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St. Vincent de Paul Ministry:

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Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
870-316-0229

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324 W. Huntington Avenue
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY

OF
Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockerow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



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870-520-8331

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30- Public Mass
7:00 a.m. **ALL SOULS** †

Tuesday, December 1 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Sandra Rohrbach (Anniv.) †

Wednesday, December 2 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Dean Kirby †
by Mary Ellen Kirby

Thursday, December 3 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. John & Lou Wiederkehr †
by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss

Friday, December 4 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Marsha Uhlenhop †
by Bob Uhlenhop

Saturday, December 5 - Public Mass
Public & Livestreamed Mass
5:30 p.m. Brian Kellett †
by Robert & Mary Kay Jones

Sunday, December 6- Public Mass
8:00 a.m. Claudio Sertorio †
by Fatima Lee
10:00 a.m. Phil Bednar †
By Sissy Moore
Public & Livestreamed Mass
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
Parish Office Closed Until Further Notice

Monday November 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.– 7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday December 1
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday December 2
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. Year 2 Confirmation

Thursday December 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday December 4
St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday December 5
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday December 6
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
11 - 11:55 a.m. 1st Communion Year 2/RCIC
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Sunday Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 4, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

Monday Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

Pray for the Dead

Blanche Blackburn
Mother of Ron Blackburn

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

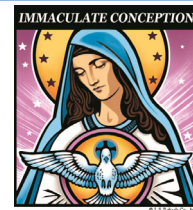
Please keep her family in your prayers.



“Pray With Me” a daily devotional prayer featuring Fr. Alphonse can now be found on our Facebook page every afternoon.



Have you prayed the Rosary today?



The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass Schedule

Monday, December 7, 2020
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Misa

Tuesday, December 8, 2020
7:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Private— School Mass
5:30 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass*

*St. John Newman University Parish
2800 East Johnson Avenue

Mass Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Monday & Wednesday	7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Public Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Public Mass
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Public Mass
Saturday	4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Confessions in the Church (In Confessionals) Public Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Public Mass (English) Public Mass (English) Public Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

Guidelines:

The suspension of Sunday Mass Obligation has been lifted.

Those who visit the Church **must** follow the directives and restrictions imposed by the Governor and Bishop and respect Blessed Sacrament Church guidelines:

- Must always wear masks (age 10 and over) or other protective covering of mouth and nose except when receiving Holy Communion during Mass. **(Please bring your own mask when possible)**
- All must use a hand sanitizer upon arrival at the Church.
- Maintain social distance of 6'
- Holy Communion reception on the hand during the Mass (without gloves)
- Both the main and side entrances will be open. We ask that the side entrance only be used by those who are handicapped or have difficulty walking.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
MINISTRY UPDATE**

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:
Utility assistance for 9 families
Rental assistance for 3 families were provided.

Priority is given to members of our parish family.

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.



Annual Poinsettia Sale!

Share love & joy this holiday season!

Each plant is wrapped in foil with a festive bow and are \$15 each.

Order from any student or call the school office at 932-3684 by December 2nd.
Pick up is December 11th @ Mid-South Nursery
3321 Dan Avenue Jonesboro

All proceeds benefit our school. Thank you for your support!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Yelba & Raymond Stevenson, Shelby Ward, Mary Ann Eaton, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Millie & Bill Kueter, Rita Puryear, Nancy McFarland, Pat Dacus, Freda & Jim Cole, Misael Reyes, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Larry McKinney, Andy Sanders, Marisol Guerra, Javier Garduno, Nathan Barajas, Earl Wallace, Candelaria Flores, Rita Vaught, Mashudi Gunawan, Bill Ritter, Malcolm McGregor, Mary Diaz, Debbie Marthey, Sydney Brown, Agnes Tipton, Mike Massanelli, Carrie Hunter, Faye Siebert, Donald Schmidt, John & Sharon Aleman, Dorothy Massanelli, Carolyn Schilly, COVID-19 sufferers

The Blessed Sacrament Church Pastoral Council has an open position. Members of the Church that wish to serve, and are willing to serve a (3) year term are encouraged to submit their name. If multiple Church members express their desire to serve on the Council, an election will be held. If interested, please submit your name and contact information to the Church Office at office@catholicjonesboro.com by November 30, 2020. Thank you.



JOIN OUR TEAM! BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL AFTER CARE WORKER

Qualified candidates will be energetic and enjoy working with children.

Ability to manage groups of students essential.

Grade levels: PreK3-6th

Approximately 3:00 - 5:30, 3 days per week.

Interested candidates, please contact the school office at (870) 932-3684.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry is preparing for Thanksgiving and have requested donations of Cream of Mushroom, chicken or celery soups and peanut butter. Thank you!

WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 65 lbs of food donation from our parish the last two week. Thank you!

F.Y.I.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (weather permitting) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



CHRISTMAS BUTT SALE

SATURDAY, December 12th

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MAINTENANCE OF K.C. HALL & Building Fund

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DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER-----Mon, Dec. 7th

ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP ON

SATURDAY, DEC. 12th FROM 3 pm to 5 pm

AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL ON HIGHLAND DRIVE

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First Sunday of Advent

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

Today's Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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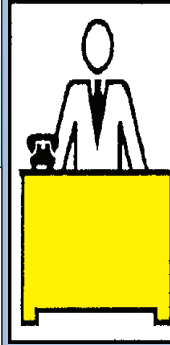
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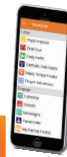
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