare.

Jesus came into the world when he

was born in Bethlehem and walked the earth. He will come again at the end of time. And—importantly—he comes to us whenever we invite him in and always in the sacraments and liturgy. Preparing for his arrival is not a matter of fixing roads, painting houses, or organizing a parade. Our king desires a transformed spirit: “Not by appearance shall he judge (Isaiah 11:3). John warns that we cannot hide behind the faith of another; each one of us needs to show the fruits of our own faith. Yet we need not fear, for he who comes has every intention of saving us. He appears as Lord and invites us to accept his kingdom. He is also a teacher who shows us the way to the Father. Above all he is a friend who forgives unconditionally and accepts our sincere yet feeble efforts.

This week, reflect on the life of John the Baptist, heed his words, and imitate him: cry out for repentance, cleanse others of their sins, and prepare the way to God. +

John warns that we cannot hide behind another's faith; we need to show the fruits of our own faith.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 11:1–10

He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.

Romans 15:4–9

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Matthew 3:1–12

[John the Baptist said,] “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

A Word from Pope Francis

It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one doesn't understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn't understand love for thy brother if one doesn't understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.

—Visit to Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation, July 28, 2014



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How does John the Baptist's call to repentance challenge me?
- Where do I need to ask for God's mercy?

A Christian Perspective on Time

By Jim and Susan Vogt

Have you ever: ...texted a coworker during the family meal? ...tried to drive while putting on makeup? ...raced out of the house and then remembered you forgot to turn off the iron? These are symptoms of our hurried lives.

The Bible passage Susan recalls when tempted to pack too much into too little time is Jesus' “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:41–42). Mary had chosen presence—to sit with Jesus and attend to him.

The irony is the Church calendar asks us to slow down during Advent—the very time that cultural demands press us to hurry up and crowd more into Christmastime. Advent should be calm and reflective, not hectic and stressful. Jesus makes it clear that attentiveness to the person next to us always trumps Martha's to-do list.

So how do we sort it all out when our lives are filled with the expectation to do more and do it faster? Let's look at time through the prisms of saving, wasting, and ignoring.

Saving Time

Saving time sounds virtuous, especially when it frees us from mundane chores



in order to spend quality time with our family. Some examples: multitasking allows us to fold laundry while watching TV, catch up on kids' news while driving them to school, listen to a podcast while exercising. Timesaving technology allows us to skip commercials when watching a recorded TV

program or shorten time-consuming chores by using home appliances.

These things are good when they free us to do more important tasks, especially those that focus on those around us. But doing tasks faster and more efficiently can be like a hamster running around a wheel. Sometimes we don't really get anywhere.

Wasting Time

Wasting time sounds inherently bad, but consider these ways that it can enhance your life:

Time for reflection, prayer, or savoring a sunset may seem unproductive unless you realize that spending time with God isn't a waste. These times keep us centered on what is important, calming our weary and stressed-out spirits.

Sabbath time. Sunday as a day of rest has become an American anomaly. Too often, Sunday is a catchup day, filled with shopping and household chores. At times, accomplishing these tasks reduces

stress. But a day of rest with focus on God and family refreshes our spirits, pulling us back into what's important.

Recreation. Yes, some people fritter away hours before the TV, at parties, or playing sports. Recreation, however, isn't only fun, but it's also a way to build marriage, parenting, and friendship bonds. Besides, it can double as networking and relationship time, which puts it in the category of multitasking.

Ignoring Time

Is ignoring time irresponsible? There are deadlines to meet, kids to feed, a dish to make for the potluck. But sometimes it's healthy to ignore time. Children often prompt us to ignore time when they interrupt us. Think of it as Jesus breaking into your life and saying, “Pay attention to me. I'm only here for a short time.”

Which brings us back to Advent—the season of waiting. Sometimes it's good for the soul to wait—in line, for a birthday, for marriage, for Christmas. It's a pause that gives us a chance to take a deep breath and remember what's really important, to listen to Christ speaking in the silence. +



Lord, you have created me for goodness, love, compassion, and peace. Help me to make use of the gifts you have given me to make a difference where I am at this moment of my life.

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 9–14

Monday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Gn 3:9–15, 20 / Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 / Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday, Advent Weekday: Is 40:1–11 / Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday, Advent Weekday: Is 40:25–31 / Mt 11:28–30

Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe: Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1–6a, 10ab / Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47

Friday, St. Lucy: Is 48:17–19 / Mt 11:16–19

Saturday, St. John of the Cross: Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 / Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Bringing Home the Word
December 8, 2019

© 2019 Liguori Publications, a ministry of the Redemptorists. One Liguori Drive, Liguori, MO 63057. Scripture quotations in this publication are from *New American Bible*, revised edition, © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, DC. Pope Francis quotation is used with permission and copyright © 2019 *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. All rights reserved. 1-800-325-9521. Liguori.org.

DECEMBER 2019

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON FOR ANY MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <div>Mass 8:30am and 11:00am Latin Mass 6:00pm</div> <div>2nd Collection Parish Projects</div>	2 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div>	3 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div> <div>Daughters of Mary 6:00pm</div> <div>Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm</div> <div>Divorce Support Group will begin meeting again in January.</div>	4 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div>	5 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div>	6 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div> <div>No First Friday Adoration</div>	7 <div>No First Saturday Mass</div> <div>1621 Drawing 9:00am</div> <div>Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm</div> <div>Vigil Mass 5:30pm</div> <div>2nd Collection for Retired Religious</div>
8 <div>Mass 8:30am and 11:00am</div> <div>K of C Breakfast 9:30am</div> <div>Latin Mass 6:00pm</div> <div>2nd Collection for Retired Religious</div>	9 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div> <div>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</div> <div>Mass 6:00pm</div>	10 <div>Mass 5:30pm</div> <div>Daughters of Mary 6:00pm</div> <div>Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm</div> <div>Divorce Support Group will begin meeting again in January.</div>	11 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	12 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	13 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	14 <div>Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm</div> <div>Vigil Mass 5:30pm</div>
15 <div>Christmas Luncheon</div> <div>Following 11am Mass</div> <div>Mass 8:30am and 11:00am</div> <div>K of C and Ladies Auxiliary 9:45am</div> <div>Latin Mass 6:00pm</div>	16 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div> <div>Christmas Ornament Paint Party 6:00pm</div>	17 <div>Mass 5:30pm</div> <div>Daughters of Mary 6:00pm</div> <div>Men of St. Joseph 6:00pm</div> <div>Divorce Support Group will begin meeting again in January.</div>	18 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	19 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	20 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	21 <div>Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm</div> <div>Vigil Mass 5:30pm</div>
22 <div>Mass 8:30am and 11:00am</div> <div>Latin Mass 6:00pm</div>	23 <div>Communion Service 8:00am</div>	24 <div>Mass 8:00am</div> <div>Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm</div> <div>9:00 pm</div> <div>Midnight (Latin Mass)</div>	25 Christmas Day <div>Mass 10:00am</div>	26 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	27 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	28 <div>Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm-5:15pm</div> <div>Vigil Mass 5:30pm</div>
29 <div>Mass 8:30am and 11:00am</div> <div>Latin Mass 6:00pm</div>	30 <div>Mass 8:00am</div>	31 <div>Mass 8:00am</div> <div>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</div> <div>Vigil Mass 5:00pm</div>	January 1st <div>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</div> <div>Mass 10:00am</div>			