



# St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2009

### Mass intentions for this week

**Monday, December 14 - John of the Cross, priest & doctor**  
10:50 (SJ) Theodore LaVenture, Sr., 29th Anniv., by Margie Barney and Walt and Ann Corrice

7:15 Novena Prayers

7:30 Donald Rivet by Pete and Peggy Montpetit

**Tuesday, December 15 - Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) William Hollis by Joanie and Melissa Peo and Andrew Putman

12:00 Gary Mousaw by Sgt. Kevin Fee & Sgt. Wayne Ashley of the Ogdensburg Police Department

**Wednesday, December 16 - Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) Rose Salerno by Donna and Vic Pisani

12:00 Suzanne Powers by Dick and Joanna Hollis

**Thursday, December 17 - Late Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) *Notre Dame*

12:00 Louise McMillan by Jack and Betty Mellon

**Friday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday**

10:50 (SJ) Irene Burns by Ron and Cathy Romano

12:00 Fran Bracy by Ann O'Neil

**Saturday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday**

4:00 (Antic.) Bernadette Thrall, Month's Mind, by her family

**Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM - Jefferson E. Thornton, Month's Mind, by Walt and Ann Corrice and family

11:00 AM - For the People of the Parish and Diocese

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:** Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; and the Gospel of Luke 1:39-45.

### Children's Christmas Choir and Pageant

Elementary school children who would like to sing in the **Children's Choir** at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to practice with us after the 11 AM Mass this weekend and next.

There will also be a short practice after the 11 AM Mass this weekend and next for those who would like to participate in the **Christmas Pageant** at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

### Do you like to decorate?

We will be decorating the Church on **Tuesday, December 21**, beginning at 1:00 PM. Come and join fellow parishioners as we create in our Church a truly beautiful worship space to give praise and glory to God during this Christmas season.



### Sanctuary Candles - In Memory Week of December 13

**Main Cathedral** - The Stevenson, Jeneault and Loughren families by Carolyn & Ernie Jeneault

**Deacon Winter Chapel** - Floyd Boulia by his wife and family

### Religious facing rising costs

Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to this weekend's second collection.

### Advent Penance Service

This year, St. Mary's Cathedral will join Notre Dame Church for an Advent Reconciliation Service. The Service will be held at Notre Dame Church this **Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 PM.** (*Please note the time change.*) There will be several priests hearing confessions at that time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a reminder of Jesus' unending mercy. Receive His forgiveness. Meet Him at Christmas with a clean conscience and joyful heart. All are invited to participate.

### Christmas Concert

Please plan to join us for our **Christmas Concert** next **Sunday, December 20**, at 2:00 PM, here at the Cathedral. Our Music Director, Ernie Hadley, and our choir, have been working very hard to prepare a very special concert for your enjoyment.



*Come, relax, and enjoy the beautiful music of the season!*

### Attention all Liturgical Ministers

**New schedules** will soon be prepared and will include the weekends of January 2-3 thru April 24-25, 2010. Please be sure to call the rectory at 393-3930 by **Monday, December 14**, if you are not available during any of this time period. Also, **sign-up sheets for the Christmas Masses are posted on the bulletin board in the sacristy.** Please sign-up, as soon as possible, so that we can plan for these special liturgies.

### FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK...

While many of our families emphasize the coming of Santa Claus at Christmas, there is a tradition that is growing where an increasing number of Catholic families in various dioceses across the country are letting the real star of Christmas shine. Through Advent, many families have taken part in **Bless the Baby Jesus** in churches across the country. It is a way for our families to focus on the Christmas manger in our homes.



With this in mind, I invite all parishioners who have a Christmas manger at home to bring the baby Jesus to Mass next Sunday. I will offer a special prayer of blessing as you bring the baby Jesus to the altar after the homily. This would be especially meaningful if parents would accompany their children to the altar with the baby Jesus for the blessing. Whatever the age, you are invited to bring the Christ Child of your manger to Mass next Sunday. Let us remember the reason for the season.

