



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2012

AN ADVENT PRAYER



Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.



Marian Antiphon

(sung at the end of the 10:30 Mass)

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia coeli porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat populo: tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum Miserere.

English Translation:

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.



Angel Tree

Angels and their wish list are on the tree waiting for you to choose the one you want. Thank you for your kindness by helping needy children this Season.

Please sign the sponsor sheet and include your angel's name and number. All gifts are to be returned by Sunday, December 9th to the church. If you have any questions please call Kathy Lovitt, 680-7979.

ANNUAL PARISH PLEDGE (TITHE) DRIVE

Our Parish Pledge Drive continues. Thus far, \$446,000 of our projected \$850,000 needed budget has been pledged. Please use the pledge envelopes at the end of your pew and pledge today. The financial future of our parish depends upon your commitment.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please make use of our Christmas Flower Envelopes if you wish to donate in memory of a loved one. The envelopes are located in your pews. These envelopes, with the names of your loved ones, will be placed upon the Altar during the Octave of Christmas and remembered during the Holy Masses throughout the Christmas Octave.

BEGIN OUR NEW CHURCH YEAR WITH GRACE

In an effort to renew an appreciation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and our need for it, the Parish will offer extra confession times during the Season of Advent. A priest will be available in the Confessional every Sunday during Advent from 9 AM to 10 AM, as well as the usual time each Saturday from 3 PM to 3:45 PM. Why not begin our Church's New Year with the beauty of God's Grace and Mercy?

OUR COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Cookie dough delivery is Wednesday, December 5 from 2-4 PM in the Sarto. If you need to pick your order up on your lunch break, call or text 367-6141 and leave a detailed message. Please pick up your order no later than 4 PM. We do not have freezer space available to store any orders. Thank you for your Support.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent
Monday	Saint Francis Xavier
Tuesday	Saint John Damascene
Wednesday	Saint Gerald
Thursday	Saint Nicholas
Friday	Saint Ambrose
Saturday	Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

12/01 SAT	8:00 AM	Mary Katherine Dekle
	4:00 PM	Bob Randol
12/02 SUN	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Carol Brooks (Living)
12/03 MON	6:30 AM	William Joseph Hanlon, III
	8:00 AM	James Delaney
12/04 TUE	6:30 AM	Judy Sweet
	8:00 AM	Tom Martin
12/05 WED	6:30 AM	Kelly and Kearns families
	8:00 AM	Gene Ziebach
12/06 THU	6:30 AM	Mary/Anthony Pham (Living)
	8:00 AM	Gloria Jackson
12/07 FRI	6:30 AM	Mabel Kalifeh
	8:00 AM	Ernie Rogers (Living)
	5:30 PM	Bob Randol
12/08 SAT	8:00 AM	Souls of Purgatory
	4:00 PM	Marcie Little
12/09 SUN	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Kimberly Terrell



That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.

Christ, light for all humanity. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

RIESE CLUB NEWS... Activities for December

No meeting in December



Christmas Party, December 8. Happy Hour 11AM. Lunch at noon in the Sarto Center. Cost is \$12 and paid reservations a must by December 3. Mail checks to: Annette Adams, 3701 Carlyle Close, Apt. #1055, Mobile, AL 36609. Call Pat 479-9149 with any questions.

GIVING THANKS WHEN YOU SHOP

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our bulletin. Through their participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge.

The Week Ahead

<u>TUE</u>	7:00 AM	Men of St. Joseph / Sarto
	6:00 PM	Choir / Sarto
<u>WED</u>	9:00 AM	Legion of Mary / FLC Conference
	6:00 PM	RCIA / Sarto
<u>THU</u>	8:30 AM	Bible Study / FLC Conference
	6:30 PM	Bible Study / FLC Conference
<u>SAT</u>	11:00 AM	Riese Christmas Party / Sarto
	11:00 AM	Belle Canto Choir / FLC



CONSIDERED JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?
CALL 471-2449 FOR INFORMATION

Please support the Renovation of the Visitation Monastery with your purchase of Christmas Cards of stained glass nativity windows. A box of 12 cards, are \$12.50 each. Cards are available this weekend after all the Masses in front of church. Please be generous.



MEN OF ST. JOSEPH, SAINT PIUS X

The Men of St. Joseph, Saint Pius X, meet every Tuesday Morning at 7 AM in the Sarto Center. Please come and join us for prayer and fraternity.

Please pray for those serving in the military



Reeves Adams, Theo Baldwin, Danny Barnett, B.J. & Mayra Barton, Paul Beagle, B.J. Bendel, Kyle Castleberry, Steven Chason, Michelle (Papa) Clays, John Cross, Jeremy Crunk, William Crutcher, Bowen Cummings, Rick Darnell, Stephen Daring, Michael Dekle, Joshua Douglas, Pat Fleming, Joseph Hartman, Father

Paul Halladay, Eric Jaet, Ollie Jaet, Bradley Kramer, Richard Kramer, Robert Kurts, Reade Loper, Maureen Ollinger Lowe, Josh Mason, Christopher McDonald, Richard McElhane, Matthew McGraw, Dylan Bendel Meyer, Liz Naman, Mark Neno, Jr., Alex Jones, Stephen O'Donnell, Michael Papa, Chip Parker, Christopher Provost, Jeremy Provost, Myles Russell, Trey Russell, Erich Schnee, James Schultz, Drew Stephens, Mark Strong, Oliver & Annie Stuardi, David Sullivan, Rico Velacruz, Jr., Eric Williams, Jason Wilson, Stephen Yarbrough

Please call the church office to add someone to the military prayer list.. Names are kept on the list until they come home.

Weekly Collections

Regular Collection Last Week.....\$9,550.00
New Roof Fund Donations to Date\$41,069.76
Special Collection Next Week.....Retirement for Religious