



Saint Patrick Parish

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December 6, 2015 • Second Sunday of Advent

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Irish & More Store

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Saturday & Sunday
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Prayer Intentions:

Marcella Moran (931) 296-4399

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be
made low. The winding roads shall be
made straight, and the rough ways
made smooth, and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God.”*

Luke 3:4-6



Second Sunday in Advent

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 am Monday, Tuesday

6:00 pm Wednesday

8:00 am Thursday, Friday, Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays: 8:00 am Saturdays: 4:00 pm

7:00 pm Penance Service on the First Friday of every month

Also by appointment

24 HOUR ADORATION

First Friday of every month

New to the Parish? Welcome! To register as a parishioner of St. Patrick Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Are you Connected? If you would like to sign up for our phone tree, which offers updates on Mass changes etc., please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and Lent are Penitential Seasons; weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone in danger of death from illness or old age should receive this sacrament. Please inform Father Joe of any parishioners who are seriously ill.

Religious Education Classes (CCD):

Is available for Grades Pre-K - 8. 10:30 am on Sunday in the school.

www.stpatrickmcewen.org

YEAR OF MERCY

LIVING MERCY IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen. Excerpted from Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy



HOLY DOORS TO OPEN IN THE DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

The primary Holy Door of Mercy will be at the Cathedral of the Incarnation and will be the center door opening out onto West End Avenue and opened as per the Holy Father's instruction of the Third Sunday of Advent, (December 13, 2015) at the 11:00 Mass.

In addition to the Holy Door at the Cathedral, due to the significance of St. Mary's of the Seven Sorrows being our second Cathedral, there will be a secondary Holy Door of Mercy at this location, as well. It will be to the right of the center door which opens out to 5th Avenue. The Holy Door at St. Mary's will be opened earlier that morning at the 9:00 Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 13, 2015).

A Holy Door has been used since the fifteenth century as a ritual expression of conversion. Pilgrims and penitents pass through it as a gesture of leaving the past behind and crossing the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, and from darkness to light. Often these rituals are associated with prayer, pilgrimage, sacrifice, confession, and indulgences. In the words of Pope Francis, "there is only one way that opens wide the entrance into life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation."

In his recent Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2015). On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope." He went on to say "On the following Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome... and in every local church, at the cathedral or, alternatively, at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year."

In accordance with this Bull of Indiction, I have decided to open two Holy Doors in the Diocese of Nashville for the good of the souls of the faithful of the whole diocese.

From Most Reverend David R. Choby

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

(December 7-8), 7:30 p.m., 2015 West End Ave., Nashville. Free admission. Cathedral choir, choirs of St. Cecilia Academy and Fr. Ryan High School, Pope John Paul II High School Chamber Singers, Trevecca University Madrigalians, full orchestra. 160+ singers bring us the Christmas Message. Info: concerts@cathedralnashville.org.

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

Field trip to the Cathedral for the Christmas Concert. We will be leaving St. Patrick's on Dec. 8 at 5:45 pm. Contact Alyssa Ginter (931) 209-6859 if you would like to attend with the youth group.

12-31-15 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:

Must be 21 or older, 8:00pm-1:00am, Activity Center, \$35.00 per couple, \$40.00 at the door. B.Y.O.B. and noise makers, reserve a table for \$5.00, D.J. can play any request. Finger foods, desserts and 12:15 am breakfast. Proceeds go to the school.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : YEAR C 912

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENSIAN MEDITATION

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.



Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas

Food distributions are December 8th and the 22nd. Please come help with this ministry.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES DECEMBER

Wednesday, 9th & 16th from
3:30-5:15 PM Cathedral, Nashville

Monday, 14th at 5 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Tennessee Ridge

Tuesday, 15th at 7 PM
St. Christopher, Dickson

Wednesday, 16th from 6-7 PM
St. Mary's, Camden



Writing Christmas Cards?

Father Michael Baltrus
Pontifical College
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7625 North High St.
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Seminarian Rodolfo Rivera
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2600 W. Woodlawn Ave
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Rev. Mr. Joe Fessenden
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00120 Vatican City, V,
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Seminarian Ahn Tuan Phan
Notre Dame Seminary
2901 S. Carrollton Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70118

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for grades K-8. Please hand in your 22"x14" poster with the above title on front and your name, church or school, grade, and phone number written on the back to a CCD/School/Church Administrator. Due December 13.



