

## Readings for the Coming Week

### Monday, December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Luke 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13  
Matthew 18:12-14  
**Memorial of St. Nicholas**

### Wednesday, December 7

Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10  
Matthew 11:28-30  
**Memorial of St. Ambrose**

### Thursday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Friday, December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19  
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  
Matthew 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 10

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
Matthew 17:9a, 1013  
**Memorial of St. Francis Xavier**

### Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
James 5:5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### The Feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Join us for dinner on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 to celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus. We will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a blessing over the memorial pavers at 6 p.m. with a catered dinner in the Parish Life Center. Tickets will be available beginning December 10/11, after all the weekend Masses. The dinner is FREE but you must have a ticket. Due to limited seating in the PLC the dinner is for registered members of Holy Name of Jesus only.

## MASSSES INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 5

8:00 a.m.:† Father Butler (*Bob & Eileen Underwood*)  
† Bill Meisch (*Chuck & Bobbie Harvin*)

### Wednesday, December 7

6:00 p.m.:† Rita DePass (*Steve & Betty Haughton*)  
† Albert & Angelia Speciole (*Ed & Malee Leech*)

### Thursday, December 8

8:00 a.m.:† Frances Helms (*Peter Karp*)  
6:00 p.m.:† Bill Meisch (*Chuck & Bobbie Harvin*)

### Friday, December 9

8:00 a.m.:† Albert & Angelia Speciole (*Ed & Malee Leech*)

### Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m.:† Rudy & Bernice Strunc (*Bill & Iris Strunc*)

### Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m.:† Joseph DeGraan (*Paul & Sylvia DeGraan*)  
11:00 a.m.:♥For the people  
5:00 p.m.:† Ed & Mary Leech (*Ed & Malee Leech*)

*If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like Father Steve to visit please call the parish office and let us know. Father Steve wants to provide you pastoral care but must be told that you need him.*

## GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** Infant Baptism Parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling a baptism and it is required that godparents also attend. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE:** Call the parish office and request a copy of the "Marriage Preparation Guideline". Make an appointment for an initial interview with a priest or deacon at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. There are several classes & workshops that the couple must attend.

**RCIA:** For those considering entry into the Catholic Church. Contact the church office at 678-7813 or email holyname@holynamechurch.org.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered both to the dying and to those who are ill or are about to undergo an operation, for the recovery of their health and for spiritual strength. It is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness.

**FUNERAL:** When a loved one dies, it is a time of great stress and grief. Making a phone call to the pastor is an important first step. He can offer not only spiritual support but also practical guidance about what steps need to be taken next. Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the Funeral Home.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Ministers of the Holy Eucharist bring communion to the homebound and hospitalized after the 8:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Call the parish office if you wish a priest, deacon or communion minister to visit the sick.

**GIFTING THE PARISH:** Please consider making a planned gift to Holy Name of Jesus Church such as a bequest in your will, gift of life insurance, or a charitable trust. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS:** The Father Butler Parish Life Center commemorative bricks are available for purchase. We have two brick sizes: 4"x8"for \$100.00 & 8"x8" for \$250.00. For more information call the parish office at 678-7813.

## Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Line

*We have 72 ministers who will pray for your needs. Also, a Prayer Box is available in the back of the church where one can drop a written prayer request. Confidentiality is always respected.*

## KNIGHTS' KNOTS

**Free Throw Competition:** All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The Niceville/Valparaiso area competition will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Life Center. The Fr. Howard Lesch, Council 7667 and Christ Our Redeemer, Council 13527 are sponsoring the annual event, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competition. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age division. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. The gym will open at 9:30 for registration and practice. For additional information contact: Ed Coleman at 678-6447.

**Jack & Kathie Garnett** 678-5323  
**Gloria Hart** 678-2816  
**Marlyss Hernandez** 835-2323  
**Ed & Dee Lowrey** 678-8438  
**Lisa Underwood** 678-6579



# Holy Name of Jesus CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## December 4, 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & First Sat ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Wed & First Fri..... 6:00 p.m.

### Communion Schedule

Tues and Wed ..... 8:00 a.m.

### Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays..... 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Fridays..... Adoration begins right after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues through the night, through Saturday, until 4:30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays and **3:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Mon – Thurs  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



**Niceville Catholic Outreach Office**  
(850-678-7861)  
Mon – Thurs  
9:00 a.m. – Noon

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor : Father Stephen Voyt  
Parish Administrator: Deacon Gary M. McBride  
Deacons: Deacon James B. Cox  
Deacon Thomas J. Fraites  
Deacon Louis A. Marini  
Deacon John Shin

### Parish Staff

Finance Manager: Randy O'Connor  
Office Manager: Monica Peppler  
Administration: Carolyn Cox  
Faith Formation Director: Pia Elsesser  
Director of Children's Ministry: Lisa Sherwin  
Youth Minister: Aaron Slayback  
Music & Audio-Visual: Christa Cloutier  
Maintenance: Fran Huttler  
PLC Manager: Monica Atkinson



### Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic community united by faith in God, nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Christian mission of peace, service, outreach, and fellowship through love, prayer, evangelization, and ministries so both the human and spiritual needs of our growing parish family and community are always met.



# Stewardship

Weekend of November 26 & 27, 2016

Offertory.....\$12,793.41

## CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S LITURGY

ALL Children of the Parish are invited to take part in the Holy Name of Jesus Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy at 5 pm. The acting out of the Story of Jesus' Birth is a long held tradition of our parish and it is a joy to celebrate it with you.

Each grade has a specific role and costumes to match!

**Pre-K & Kindergarten** = Angels

**1<sup>st</sup> grade** = Stars

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade** = Lambs

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** = Shepherds

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** = Main Characters: Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Wise Men, etc.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** = Narrators

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** = all grades and YES they can wear their costumes in the choir!

### PRACTICE!!!!

Both the Main Characters & Narrators MUST BE AT THE PRACTICE ON DECEMBER 18 at 9:30am! We would like to have ALL the other cast members (PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) at the practice, but if you cannot make it just let me know and I will give you instructions! QUESTIONS? Don't hesitate to ask! Contact Lisa at 678-7813 or email [lsherwin@holynamechurch.org](mailto:lsherwin@holynamechurch.org)

## Council of Catholic Women Advent Day of Renewal

Our Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold their Advent Day of Renewal at Christ Our Redeemer on Wednesday, December 21 starting at 9:00 a.m. with coffee. At 9:30 Father John Licari will give a spiritual talk followed by confession with a few priests. Mass and lunch will follow. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Look for flyers in the Admin building and PLC. To RSVP call Dianne, 678-3413 or email Rosemarie, [Catholicrose2010@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicrose2010@gmail.com). All ladies of Okaloosa and Walton counties (our Deanery) are invited.

## Schola Cantorum

The NWFSC Schola Cantorum (School of Singing), directed by John Leatherwood, will present their Christmas concert, "Sing Gloria", at Holy Name of Jesus on Monday, December 5th at 7 p.m. in the chapel. The concert is free. Love offerings for student scholarships will be accepted, but there is no obligation. If you enjoy fine choral singing, come join us. See the bulletin board for more details and a song list.

*December 8, 2016 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass on Thursday December 8th at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm*  
6:00 p.m. Mass on December 7th is a daily Mass and does not fulfill the Holy Day Obligation.

## Bishop Parkes to Relocate

The Vatican announced Monday, November 28 that our beloved Bishop Gregory Parkes is to become Bishop of St. Petersburg, FL. Bishop Parkes will be installed as Bishop of St. Petersburg on Jan. 4, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg. Please join us in praying for him during this time of transition.

## Reconciliation Services

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm. We will have 5 priests available to hear confessions. Listed below are the dates and times of local parish reconciliation services for your convenience.

Our Lady of Victory	December 6	7:00 p.m.
Resurrection	December 14	7:00 p.m.
Eglin Air Force Base	December 14	6:00 p.m.
Holy Name of Jesus	December 15	7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's	December 15	6:30 p.m.
St. Rita	December 20	6:00 p.m.

