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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 5, 2021 ~ Second Week of Advent

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The One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Phil 1:6

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4
8:00 AM, *Church* — Patrick O'Toole †
5:30 PM, *Church* — Jack Asel †

Sunday, December 5
7:30 AM, *Church* — People of the Parish †
9:00 AM, *Church* — Mauricio Bedoya
10:30 AM, *Church* — Deceased members of the Ebbitt family †
10:30 AM, *BBPC* — Marco Camastra †
12 Noon, *Church* — Joan Page †

Monday, December 6 — St. Nicholas Day
8:00 AM, *Church* — Raul Martinez

Tuesday, December 7
8:00 AM, *Church* — Sophia & Robert Hauser †
6:00 PM, *Church* — Paige Pinder †

Wednesday, December 8 — Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM, *Church* — People of the Parish
12 Noon, *Church* — Josephine Antol †
6:00 PM, *Church* — Mary Gallagher

Thursday, December 9
8:00 AM *Church* — Fanny Castro

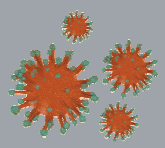
Friday, December 10
8:15 AM, *Church* — Living & deceased members of the LaVie and Ganley families †
12 Noon *Church* — James Darby †

Saturday, December 11
8:00 AM, *Church* — Joey Kirwinski †
5:30 PM, *Church* — Margaret Sweeny †

Sunday, December 12 — Gaudete Sunday
7:30 AM *Church* — Kean Degnon †
9:00 AM *Church* — Donald Zabski †
10:30 AM *Church* — Felino Cu †
10:30 AM *BBPC* — Living & deceased members of the Lawson family †
12 Noon *Church* — People of the Parish

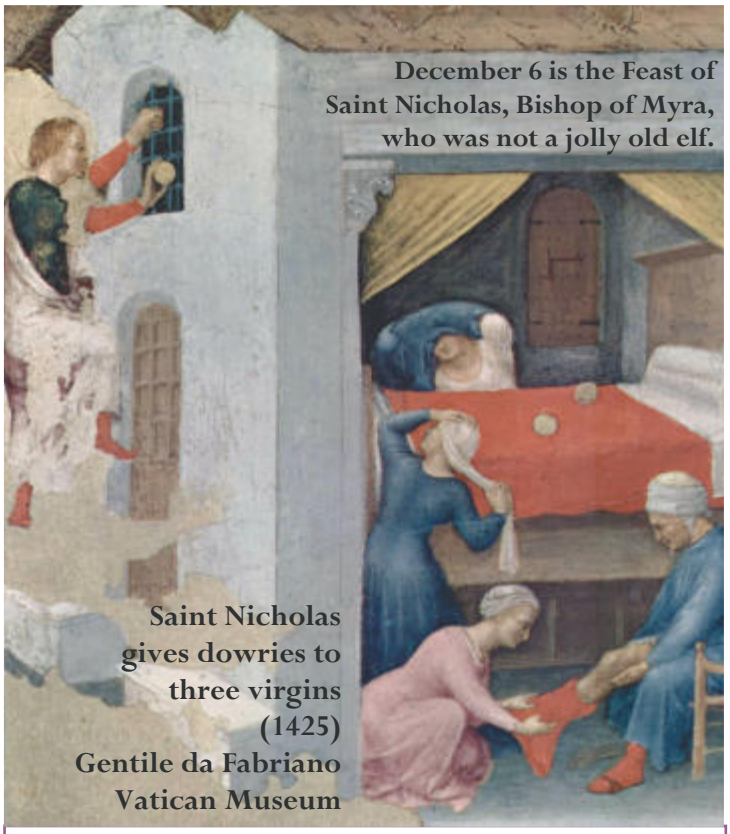
To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the church office at 336-724-0561.

St. Leo Pandemic Precautions



Out of an abundance of caution for those most vulnerable, the 5:30 Vigil and Sunday 12 Noon Masses will be offered without singing and with masks required.

All other Masses are mask-optional. The choir has returned to the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses..



December 6 is the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who was not a jolly old elf.

Saint Nicholas gives dowries to three virgins (1425) Gentile da Fabriano Vatican Museum

Parish Information

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish family! Please take time to register online through our parish website at www.stleocatholic.org.

