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### Children's & Youth Ministry:

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### St. Vincent de Paul Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.  
870-316-0229

### Motherhood Ministry:

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

### Knights of Columbus Council 1702

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# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

A VOICE CRIES OUT:  
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!  
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!  
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,  
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.

ISAIAH 40:3-4



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**FOR SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANCE CALL:**

**870-520-8331**

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 7- Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Blanche Blackburn †

Tuesday, December 8 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Scott Rennels †  
by Lillian & Warren Randle

Wednesday, December 9 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Dan Thrasher †  
by Tamara Jansen

Thursday, December 10 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Joe & Carolyn Nolan †  
by Simpson Family

Friday, December 11 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Teresa Schneider †  
by Jon & Nancy DePriest

Saturday, December 12 - Public Mass  
Public & Livestreamed Mass  
5:30 p.m. Annamma Vithayathil †  
by Betsy Wiederkehr Huss

Sunday, December 13- Public Mass  
8:00 a.m. Int. of Joanie Kremers  
by Nancy DePriest  
10:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners  
Public & Livestreamed Mass  
12:00 p.m. Luis Tenorio †  
By Antonia Tenorio

**PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Parish Office Hours  
Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Monday December 7  
*St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.— 7:30 p.m. Adoration  
5:30 p.m.— The Immaculate Conception Vigil  
7:00 p.m.— Misa

Tuesday December 8  
*The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary*  
7:00 a.m.—Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday December 9  
*St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration  
6:00 p.m. Year 2 Confirmation

Thursday December 10  
*Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto*  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday December 11  
*St. Damasus I, Pope*  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:00 p.m. —Spanish— Lady of Guadalupe Mass  
9:00 p.m.—Spanish—Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Saturday December 12  
*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Church open for Prayer  
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday December 13  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
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  
DECEMBER 6, 2020**

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

Monday Is 35:1-10  
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Is 40:25-31  
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20  
Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19  
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Jud 13:18bcde, 19  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 1:39-47

Sunday Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**Hayden Morrison  
Son of Sue Morrison**

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

*Please keep his family in your prayers.*



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



**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

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.

## Blessed Sacrament Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 17th  
5:30 p.m.



**Make a difference.** “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



**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, Faye Siebert, Donald Schmidt, Chelley Jordan, John & Sharon Aleman, Dorothy Massanelli, Hugo Cruz, Carolyn Schilly, Helen Wilson, Paula Wilson, COVID-19 sufferers



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STAN GORSKI

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve** 4:00 p.m.  
**December 24th** 6:00 p.m.  
 8:00 p.m. (SPANISH)  
 8:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)\*  
 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
**December 25th** 12:00 a.m. (Weiner)  
 9:00 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m. \*

\* St. John Newman University Parish

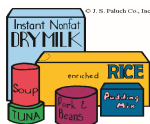


### WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 63 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**

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## Second Sunday of Advent

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or “instant expert” to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem’s time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of “seeing God’s kindness and hearing what God proclaims.” Second Peter explains that God’s timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

### THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

### DON’T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director.

Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

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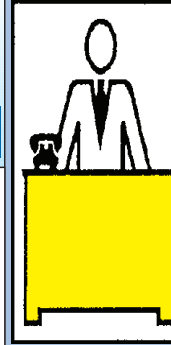
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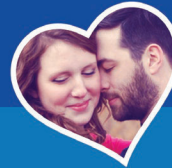
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