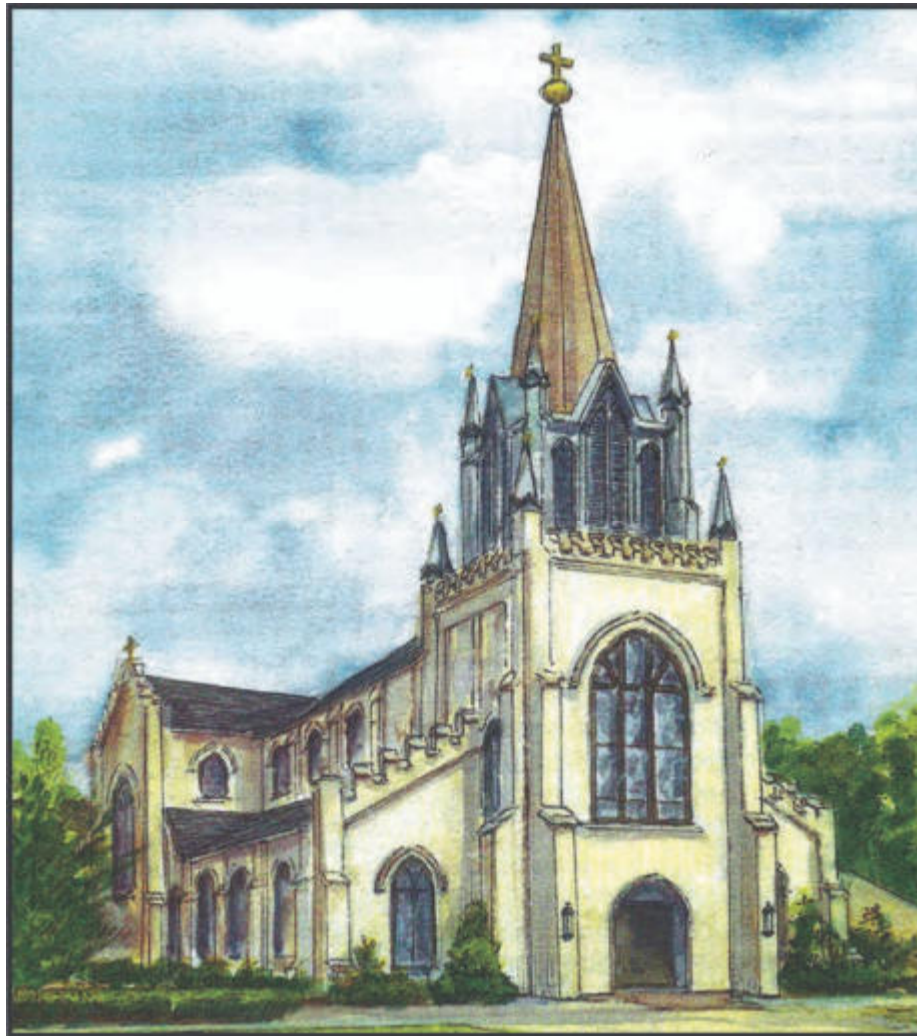


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Mass Schedule

Saturday:
5:00 p.m.
Sunday:
11:00 a.m.
Holy Days:
12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Daily (Except Wednesday): 12:10 p.m.
Confessions: Not Available At This Time
Weddings: 4 Month Notice
Baptisms: By Appointment



December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent
cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULES

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Tuesday December 8
12:10 pm and 7:00 pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION – PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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FOR OUR SICK . . . Lucy Moore, Jason Janney, Dylan Presley, Joyce Waters, Isla Grace Mahoney (10 Months old), Mary Garcia, Friar Noel (St. Benedict's), Noah Beals, Jacob Wilkins (5 years old), Bob Crawford, Timothy Rogers, Fr. Dan O'Connell, Matthew Galapon, Shelby Holley, Dickie Minter, Kathy Oates, Jack Kasych, Bobby Murphy, Mathieu Rebidue, Larry Imo, Margaret Buckner, Vivian Gluck, Edwina Cruz, Skip Baker, Robert Daniels, Mary Slavik, Barry Carroll, Nasaneth Yohannes, Joseph Burke, Charles Smith, Leigh & Van Dupriest, James Dalton, Carrie Miller, Deborah Khoury, Richard Grantham, Elizabeth Grey, Charles D. Woody, Roberta Battersby, John Redman, Dorothy J. Gallagher, Jeffrey Victor, Pat Roper, Kendra Haddock, Sharon Pritchett, Vivian Bonamy, Tom McAvoy, Chris Batastini, Monika Waller, Joe Waller, Lewis Brewer, Darrell Wilson, Judge Michael Cielinski, Rose Tully, Jacob Christopher Wilkins, Robin Bangart, Ed Stewart, Richard DeNoia, Sandi Smith, Jessica Watts, Joseph Picariello, Steve Karr, Ashley Priest.



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Dorothy Anspaugh, mother of parishioners Jim and Karen Anspaugh, who passed away on Friday, November 27th and Randy Yates, brother of parishioner Belinda Johnson who passed away on Monday November 23rd. May their souls and those of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

HOLY FAMILY OUTREACH MINISTRY – Thank you for your monetary donations the first weekend of the month or on-line, and your continued support of time, talent, and treasure throughout the month and year. Your donations are going directly to food cards and utility assistance for parishioners and non-parishioners in dire need due to the residual effects of COVID19 and the absence of jobs, unemployment checks or additional stimulus funding.

Angel Tree: Holy Family will not participate in Angel Tree this year. In anticipation of the increase in COVID19 cases this time of year, i.e. touching, shopping, handling packages, and meeting caregivers in person, Angel Tree elected to do a Virtual Angel Tree. This would mean I would collect funds, go on-line, purchase either a \$22.00 or \$44.00 gift card from Walmart, through Angel Tree and I or Angel Tree would mail them to children dependent on which method we chose. After discussion with my team, Holy Family Outreach chose not to participate in Angel Tree this year. Please participate in other charities of your choice.

Mission Shoeboxes: Small items intended for shoeboxes will not be collected this year. Due to the virus, touching, shopping, handling, boxing, and distributing these items to migrant communities may pose a danger to an already a high-risk population as well as Holy Family’s parishioners and volunteers.

Thanksgiving Meal: A **Heartfelt Thanks** to the handful of seasoned volunteers who participated in the preparation, serving and cleaning-up for the **take-out Thanksgiving Meal**. 88 meals were served for the homeless, needy, seniors, and alone members of our community. Your service and expertise are surely appreciated. Gg
G. G. Whaley-Wong, Director of Social Services (706) 366-7634

SECOND COLLECTION December 12/13th Religious Retirement

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social-service agencies, often for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to the Religious Retirement Fund helps provide needed medications, nursing care and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING JUBILEE... Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to join
 The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, for a special Mass on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

Those wishing to attend should contact their parish office or register online at <https://www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver> by December 21, 2020 in order to receive the formal invitation with detailed information.
 Please call the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at 912.201.4068 with questions



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<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>			
Saturday	Dec. 5	Joe & Virginia Stadnick	Memorial
Sunday	Dec. 6	Pro Populo	
Monday	Dec. 7	Joseph Maliakal	Memorial
Tuesday	Dec. 8 (12:10) (7:00 pm)	Troy Bangart Fr. Paul Brick	Memorial Memorial
Thursday	Dec. 10	Fatima Lunsford & Natalie McLendon	Birthday
Friday	Dec. 11	Dr. Joe Liss	Memorial
Saturday	Dec. 12	Lucio Churunel Ajcalon	Memorial



TODAY’S READINGS – Sunday December 13, 2020

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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