Hospitalizations: Please call the parish office if you or a family member enter the hospital, or if you would like an appointment with a priest to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Privacy laws prevent our priests from knowing when you are in the hospital.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is held twice a month on Saturdays at 11 AM by appointment only. Baptism Preparation Class, offered once each month, requires the attendance of both parents. Please contact the parish office for specific dates, to register for the class, and to schedule a baptism. To complete a Baptismal Information Form, please visit our website at stleocatholic.org.

Marriages: Couples must contact a parish priest at least six months before the proposed wedding date. Also, couples must be registered with the parish for at least three months before marriage preparation can begin. Weddings are only held on Saturdays at 11 AM or 2 PM.

Annulments: For information, please contact Dick and Mary Ellen Foley at 336-766-6294.

Scripture Readings *for the Week of* December 5, 2021

Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent*
Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3 & 10-13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 & 9-13/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2-3 &15-19/Mt 17:9-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18/Is12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Please Remember in Prayer:

Diane Ferrelli, Bill Means, Myles Harris, Enriko, J. Denise, Audrey E. Karen Publick, Richard Boswell, Bruce Sanchez-Barkey, Joanne Kohl, Judith Erwin, Sarah Schrodt, Chris Stoehrel, Elaine Schrenk, Katie James, Scott Morton, Neal McInerney, John, Francisco Arguello, Leslie Richard, Roger Krupel, Ann Gardner, Mary O'Sullivan, Teresa O'Connor, Jimmy Lasecki, Michael Keaton, Dixie Keaton, Paul Morrison, Timothy & Crista, Eddie Munoz, Leone/Zemon Family, Wayne Meredith, Tyler & Allayn Gover, Mary Ann Maynard, Otis Rucker, Paudie O'Shea, Mary Ann Huton, Mark Price, Marilyn Benack, Nick Patella, Zachary Taylor, Diana Beauchamp, Alex Cruz, Mayre Beauchamp, Manolo Mendoza, Caraline Lilly Christensen, Gregory Maldonado, Diane Ferrelli, Finley Price, Selena Vazquez, William & Dorothy Publick, Kelly Boyette, Cecile Esko, Rod Rockefeller, Jennifer Bolles, Eric Paswater, Betty Graves, Kimberly Lucado, Michael Leo Edwards, Melissa Publick, Sheila Johnson, Chris Puliselic, Evie Wiggins, Brian Almond, Andy Mazzo, Della Seay, Suzanne Faulk, Abbey Faulk, Lee Garner, Gail Gessner, Cindy & Robert Brown, Jeff Lineberry, Nina & Nicholas Fingar, Andrew Hayes, Jack Grantham, Christina Ruiz Grantham & Family, Mark Boone, Donald Smith, Robert Posodos, LaDonna Jensen, Gina Kim, Mariann Carothers, Lorraine Haendel, Georgia Mae Brady, Peyton Holland, Robbie Brewer, Tom Publick, Elaine Kincaid, Connie Dickens, Ryan Gover, all others who are ill, their caretakers, and those we hold dear.

Have a prayer request? Please email info@stleocatholic.org *or call the church office:* ***336-724-0561****. Names on our prayer list remain there until you request their removal. Please let us know if there is healing or resolution.*

Online Giving

Simplify your offertory with Online Giving . Sign up on the parish website at stleocatholic.org

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, December 7
Cursillo Group—4:00–5:30 PM, St. Cecilia Room
Rosary Group—6:00 PM, Church

Wednesday, December 8 — Office Closed!
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Morning Bible Study—9:30-11:15 AM, BBPC
Scriptural Rosary—11:30 AM, Church
Eucharistic Adoration—after Noon Mass—5:00 PM
RCIA—6:30-8:00 PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
Choir Rehearsal—7:00-8:30 PM, Church

Thursday, December 9
Men's Gospel Group—7:00–7:45 AM, St. Cecilia Rm.
St. Monica Novena—9:00–9:45 AM, Church

Friday, December 10
Men's Cursillo—7:00—8:00 AM, BBPC
Confessions—11:15–11:45 AM, Church

Saturday, December 11
Confessions—8:30 AM & 4:00 PM, Church
Cursillo Group—9:00 AM, St. Cecilia Room

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8 — Holy Day of Obligation!

The church office will be closed.
Masses: December 7 — 6 PM;
December 8 — 8 AM, 12 Noon & 6 PM.
Adoration after the Noon Mass through 5:00 PM.

