

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the
person who has none.
And whoever has food
should do likewise.

Luke 3:11



THIRD

Sunday

OF

Advent



Please Pray for...

Those who are ill or have special needs:
Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Marie Blount, Dana Breeding, Ann Bridgman, Dianna Bryant, Joseph Buttera, J.R. Callahan, Barry Cook, Sister Pat Coyle, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Jackie Gunn, Eleanor Harker, Allison Hoefling, Don & Rita Hoefling, Lane Lehman, Ty Lenk, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Debra Maddox, Gerald Malsbary, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Kathy Quarles, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Sally Schoen, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Infant Vivienne Joy, Tony & Sandy Yacovelli.

Homebound or in nursing homes:
Marian Bogdanowicz, Norma Brandin, Vicki Cram, Dorothy Kelly, Fr. Andy Latsko, Margaret Morrow, Anne Papay, Mike Slaski.

Our Family Members Serving in the Military:
Petty Officer 1st Class **Chris Balot**, son of Randy Balot
Staff Sgt. **Jordan Owensby**, grandson of Don & Linda Gurecky.
PV2 **Alex Czarnecki**, son of John and Maureen Czarnecki (Alex has completed Army Combat Medic training and is now assigned to an Ambulance Company at Camp Casey, South Korea.). David Woodward, serving in Afghanistan-friend of Samuel Medlin.

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Please call or email the office to update list.

**IMPORTANT DATES**


**Dec. 18:** Rorate Mass 6:30AM (Traditional Latin Mass) by Candlelight

**Dec. 18:** Knights of Columbus Social 7pm-Bistro,BlkMtn

**Dec. 22-27:** Parish Office Closed for Christmas Holidays.

No Flowers During Advent

Parishioners may offer donations to our Christmas Flower Fund in memory or honor of a loved one. Our Christmas Bulletin Insert will list the names of those remembered or honored.



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church

Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936

Mass Intentions

Sat 12/11 5:30PM.....† Pedro Molina

Sun 12/12 8:30AM.....Pro Populo

11:00AM.....Ellen & Bradley Clark

1:00PM ....† Ludivina Caldera & Fidencia Rodarte

Mon 12/13 7:30AM.....† Betty Dollar

Wed 12/15 6:00PM.....† Frances Owenby

Thur 12/16 7:30AM.....Daniel Hoffman

Fri 12/17 7:30AM.....† Elizabeth Whittaker


| Scripture for the Week |                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday:                | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27       |
| Tuesday:               | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32     |
| Wednesday:             | Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23             |
| Thursday:              | Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30           |
| Friday:                | Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17              |
| Saturday:              | Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25             |
| Sunday:                | Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 |

REJOICE!

Today is known as Gaudete--Rejoice--Sunday, the day's Latin nickname is taken from today's ancient official Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." The optional rose vestments--reminiscent of winter's early morning skies as the solstice draws near, the festal organ music, the floral arrangements, all these ancient traditions together with the antiphon are meant to anticipate, in sight and sound, the soon-to-break-upon-us Christmas joy. How well today's scriptures illustrate the struggle between Advent's contrasting moods: "joyful expectation" in light of Christ's nativity, and "serious repentance" inspired by John the Baptist's preaching, reminding us that Christ's next coming--at death or at the end of time--will be for judgment as well as redemption.

Parishioner, Vicki Cram is able to receive visitors and would love to see and talk with her STMMCC friends. If you don't have Vicki's contact information, please call the church office.

St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent de Paul Society has a new contact phone number. Please make a note of it:  
**1-800-862-1633**  
Your generous support of SVdP helps us to serve those in need throughout our community. Our Poor Boxes are in the church vestibule and in the Overflow Seating doorway. Thank You!

View more information about SVdP at the parish website: saintmmc.com

Religious Retirement Collection

This Weekend:  
Dec 11-12th  
Is the Religious Retirement Collection



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Thousands of senior sisters, brother and religious order priests served for years in Catholic Schools, hopsitals and parishes--often for little or no pay. Many communities are now struggling to provide for aging members. Your gift to the Religious Retirement Fund collection helps provide medications, nursing care and more.  
Please be generous.

Advent/Christmas

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December 16th- December 23rd  
7-9pm Parish Hall

Vigil of Christmas-Friday, Dec 24th

1:00pm Mass (English)  
4:00pm Mass (Engilsh)  
7:00pm Mass (Spanish)  
12Midnight Mass (English)

Nativity of Our Lord-Saturday, Dec 25th

10:00am Mass (English)

Stewardship

Weekly Offering



Weekly Offertory needed to meet our annual parish budget: **\$5,000.00**

Offertory

Dec. 5, 2021: \$4,763.00  
Online Giving: \$2,202.30  
Total Offertory: \$6,965.30

Priest's Retirement Goal:\$7,578.00  
Priest's Retirement Collected: \$3,663.00

Donate online at: [www.saintmmc.com](http://www.saintmmc.com)

Thank you, may God bless you for your generosity!

*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*

Pope Benedict XVI

Schedule for the Week

Dec 13 No Confessions or Mass  
Church open for prayer 9am  
Office Hours 9am– 4pm

Dec 14 OFFICE CLOSED - No Masses  
6:00pm **Rosary** in the Church

Dec 15 5:15pm Confessions; 6:00pm Mass  
Faith Formation & RCIA follow

Dec 16 6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass  
Church open for prayer  
Office Hours 9am-2pm

Dec 17 6:45am Confessions; 7:30am Mass  
Church open for prayer  
Rosary at Noon in Church  
Office Hours 9am-4pm

Dec 18 6:30am Rorate Mass (Traditional Latin Mass)  
2:00pm Courtney/Ramirez Wedding  
4:00pm Confessions  
5:30pm Mass

Dec 19 8:30am (Incense)  
11:00am  
1:00pm-Español (Incense)

All Masses are livestreamed to our YouTube channel.  
Go to **saintmmc.com**. Click on "Mass Times & Livestream", scroll down and click "acknowledge and enter livestream"