## Prayer Group for December

Please consider joining us even if you've never attended before. This may be the new thing that God is calling you to in this advent season. For further information, call Deacon Gary, (850) 699-9193.

**My Parish App has an Advent daily reflections button. Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com).**

## The Rite of Acceptance

The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 4th. This Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is a form of public declaration both for the individuals and for our parish faith community. The Catechumens declare publicly that they are learning, praying and participating in the Sunday liturgy. Likewise the parish acknowledges their desire to join the faith community and promises to pray for their continued conversion. Please pray for our Catechumens and make them feel welcome in our faith community. Come meet them at coffee and donuts after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Richard Brunson	Gianna Archer
Lisa Mardis	Riza Buikus
Clicy A. Reese	River Braley
Sky Braley	

## Thank You

I would like to thank all those who provided food and helped put on a great Holiday meal for the Senior Citizens on November 18th. Without you the bingo and luncheons throughout the year could not be accomplished and enjoyed by the seniors of our community. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, season. See you in January. ~Dottie Kime

## Mary's Place Gift Shop

Mary's Place Religious Gift shop located in the admin hallway now has Advent wreaths and Advent candles available. There are many products for children to include Christmas Nativities and children's Advent and Christmas story books. Mary's Place is open after all weekend Masses.



The Niceville LIFE runners will have their December run/walk on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00a.m. at Turkey Creek Nature Trail. Everyone who would like to get some exercise and witness to the dignity of life from conception to natural death is invited. Contact Jim or Joan Cloutier 678-7192.

## Open Gym Times

If you like to play **Basketball**, the PLC is open on  
**Thursdays, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**Sundays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 4: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Thursday, December 8: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 11: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

We have walking Tues., Wed., and Thurs.,  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

and Yoga/Pilates on Thursday's at 9:30 a.m. (\$3).

A Strength and Conditioning class will begin on Thursday, January 19th. We will meet every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. The cost will be \$3 a class. All proceeds will go to the church.

## Christmas Tree Ornaments

The Sand Dunes Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America presented Holy Name of Jesus Christmon ornaments for our Christmas tree in the admin lobby. These stitched pieces have a silk backing that came from Therese Novicki's wedding dress that she wore 60 years ago. Special thanks to all of the ladies who made these beautiful ornaments.

Jane Beehr	Cheri Hammer
Linda Anne Buehler	Barb Harrison
Pam Burke	Cynthia Hardesty
Nancy Ctutchfield	Nancy Reese
Laura Gamble	Debbie Sewell



## Poinsettias for the Altar

Poinsettias will be needed to adorn the altar during the Christmas season. Parishioners are invited to donate towards the purchase of these flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Place your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one written on it and bring it to the office or simply place it in the offertory basket.

# Youth News

## Flock Note Announcement

Flock Note is our main communication tool we use to send information through email or text message from our various ministries and groups in our church. This is our way to make sure you are up to date on important information. We are asking that you check your e-mail regularly and also please make sure you check your spam and/or junk folder to ensure that you are receiving these e-mails. This is especially important for Religious Education and Youth activities, including our sacramental preparation classes. If you have any problems or believe you are not getting e-mails please contact the office and we will make sure you are registered.

## EDGE and Life Teen Christmas Parties

As we prepare for Christmas we will have a social gathering for each group. Life Teen will meet Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and EDGE on Wednesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. We are asking that each youth bring 1-2 canned food items to be donated to the Niceville Catholic Outreach. Please bring the following snacks/drinks:  
A-L- Bring a Snack to share  
M-Z Bring a drink (2 liter) to share

## Confirmation Mini-Retreat

Our Confirmation Mini-Retreat will be Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm in the CYM Zone. If you are in band, please attend as much of the retreat as you can before you must leave for practice.

**The Rite of Enrollment** is during the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a time that our candidates will make public to the congregation their intent to be confirmed in the Catholic Church. Please arrive NLT is 10:50 and sit in the reserved pews. The dress is Sunday's best, a coat and tie are not required. If you have any questions please contact Aaron in the office, 678-6790, or by e-mail, [aslayback@holynamechurch.org](mailto:aslayback@holynamechurch.org).