FRASSATI YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A young adult group inspired by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Women's Group
Mondays at 7:30 PM. On first Mondays, we pray the rosary together; for the rest of the month, we read and discuss a spiritual book. New members welcome! For more information, contact Bethany at bethany.fischer23@gmail.com.

Men's Group
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at **8:00 PM.** For information, email Michael at hubbard.mc427@gmail.com.

Frassati Christmas (Season) Party

January 8
7:00 PM
at
Bethany's

Join us for our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a dessert to share and a gift you have received.

Baptism

Please contact the parish office to register for a Baptismal Preparation Class and schedule a Baptism.

NOTE: You must register before the class and date of Baptism. You may also visit our website at stleocatholic.org for more information and to complete a *Baptismal Information Form*.

Upcoming Baptism Times, 11:00 AM

January 22 & 29 • February 19 & 26 • April 23
May 21 & 28 • June 11 & 25 • July 23 & 30
August 20 & 27 • September 10 & 24
October 22 & 29 • November 12 & 19

Baptismal Preparation Classes, 7:00 PM

December 14 • January 11 • February 1
March 1 • April 5 • May 3 • June 7 •
July 12 • August 2 • September 6 •
October 4 • November 1 • December 6

CONFIRMATION

Our parish Confirmation date, set by Bishop Jugis, is
Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 6:00 PM,
to be celebrated with Monsignor Patrick Winslow.
For more information, contact Bethany at
stleoyouth@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION

Please arrive for class by 9:00 AM. You may pick up your child at the classroom at 10:15 AM. If your child is going to miss class, please let us know in advance by email at **lgarner@stleocatholic.org.**

All students in Pre-K through 8th grades who are not enrolled in Catholic school are encouraged to participate.

UPCOMING CLASS SCHEDULE
December 5 9 AM
December 12 9 AM

December 19 9:00-10:15 AM
Advent Prayer Service, Bishop Begley Parish Center
Fait Formation families are invited to a prayer service in lieu of class. Students and parents must arrive together and check in at the door. Families will be seated together. **No classes on December 26 or January 2 (Christmas Break).**

Monsignor Patrick Winslow, J.C.L,
Vicar General and Chancellor of
the Diocese of Charlotte, will present

Advent Reflections on PRAYER

Friday, December 10 at 6:00 PM &
Saturday, December 11, after 8:00 AM Mass

*** Join us for fellowship and conversation at a reception following each session. ***

Other Advent Penance Services:

December 6	Holy Angels, Mt. Airy	6:00 PM
December 15	Our Lady of the Rosary, Lexington	6:30 PM
December 16	Our Lady of Mercy, W-S	7:00 PM
December 21	Benedict the Moor, W-S	6:30 PM
December 22	Good Shepherd, King	6:30 PM

First Reconciliation

Candidates should be working on
the Reconciliation textbook and Mass journal.
Bring all completed work to our
Retreat for Candidates
on Sunday, December 12, 2021,
1:30–4:00 PM, in the Bishop Begley Parish Center.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday after the 8:00 AM Mass

Every First Friday after the 12 Noon Mass

Benediction at 5:00 PM BOTH DAYS

Charitable IRA Gifts to St. Leo

Don't miss the chance to make a charitable IRA gift this year! If you are 70½ years old or older and own an IRA, consider making a charitable rollover gift **before December 31.** You can give up to $100,000 directly from your IRA to our parish. Your gift will:

- **not be included in your taxable income.**
- **satisfy your required minimum distribution for the year.**
- **reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.**
- **not be subject to the 50% limitation on charitable gifts.**
- **help the work of the Church.**

For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer, or Beth Burch in the parish office at **(336) 724-0561.**

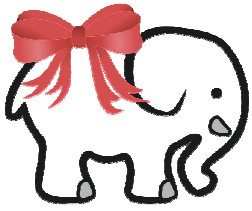
St. Leo Parish Outreach

Preparations are underway to provide local families in need with Christmas gifts, dinner, and groceries. This year we aim to help 75 families, and **we have many ways for you to help** — from donating food, gifts, and funds to hands-on service with shopping, set up, packing, and distribution.

The form on our parish website details the kinds of gifts we need for this outreach and specific ways you can help. Print out the form from **stleocatholic.org,** or pick one up in the church office, fill it out and return it in the offertory this weekend or to the office **by Monday, December 6, at 12 Noon**.

