

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

Calendar

Saturday, December 18th

4:00pm Vigil Edward Abbondante, Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Leonard Kuckelman, the Burch & Pfister Families, and the Intentions of Brian & Beverly Couch, and of Neil Delude

Sunday, December 19th

8:00am Mass For all parishioners

10:30am Mass Karen Miller Boudreaux, Joy Nalty Hodges, Deacon Paul Nalty, John Ponseti, and Louise McMahon Robinson

5:00pm Mass A Special Intention

Monday, December 20th

6:30am Mass "Cissie" Pelleteri

Tuesday, December 21st

St Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church

6:30am Mass Sister Jerome Blank, CIC

6:00pm Mass The Bergeron & Boudreaux Families

Wednesday, December 22nd

6:30am Mass Claire Pelleteri

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, December 23rd

St John of Kanty, priest

6:30am Mass Claire Pelleteri

Friday, December 24th

6:30am Mass A Special Intention

4:00pm Vigil Vetter & Frederick Taylor

Saturday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Midnight William Allen

10:00am Rosary (@ St Henry Church is cancelled)

10:30am Mass The Reverend Father Martin Gleeson, OP

The Sanctuary Lamp in St Stephen Church will burn this week for the repose of the souls of Vetter & Frederick Taylor.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the rectory chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

Our Mass setting is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo* and is found in *The Adoramus Hymnal*, from number 101.



Banns of Matrimony

Allison Marie Wood & Collin Joel Jimes

Hannah Marie Lampo & Samuel Duncan Brewton

Robin Elizabeth Chatelain & George Thomas Escouse

Our Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic, and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder, and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family.

Apostolates & Volunteer Groups

Altar Society
Cindy Gainsburgh, @ 899-2637

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)
Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3795

Center of Jesus the Lord (Charismatic)
The Center, @ 529-1636

The Good Shepherd Choir
Brian Morgan, @ 227-3793

Event Planning
Rhetory Office, @ 899-1378

Friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel
Barbara Fortiger, @ barbara13@aol.com

Friends of St Henry
Alden Hagdorn, @ 891-3410

Knights of Columbus
Patrick Guisz, @ 812-6941

Life Apostolate
Kathy Fayard, @ 905-7676

Mass Volunteers
Brian Plauché, @ 289-6799
Phillip Bellini, @ 227-3793

Rhetory Volunteers
Ivy Rohr, @ 227-3792

Society of St Vincent de Paul
Laura Finnegan, @ 343-2601

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

by Pope Leo XIII

St Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the
Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly
pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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St. Michael

Collection Report	December 5 th	July 1 st -Dec 5 th
Total Collections	\$7,802.00	\$139,357.00
Budget	<u>\$7,214.71</u>	<u>\$165,938.33</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$587.29	\$26,581.33
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
St Stephen Restoration Fund		\$10,229.21
Our Lady of Good Counsel Building Fund		\$55.00
#iGiveCatholic		\$4,200.00

Are you unable to attend Mass regularly for health reasons?
Do you have a family member who can no longer drive or walk to church?

Watch our parish
Mass at 4:00 pm every
Saturday on WLAE



A televised Mass does not meet the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend.

Sunday Lectionary

Reading I (Mi 5:1-4A)

Thus says the LORD:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.
Therefore the Lord will give them up, until
the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his
God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved.

Reading II (Heb 10:5-10)

Brothers and sisters:
When Christ came into the world, he said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no
delight.
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the
scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in.”
These are offered according to the law.
Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your
will.”
He takes away the first to establish the
second.
By this “will,” we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.

Gospel (Lk 1:39-45)

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to
me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting
reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”

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Pray for the Sick

Ron Behler, Lois Boboa, Ellie Fogarty, David Forly, Eric Harper, Mario Martinez, Donna Mesatter, Alvin Paul III, Pearl H. Paul, and Bert Scalise.

Pray for the Dead

Sister M. Angela
Bergeron, CIC; Leola
Boudreaux; and Frederick
Henry Taylor, Sr.



News

The Monthly Food Pantry Requests for “Love Thy Neighbor” (a project of our Society of St Vincent de Paul) for December are canned beef-ravioli, canned spaghetti & meatballs, and canned Beefaroni.

We will have a Second Collection this weekend, for the St Stephen Restoration Fund.

The Order of Mass is found in *The Adoramus Hymnal* from the first page, with Latin on the left and the vernacular on the right, as in a missal. The Mass setting is interspersed throughout, as well as found from number 101. The Sunday Readings are now found on the fourth page of the Bulletin, and Our Family Prayer is found on the second page. The Prayer to St Michael the Archangel can be located on the third page.

The flowers on the altar for the Nativity of the Lord are in memory of Ronald & Pauline Marchessault.

Saturday, December 25th, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), and is a holy day of obligation. At St Stephen Church, we will have a Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm (which will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble), a Mass at Midnight, as well as Mass at 10:30 am.

We now have Flower Offering envelopes available near the entrances of the church and at the rectory. Your donations will assist in defraying the expense of flowers to adorn our altars.