### Collection envelopes at Christmas time

The **Christmas Collection** each year is for the Priests' Retirement Fund in the diocese. This is how we support our priests who have done so much for us over the years. Currently, 37 retired priests of the diocese are provided financial support from the Priests' Retirement Fund. Also, 12 priests age 70 and older, who remain active in parish ministry, are now eligible for a partial retirement benefit paid from this fund. In total, pension benefits project to be \$740,500 this fiscal year. Contributions are also used by the diocese to prepare for retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Any offering put in the Christmas envelope goes to this collection. **Donations to the parish for December 13 and 20 and special Christmas gifts to the parish should be put in your regular white Sunday envelope.**

You recently received in the mail an offering envelope for **Christmas flowers**. We ask that you place your envelope, in memory of your loved ones, in the Offertory basket at any time. We thank you for helping us continue the tradition of beautifying our church during this special season of Christmas.

Our special Christmas mailing, that you should have received, included both the offering envelope for Christmas and the envelope for flowers. God Bless you for your generosity.

Don't forget to pray for your Advent Prayer Partner!

### Bishop's Fund Appeal

Our sincere gratitude to those who have supported this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. To date, 263 individuals/families in our parish have made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal. As of December 4, we have received \$41,894.28 (82.98%) toward our parish goal of \$50,484.88. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, your gift can still be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Bishop's Fund Office. On-line giving is also available at [www.dioogdensburg.org/development](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/development). Thank you, once again, for your generosity and support. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts!

### Holiday House Tour

The Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce and the Ogdensburg Garden Club are sponsoring the **Holiday House Tour** on Sunday, December 13, from 12-4 PM. The self-guided tour begins at any of the seven locations, including the Bishop's house. Maps and programs are available at each location. Tickets are available at the North Country Savings Bank or the Chamber office. The tickets are \$12, if purchased in advance, or \$15 on the day of the tour. Plan to come and see the wonderful decorations!



### 37th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC

Consider joining tens of thousands on Friday, January 22, for the March for Life to demonstrate solidarity and create one voice on the Pro-Life Issue. If you are older than 18 and out of school, consider joining college students and young adults from the Diocese of Ogdensburg for a 4 day-3 night pilgrimage. The March will include the Vigil Mass for Life at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, January 21, with Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities as celebrant and homilist. In addition to attending this Mass and the March for Life, we will visit other important Shrines and Memorials, offering many opportunities for prayer, witness, and fun. The pilgrimage will depart from the Diocese of Ogdensburg on Wednesday, January 20, and will conclude on Saturday, January 23. The all-inclusive cost is \$125 per adult. For more information, or to request a registration form, please email Father Timothy Canaan, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry at [frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org](mailto:frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org). Space is limited, please register early. All registrations, along with payment, must be submitted no later than December 30.

### Gift ideas

As you think about Christmas gifts, may we offer some suggestions? You only need travel as far as the rectory office to purchase any of these special items: Sr. Mary Christine Taylor's book, *Mary's Parish*, on the history of the Cathedral (\$20); our parish cookbook, *Feeding the Flock*, (\$5); the print, "**Comes the Dawn**", by Stephen Chambers (\$20); **holiday parish note cards** in boxes of 10 (\$3); and a relaxation/meditation instrumental CD (\$12) or **cassette** (\$8) by Ernie Hadley.

Please take a moment and stop by our **display board**, in the Cathedral vestibule, where you will find an assortment of inspirational CD's, books, and brochures. For only \$3 you can obtain a CD and learn more about our Catholic faith or for 50 cents each you may purchase a brochure. Many new Advent and Christmas titles are now available, including the following CD's: *The True Meaning of Christmas*; *Prepare the Way of the King - Making the Most of Advent*; *Glory to the New Born King - Traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns*; and *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord*. They may be purchased for \$3 each or in a bundle of four for \$10. These would make wonderful Christmas gifts!