For more information, contact **Margie Luckhart at 336-816-3698** or **StLeosOutreach@gmail.com.**

Please bring all gifts and groceries to the school gymnasium on Saturday, December 11, 4:30–6:30 PM, or Sunday, December 12, 7:30 AM–2:00 PM.
We need volunteers to accept and sort the food at these times as well.



Ladies of the Parish: YOU ARE INVITED to an Advent Social to learn more about membership in the Columbiettes. Join us for a White Elephant* Exchange and conversation **Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 PM** in the Msgr. Showfety Room.
Be sure to wrap your item and prepare for some fun!
** A white elephant gift is an item you own but no longer want.*

LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

December 5 — Youth Room, 6:00-8:00 PM
Fr. Gober will join us to talk about listening to the Holy Spirit when we make decisions about our lives. We'll also have tacos and finish the series on our universal vocation to holiness. All high schoolers are invited!
December 12 — Life Teen Christmas Party!

EDGE

December 5 — Gym, 6:00-8:00 PM
Edge continues the series on virtue with a night on choosing the good, plus pizza ($3), talk about Doctor Strange, & mess with alternate timelines. All middle schoolers are invited!

A Prayer to Prepare for Christmas

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, o my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

St. Leo Christian Book Club

The St. Leo Christian Book Club meets **Sunday, December 5, 7:00-8:00 PM,** in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room to continue discussion of *The Everlasting Man* by G.K. Chesterton. Prepare to go over Part II, Chapters I, II & III.

“I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Join us to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8. Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation begin Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 PM with the Vigil Mass, followed by three liturgies on the feast day, Wednesday, at 8:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:00 PM.

Catechesis: The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed: “*The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin*.”

This is the **Dogma of the Immaculate Conception**, not to be confused with the conception of Jesus. To be clear, Our Lord’s conception was immaculate, but His conception is so much greater than merely being conceived without sin, because Jesus is God made Man. His conception is **the *Incarnation***.

Also, Jesus was miraculously conceived of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin. This is the **Miracle of the Virgin Birth,** not of the Immaculate Conception.

Mary had both a biological mother and father, and so her conception was natural in this sense; but she was also conceived immaculately, so it was also miraculous.

The Immaculate Conception is unique to Mary. No other creature born of fallen humanity has been completely preserved from the stain of original sin. Mary was not cleansed of sin, but created clean. Even more, she was created radiant — conceived without sin and also *full of grace*.

> "*As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens.*" *(Songs 2:2.)*

This grace is tied to Mary’s identity. As she said to Saint Bernadette, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Mary herself is the Immaculate Conception. Therefore, she is a pure reflection of her Son, who is, Himself, the Incarnation.

— J. Patrick Yodzis

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

The Immaculate Conception (1767-1769) by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Courtesy of *Museo Nacional del Prado*, Madrid

Paintings of John the Baptist: At the top, Jose Leonardo (1635), L.A. County Museum of Art, just above: Anton Raphael Mengs (1760s), Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; on the next page, top row, left to right: John von Eyck, Ghent Altarpiece (1429), St. Bavo Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium; Matthias Grunewald, Issenheim Altarpiece, Unterlinden Museum, Colmar, France; Titian (1542), Gallerie dell'Accademia, Venice; below Titian is Valentin de Boulogne's 1630 interpretation that hangs in Santa Maria in Via Church, Camerino, Italy.

Saint John the Baptist: Pointing the Way

Nearly every painting or sculpture of Saint John the Baptist shows him pointing. Why? Because that's his job; he points the way to salvation through Jesus.

Sacred art also portrays John the Baptist with wild hair and clothing, based on the very few details available about him in the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and a historical account written around 94 A.D. by Flavius Josephus, called *The Antiquities of the Jews*. The garment is meant to look like camel hair, a detail from scripture. Scholars say it is the traditional garb of ancient prophets. In life and in art, it aligns John with his preaching predecessors and alerts the audience that he has something to say. The unkempt hair indicates John's life in the Judean wilderness, where he began his ministry along the Jordan River.

A fascinating detail, often overlooked, is that John's heritage prepared him to prepare the way of the Lord. As the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth, he was a descendant of Aaron on both sides of his family. Aaron was the elder brother of Moses and founder of the Israelite priesthood (Exodus). Only Aaron and his descendants were granted the right and responsibility in the Jewish faith to make offerings on the altar to God. The rest of Aaron's tribe, the Levites, were given the subordinate responsibilities in the sanctuary (Numbers 3); no other tribe could participate in priestly duties.

