

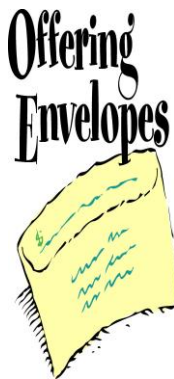
DECEMBER 11, 2016
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 12TH – DECEMBER 18TH

MONDAY	PAT COX	+8:00 A.M.
TUESDAY	JOSEPH WATTS MARTIN III	+8:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	MARYLYN CHENOWETH ZUILL	+8:00 A.M.
THURSDAY	THE FOSTER FAMILY	A8:00 A.M.
FRIDAY	DOROTHY & JOE PEREK	+8:00 A.M.
SATURDAY	LOUIS FREDERIC & AARON NUZZO	+4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	ROBERT BRASHER	+11:00 A.M.

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for your deceased/living loved ones, please call or mail in your request to the parish office. There are many open dates on the Mass Intention Calendar.
Office phone number: 1-228-762-1653



OFFERING DECEMBER 4, 2016

As stewards of all God gives us, we offer this portion as a sign of our faith...

Weekly Collection \$3,53

Feed the Hungry \$2,287

#iGiveCatholic Total \$4670

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent De Paul Pharmacy Dec. 10/11

Retired Religious Dec. 17/18



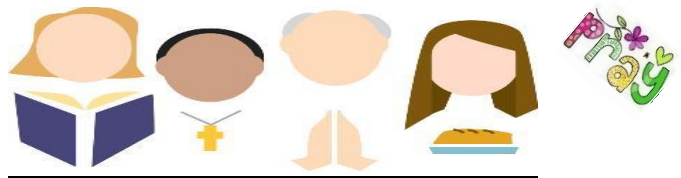
**St. Vincent de Paul
Community Pharmacy**

The Special Collection for the St. Vincent De Paul Community Pharmacy at Our Lady of Victories will be on the weekend of Dec. 10/11.

The Pharmacy's mission is to provide prescription Medication and Wellness Education to those in need. With the main facility in Biloxi and extension sites in Bay St. Louis, Moss Point and Hattiesburg we are proudly serving the entire Diocese of Biloxi.

The Diocesan Second Collection for our Community Pharmacy is a major opportunity for each of us to support the ongoing mission to serve the poor. Even with our continued growth, 93% of every dollar contributed goes directly to the program of work, because the Pharmacy remains primarily staffed by volunteers.

We greatly appreciate your generous investment in our Mission! It is because of giving people like you that we serve so many!



December 17th/18th

	4:00 P.M. MASS	
Commentator		Jackie Skelton
Eucharistic Ministers		Kevin Skelton Pam Cheeks
Altar Servers		Trevor Crabtree Travis Crabtree
	8:30 A.M. MASS	
Commentator		Jerry Hoag
Eucharistic Ministers		Jimmy Hinkel Shirley Hinkel
Altar Servers		Sam Scarborough Joe Scarborough
	11:00 A.M. MASS.	
Commentator		Julius Bosco
Eucharistic Ministers		Haley Bosco Rita Martin
Altar Servers		Will Hinman Baylor Brady

THERE ARE SPECIAL TIMES FOR DEC. 24TH/25TH. IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AND WOULD LIKE TO SERVE PLEASE CALL STEPHANIE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. 228-762-1653

The DECEMBER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE can be found on Our Web site @ www.olvpascagoula.com under Parish Involvement.



Special thanks to our **Parish Life Team**, headed by **Tarah Crabtree**, who organized our beautiful Parish Christmas Social last Sunday. Despite the bad weather, and conflicts with many parishioners' schedules, we had a good turnout. We especially thank the Senior Citizens Line Dancers for providing us with entertainment; and bringing along Santa Claus for the children. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, drink, and door prizes. Pictures of our Parish Social are posted on our Parish website. Thanks for all who attended and brought something to share. My God continue to bless our Parish Family with many more opportunities to gather and celebrate his presence with us.



Pray for: Ranita Adams, Tamara Anderson, Sr. Anthony, Jamie Blackwell, Katie Blake, Piers Blaine, June Blanchard, Angela Bosarge, Susan Bradley, Teri McGrath Brewster, Jerry Brister, Claude Burch, Patsy Clark, Charity Clay, Dot Clemens, Robert A. (BoBo) Cole, Johnette Colingo, Donna Cox, Gay Cunningham, Gretchen Cunningham, Ron Cunningham, Anne Davidson, Elizabeth Dickerson, Aline Dobbe, Alice Eldridge, LaRue Eldringhoff, Austen Ely, Margaret Estefan, Brian Eubanks, Tom Fairleigh, Norma Ann Farmer, Billy Feidt, Jesse Fulkerson, Victoria Gaffney, Juanelle Goff, Nolan Goodwin, Frankie Greek Jr., Polly Grubbs, Linda Hammons, Grace Higdon, Connie Holliday, Mickey Hudson, Eleanor Joseph, Paul Kaczorowski, Lanie Karam, Carol Koffel, Debbie LaHood, Mitchell LaHood, Katherine LeBlanc, Elaine LeBlanc, Sam Leslie, Anne Mansfield, Jessica Marquart, Gene Martin, Fr. McDermott, Patty Lou McGrath, Larry McGregor, Brian McGrory, Mark Miles, Ann Miller, Bill Millette, Tom Millette, Jack Myrick, Chandra Nicholson, John Nicklason, Evelyn Noonan, Jackie Northrup, D'vonne Olsen, Kevin O'Sullivan, Wayne Parker, Larry Raba, Reggie Raba, Tanya Raba, Paul Robichaux, Gary Schaub, Terri Scott, Paisley Shepherd, Mike Stewart, Mathew Stone, Michael Sumrall, Jennifer Swanson, Robin Sanford Tanner, Leonard Scranton and JoAnn Toia.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL



EVENTS

December 12th – RCS SOCCER vs Perry Central HOME 5:30/7:00
December 13th – RCES Penance Service gr. 3-6 9AM@Sacred Heart
 RCES Christmas program gr 1&2 6PM: gr 3 7PM

December 13th–16th – RCMHS Semester Exams

December 15th – RCES Kindergarten Breakfast with Santa in Delmas 8:30 program follows at 10AM

RCES Christmas Program Gr. 4 at 6PM: Gr. 5&6 at 7PM

December 16th – Christmas Program PK3 & 4 at 9:15AM in church
 Visit with Santa after in classrooms.

