

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 11, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass

Thurs.—No Daily Mass December-March

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

12/10/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder & Family)
 12/15/22 Thurs. 5:30pm NO MASS
 12/17/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

12/10/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
 12/17/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of December: *General Intention:* For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 717.00
 Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Bill Masching, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Advent Confession Schedule

Sat., Dec. 17 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick
 Tues., Dec. 20 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)
 Wed., Dec. 21 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Christmas Mass Schedule & New Years Day Mass

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
 10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Dec. 31st 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
 January 1 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 January 1 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Daily Mass -During the months of December through March, we will not be having Daily Mass on Thursday mornings in Reddick. Please consider joining me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays at 6:30pm or Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. We will miss our snowbirds.
 Fr. Stan

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

2023 Lectors-Please consider becoming a lector for St. Mary's. The 2023 Lector Schedule will soon be finalized. Current lectors will be kept on the schedule unless they indicate otherwise. If interested, please contact Jane Arends by December 17 at 815-365-4489. Lectoring is a wonderful way to serve both God and your local parish!

The Meaning of Advent Candles-Lighting these Advent candles each week symbolizes the proximity of Jesus' coming, hence each candle has its own special symbol and meaning. The first candle lit on the first week of Advent is a purple candle, this candle represents hope. In the first week of Advent, we recall the Prophet Isaiah, who anticipated the birth of Jesus. This first candle also represents the anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah. The second candle to be lit is also a purple candle. This candle symbolizes faith and the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. It calls you out to prepare the way of the Lord. The next and third candle to be lit is the pink candle, which represents Joy. This candle reminds us that Jesus coming is near as we reach the middle point of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, which symbolizes the nearness of Christ's coming. On the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the last candle is lit, which is purple. This candle represents peace and reminds us of the importance of Peace as the true savior of the world is coming.

The next Mobile Food Truck is coming to South Wilmington on Monday, December 12th from 4-5:30pm.

Word of Life- "O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

Third Sunday of Advent – 10 December 2022 Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10. Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. James 5:7-10. Matthew 11:2-11.

Who Is the Messiah? When even the land sings God's praise, how can we not do the same? When God comes for the blind, deaf, lame, and mute, how can we not care for the same? When we know Christ has both come and is coming yet again, how can we complain about anyone? How will the words I speak be filled with what God is up to in this world? How will the deeds I do attend to mercy work for blind, deaf, lame, and mute children of God? I will stop complaining this week about _____?

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast – Monday, 12 Dec. 2022 Patronal Feastday of the Americas Zechariah 2:14-17. OR Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab. Judith 13:18bcde, 19. Luke 1:26-38. OR Luke 1:39-47. **A Rose Filled Cloak.** Roses in winter, a miraculous image on fabric, a blessed patroness for all the Americas. Blessed is she. And blessed be God. Wrapped in the protection of Christ, how will I work for justice and for peace in the Americas – North, Central, and South?