Luke says Zachariah is a priest in the order of Abija, one of the 24 priestly orders that served in the temple (Chron. 1 & II). John is born into this priestly class and is, therefore, a priest. His Holiness Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus, builds upon this fact of John's priesthood, saying it also points to a New Covenant in Christ:

> *"According to Old Testament law, the service of priests is tied to membership of the tribe of the sons of Aaron and Levi. So John the Baptist is a priest. In him the priesthood of the Old Covenant moves toward Jesus; it becomes a pointer toward Jesus, a proclamation of His mission."*

Luke also pinpoints the date John starts his ministry:

> *"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas."*

Based on that statement, John the Baptist started preaching in 29 A.D., a date fairly close to the one given in by Josephus.

Another interesting detail known about John is his desert diet of locusts and wild honey (Mark 1:6, Matt 3:4).Scholars say it shows adherence to strict Jewish dietary laws in Leviticus, which permit the consumption of hopping insects — bald locusts, grasshoppers, and crickets — because they do not drink blood. Even today in the Arabian desert, people eat these bugs, roasted.But other scholars say John would have eaten a strictly vegetarian diet. Fourth century Christian writer Epiphanius (in *Panarion 30.13.4-5)* argued that *locust* is a bad translation from the Greek, that a very similar word meaning a manna-like pancake made from a desert plant and cooked in olive oil is the correct translation.

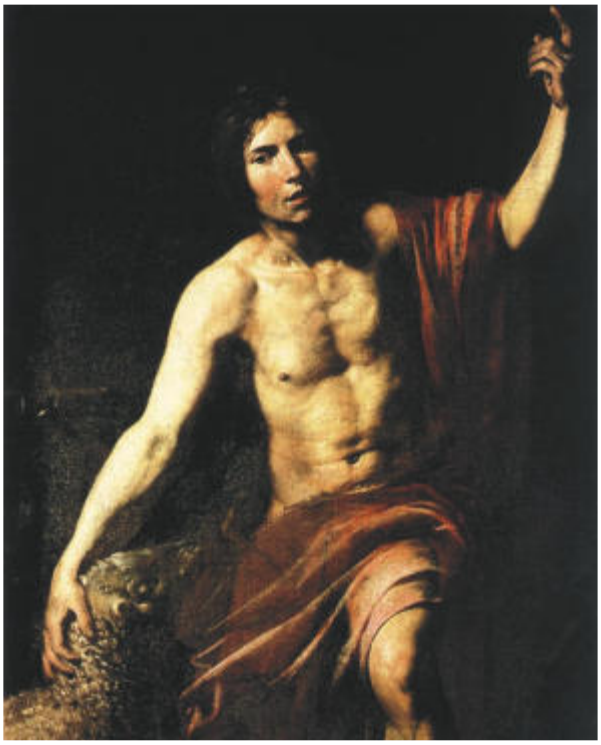
If it were some sort of cake, it may even have tasted good. Manna, per Exodus 16:31, doesn't sound bad at all:

> *It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey*.

Still other scholars suggest John ate "locust beans," not bugs. But no matter which theory is most accurate, scripture is portraying a man with an ascetic lifestyle, one that calls to mind the desert wanderers who depended on God alone for their daily bread.

In sacred art, John the Baptist draws our attention beyond his person as he points to something unseen. With his untamed appearance, he is a counter-cultural figure in Roman civilization who creates a striking contrast to King Herod, with his lavish palace lifestyle and constant spending. Their culture clash will lead to John the Baptist's martyrdom, but not before John points the way to repentance and salvation in Jesus.

— MMKY



Sources: *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives* (2012); *Dead Sea Discoveries, 2004 (Vol. 11, No. 3); Life of the Spirit, 1961 (Vol. 16, No. 182).*

Was John the Baptist Born Without Original Sin?

John the Baptist's mother was Saint Elizabeth, the relative whom Mary visited after the Annunciation. When the expectant Mary arrived and Elizabeth greeted her, John leapt in Elizabeth's womb in recognition of the Christ (Luke 1:41). Although theologians have argued the point for centuries, John the Baptist is believed to have been freed from original sin by Our Lord at that moment, before either child was born. According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia, "As the presence of any sin whatever is incompatible with the indwelling of the Holy [Spirit] in the soul, it follows that, at this moment, John was cleansed from the stain of original sin."*

The Church offers neither conciliar nor infallible papal documents about this belief in a birth free from sin for John the Baptist. But it is part of the popular piety of the faithful and a point suggested by Saint Augustine.