Early Dismissal RCES at noon: RCMHS AT 12:15

Many thanks to Mike Spencer for his 10+ years of service, representing OLV Parish on the RCS Advisory Council. He announced his resignation as President at the Mon., Nov. 28th meeting. We appreciate his hard work and dedication during the good times and difficult times at RCS. We wish him well.

Fr. Tony has appointed Munson Hinman as the new OLV Representative, effective at the January meeting. We thank Munson, for his willingness to serve in this important role for Catholic Education. Munson and Kelly have four students at RCS and are active members of our Parish.

Vice President Roland Mestayer will assume the leadership of the RCS Advisory Council for the remaining term this year.



SPECIAL MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS WEEKEND. DEC. 24/25

There will be two Christmas Eve Vigil Masses, Sat., Dec. 24th, 4PM and 6PM; and only one Mass on Sunday, Dec. 25th, 10AM
(no 8:30AM and no 11AM Mass-Christmas Day)

OLV ANGEL TREE

We have a list of needy children that need Christmas gifts. Our Angel Tree has Angel's tags on it with a child's name, gender, and age. Our goal is to have a least one gift per child in our Christmas Boxes (back of church next to tree).

Please consider a gift for these children. (Remember to tag each gift with the Angel's name) We will distribute these gifts on Sunday Dec. 18th in the afternoon, so please return them by 11:00AM Mass.

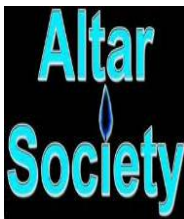
May God bless you for your generosity. Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas.

OLV CCD Teachers



The Special Collection for The Retirement Fund for Religious will be on the weekend of Dec. 17/18.

There are some 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests that have offered their lives in service and prayer. They have educated the young, cared for the sick, and spoken for the oppressed. Many continue to serve. Others need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing Care, medications, and other necessities. Roughly 95% of donations aid senior religious. Please be generous!



The Altar Society will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 18th, after the 11:00a.m. Mass.

All members are asked to participate.



CCD DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 11th Class/ Advent Penance Service
 Dec. 18th Class

Dec. 24th Nativity Story 4:00pm Mass
 Dec. 25th No Class Christmas Holiday

R.C.I.A. DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 14th – What makes the Catholic Church unique/ Saints/ Structure of the Church
 Dec. 21st & Dec. 28th Christmas Break

'THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS'

Congratulations to our 7 OLV choir members who sang with the Singing River Choral, Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, here in Pascagoula. It was a beautiful concert, sharing the Christmas Spirit of peace. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with the wider community. Also congratulations to Dan Lee who is now the President of the Singing River Choral.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE
SHOP TO SUPPORT SVDP!!!!
SALE DECEMBER 17, 2016
8AM - 12PM



COLTEN'S ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CORNER



Happy Advent! I hope all is well in the good ole Pascagoula, MS at Our Lady of Victories! I hope this note finds all of you in joyful anticipation of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ as we wait upon his coming with Our Lady by our side!

I miss all of you and I miss seeing you every Sunday! It has definitely been a transition to go from life in a parish back to life in the seminary. I was reminded just how much I'd rather be with the People of God than be writing papers! With that said, this time in seminary is a very special time that I cherish and that I am trying not to take for granted because I will never have these special moments again.

Things are just wrapping up here at Notre Dame in New Orleans. I have completed all my finals and look forward to the Christmas break. Speaking of Christmas break, mine will be full so I ask that you pray for me. On Friday, December 9, just two days after finals are officially over, I will be going to Nicaragua for a mission trip. Every year the seminary has a mission trip and I have been blessed to have been able to go every year. My first year I went "on" the trip and the next three years I have been going as a member of the leadership team. It is such an awesome experience to be down there and serve the people of Nicaragua.

I will return on Saturday, December 17 and on the next day have the opportunity to baptize my newest nephew! I am very excited about this opportunity!

And that's not it! The day after Christmas I am planning to go to Mexico for another mission trip! It will not be in Saltillo but in a town right on the other side of the border. We will be working at an orphanage for a couple of days. My trip will only be for about 5 days. I will return on either Thursday or Friday.

And to top off my crazy and busy (but I know it will be beautiful and rewarding) Christmas break, I will leave on January 2 to go to the Holy Land for a pilgrimage with my classmates until January 10. I am so excited for this as well! To walk the places our Lord walked and to pray in those places I am sure will be an incredible experience. If you would like to have any prayers offered while I am over there, please email/call/text/FB message me. I would love to offer your intentions during those times!

Please know that I lift up the parish and all the parishioners before the Lord in my prayer every day. I miss y'all greatly. Please pray for me especially as we travel to Nicaragua. I hope to visit soon and see all of you again. That will indeed be a joyful time! I cannot wait (Advent pun intended!)

May the Advent and Christmas season be filled with much joy and peace as well as a special time that you encounter Jesus Christ more profoundly each and every day!
Verso l'alto, Deacon Colten Symmes, Seminarian, Diocese of Biloxi