PARISH COUNCIL

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The next PPC meeting will be Monday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room.

All members of the Parish are encouraged and welcome to come observe our meetings.

If you would like to be added to the Meeting's Agenda, please contact any PPC member with your suggestions and/or if you would like to speak with the PPC.

Highlights from the November 2nd PPC Meeting.

+ The PPC Nomination and Election Process was put on hold per Father Joe's request.

+ St Patrick's will participate in the Waverly and/or McEwen Christmas Parades

+ Hosting a Fathers of Mercy Retreat centered on Eucharistic Adoration was approved, pending Father Joe's approval.

+ PPC Members will explore ideas to encourage greater participation during Adoration.

DATE	12/5	12/6	12/12	12/13
LECTOR	William Minnis	Kathy Brewster	Lynn Frost	Terry Coleman
EMOHC	Wade Garmon	Vicki James	Barbara Hooper	William Minnis
	Barbara Hooper	Vince Brewster	Tom Powers	Vick James
		Bridget Ross		Marcella Moran

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DECEMBER 6, 2015

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$3,436.00

Needed Each Week: \$3,673.00

For the week: Under Budget (\$237.00)

Year to date: Under Budget (\$993.85)

Last Weekend's Sunday Attendance: 119

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Weekly Calendar of Events

***FOR THE HEALTH & RECOVERY OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Lisa Smith, Helen Nichols, Donna Zuercher, Joe Sheehy, Peggy Hooper, W.L. (Moe) Needham, Frances Grannis, Christopher Proctor, John Peeler, Nicole Moore, James Citro, Diane Macconi, Patricia Harbison, Denny Claude, Walter Holland, Zoerita Proctor, Lester Collier, Tatum Wilson, Mary Tarpy, Tom Powers, Darlene Stroba, Judy Smith, Jane Sparks, Harley Grebner, Barbara Hooper, Elvira Kindred, Susan Hooper, Donna Bradley, Vince Richardson

***FOR THOSE IN THE NURSING HOMES:**
Waverly Health Care- Gail Thomas. Humphreys County Nursing Home- Joyce Whitaker.

***FOR THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY:** Marc White, Buford Rachford, Miguel Martinez, Mitch Lagan, Jim Coleman, Jonathan Bourke, Brandt Strickland, Wiley Barnes, Raymond Schneider, Jesse B. James II, Collin Trout, Austin Hornick.

***SEMINARIANS:**
Rev. Mr. Joe Fessenden, Anh Tuan Phan, Rodolfo Rivera, Anthony Stewart. (Addresses on Pg. 3)

***FOR ALL OF OUR OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS:**
Kelly Lagan Spelman, Peggy Wallace, all who are served by the SVdP Society, Johnny Lagan, Ray Maasen, Jason Lagan, Katherine Perigo, Earl Wright, James Matlock, Cash Scholes, Micky Burns, Gregg Spickard, Jerry Smith, Betsy Hickman, John Diehl, Michiko Eberle, Tina Cooley, Murphy Copeland, Eric Warden, Mark Kassing, Faye Walsh, Walter Lynn Holland, Robert Biehunko, Norma Ross, Geraldine Daniel Tidwell.

DECEMBER SACRISTANS: Karen Martin, Helen Bradley, Maria Talley, Susan Eaton, Jennifer Koski, Vicki James

<p>Sunday, December 6: Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>
<p>Monday, December 7: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Special Intention 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 8: Immaculate Conception Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Irene Weaver + 7:00 pm Mass for Irene Weaver +</p> <p>Holy Day Of Obligation</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 9: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Don Robertson +</p>
<p>Thursday, December 10: Is 41:13-20 PS 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Jim Petrie +</p>
<p>Friday, December 11: Is 48:17-19 PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Barbara Hooper</p>
<p>Saturday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38</p>	<p>8 00 am Mass for Special intention 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Mass for Chasity Kindred</p>
<p>Sunday, December 13: Our Lady of Guadalupe Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>

CHURCH OFFICE

Church office hours will be operating on a part time basis temporarily. If you need assistance please contact Father Joe at 931-622-0398. He will be able to reach Lea Eichhorn. You may also contact Vicki James at the School by calling 931-582-3493. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The heater in the Men's Restroom has been repaired.