An important note, however, is that while John the Baptist may have been *born* without sin, he was not, like Mary and Jesus, *conceived* without original sin. Mary is the Immaculate Conception; and Jesus is the Incarnation of God, so both were conceived and born without sin. — MMKY

Pro-Life Job Opportunities

The Susan B. Anthony List, a pro-life organization dedicated to helping elect lawmakers who will protect life and to promoting research that demonstrates the good in protecting the lives of the innocent, is hiring in the Triad — and all over! Learn how you can further our network directory of pregnancy resources in 30 states through online remote positions with HerPLAN.org. We also need canvassers to conduct simple surveys ($15/hour + mileage). To learn more about our life-affirming work and current job openings, contact **Donetta Kruse at donetta@sbalistfield.org** or **704-775-1655.**

Supplies for Centerpieces Needed

St. Dorothy's Guild will be making centerpieces for the families served by our Parish Outreach, **Dec. 11-13.** If you have fresh greenery, fabric Christmas ribbon, pinecones, cinnamon sticks, unused floral foam or any useful item for this project, please contact Mary Margaret Yodzis at **mmkyodzis@stleocatholic.org**

Please remember in prayer those who have died:

JIM BARKER
FATHER OF KEVIN BARKER

LARRY HOLLETT
HUSBAND OF PAT HOLLETT

RENATA ANNA MCLAUGHLIN
(NÉE MAJEWSKA)

GERARD O'SULLIVAN
BROTHER OF TERESA O'DOHERTY

JOAN SUCH

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SAY THE HOLY ROSARY AT ST. LEO

Pray the Rosary with us in the church:
Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM;
Scriptural rosary on
Wednesday mornings at 11:30 AM.

St. Monica Novena

Join us on **Thursday mornings, 9:00-9:45AM,** in the church to entrust the petitions of our parish family to the intercession of St. Monica within a beautiful Novena and other prayers. *If you can't join us, leave your prayer intentions in the marked box in the church, near the statue of Our Lady.*

"Nothing is far from God." **— St. Monica**

Cancer Support Ministry

Please join us for supportive sharing in an environment of prayerful confidentiality

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS
7:00 PM, St. Cecilia Room

Call or send prayer request to Sister Larretta:
336-724-0561 or
lrivera-williams@stleocatholic.org

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reception Help Needed Immediately!

Please volunteer to help organize light receptions after each session of our Advent Reflections on Prayer with Monsignor Winslow. The receptions will take place on **Friday evening, December 10, and Saturday morning, December 11**. We need volunteers for planning, set up, service and clean up.

Parish Outreach

We need many volunteers for our Christmas Outreach program to wrap gifts, pack dinners and load cars for recipients on **December 11, 12 & 13.**

For more information on these opportunities to share your time and talent with the Church, as well as many other ministries in need of helpers, contact Mary Beth Young at **mbyoung@stleocatholic.org**.

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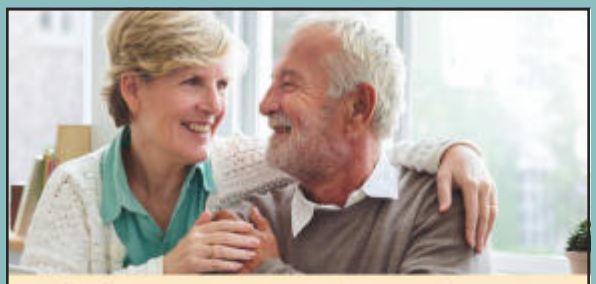

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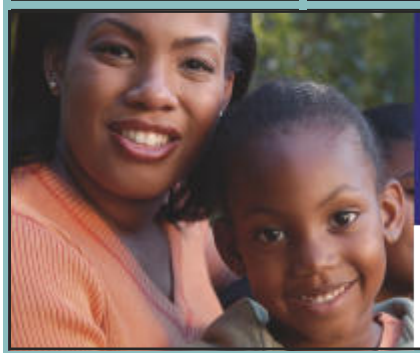

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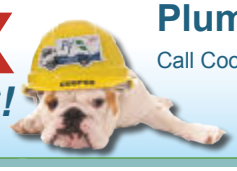

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