### Cleaning of the Church

The members of the Altar Society will be gathering on **Thursday, December 17, at 9:00 AM** for a general cleaning of the Church. If you are available, your help would be very much appreciated!

*Happy is he that has mercy on the poor.*

**Remember in Prayer**

**We pray for loved ones who are ill:**

Davalene Layng, Leward Lucia, Ann Losurdo, Joan Cutway, Jean Seeley, Dennis Moore, Wanda Taylor, Randy Livingston, Stanley Seymour, Geraldine Sansoucy, Mike Cagler, Jeff Potter, Elmer Martel, Tori Elliott, Michele Cline, Marie Craven, Janet Knill, and Ann Duffy.

**We also request your prayers for:**

Those who care for the sick and all our military men, women, and their families.

**This Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, December 13**

- Religion classes for all grades.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.
- Children's Choir practice after the 11:00 AM Mass.
- Penance Service at Notre Dame Church at 4:00 PM.

**Monday, December 14**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting at 9 AM in the rectory.
- RCIA meeting in the rectory at 7 PM.

**Wednesday, December 16**

- Legion of Mary meeting at 3:30 PM in the rectory.
- SMDA Christmas concert at the school at 6:30 PM.

**Thursday, December 17**

- Cleaning of the Church by the Altar Society at 9 AM.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Deacon Winter Chapel after the 12 noon Mass until 5 PM.

**Sunday, December 20**

- Religion classes for all grades.
- Adult Choir rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the choir loft.
- Children's Choir practice after the 11:00 AM Mass.
- Christmas Concert at the Cathedral at 2:00 PM.

**Confession schedule**

Saturday, December 19 - 2:30 - 3:45 PM

Tuesday, December 22 - 11:00-Noon and 6:00-7:00 PM

Capital Campaign Phase I goal.....	\$1,200,000.00
Capital Campaign Phase II goal.....	\$ 400,000.00
Cash received.....	\$ 822,504.94
Outstanding pledges.....	\$ 585,472.29
Total cash and pledges as of December 8.....	\$1,407,977.23

Number of donors: 386



**God's plan for giving - tithing**

**December 5-6, 2009**

Envelopes.....	\$ 9,856.00
Number of envelope users: 207	
Plate.....	\$ 555.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 5.77
Miscellaneous/Donations.....	\$ 345.00
Total.....	\$ 10,761.77
Envelopes last year.....	\$ 11,018.00

**May God bless you for your continued generosity.**

**Staff**

**Diocesan Administrator/Rector**

Rev. Terry R. LaValley, J.C.L.

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Deacon Francis F. Bateman  
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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

1115 Ford Street 393-6579  
Store Hours: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday  
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Saturday  
Store is closed during July and August

**Weekend Liturgies**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. anticipated  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Sunday 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.  
or by contacting Father Terry

**Nocturnal Adoration**

Thursday before the First Friday of each month in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning with Holy Hour for Vocations at 8:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:00 a.m. on First Friday.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday and Thursdays (except the Thursday before the First Friday of the month) in Deacon Winter Chapel beginning after the noon Mass until 5:00 p.m.

**Daily Liturgies/Holy Days**

As listed in the bulletin.

**Baptism**

First Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. Sponsors are to be at least 16 years of age, have received Holy Communion and Confirmation, and practice their Catholic faith. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be admitted in the company of a Catholic sponsor, serving as a Christian Witness.

**Marriage**

As arranged with the parish staff.

**Project Rachel**

Alternatives to Abortion: 393-2255 or 393-2660

**Elizabeth Ministry**

Contact Sister Mary Teresa LaBrake, G.N.S.H., at 393-3930.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF ANY ICE AND SNOW FALLING FROM THE CHURCH AND RECTORY ROOFS. THANK YOU!**

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