

*The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the Holy Child shall be called The Son of God."
 Luke 1:35*



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Mission Statement: St. Mary of the Cenacle is a compassionate, evangelizing, worshiping Catholic Parish called to holiness for life-long faith formation and sharing and caring for others.

December 22, 2024 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

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See, I have today set before you life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I am giving you today, loving the LORD, your God, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and ordinances, you will live and grow numerous, and the LORD, your God, will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. — Dt. 30:15-16

OFFICE HOURS
 10 AM - 4:00 PM Monday and Wednesday beginning 09/04

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
 Sunday: 10:30AM • Noon

MASS SCHEDULE
WEEKEND
 Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00PM
 Sunday: 9:00AM
DAILY: Monday—Thursday: 9:00AM
 Holy Hour: Thursday after Mass—until 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
 Monday: 10:00 — 10:30 AM
 Tuesday: 10:00 — 10:30 AM
 Wednesday: 12:15—1245 PM
 Thursday: 11:15—11:45 AM
 Friday: 10:00—10:30 AM
 Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
 OR by appointment

MARRIAGE
 Contact priest at least 9 months before anticipated date of wedding. Formation preparation is required

BAPTISM: Pre-Baptismal instruction classes required.
 Call far appointment

SICK CALLS/COMMUNION CALLS
 Please notify office when any parishioner is hospitalized or confined to their home or a nursing home. The Eucharist is brought to those unable to attend Mass

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES/LOCATIONS
 1-800-Mass Times or visit
 www.Masstimes.org

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

12/22 The People of St. Mary of the Cenacle
12/23 +Margarita and + Rodolfo Ramirez Sr.
12/26 The Penitents
12/29 The People of St. Mary of the Cenacle
01/02 The Penitents
01/04 Thomas LaToof

READERS

12/21 Maria Tidwell 12/22 Rudy Ramirez
12/28 Luella Rediess 12/29 Rudy Ramirez
01/04 Maria Tidwell 01/05 Rich Goodsell

PLEASE Pray for the Sick of Our Parish Parishioners

I would encourage you to do more than pray! Offer a day of Penance (acts of self-denial, prayer, and works of mercy) for one or more of these people — make a spiritual investment in their lives. Begin with the daily offering (below) and then, everything in your day goes to the benefit of the person(s) for whom your day is offered.

Ellen Davis, Kelly Morales, Sandy Feazell, Paola Loar, Melvin & Lena Fontenot, Luella Rediess, Warren Thibeaux, Gary Leiras, Sharon Davis, Mary Machart, MollyThompson, Sally Allen

Friends and Family

Elthie Meads, wife of the late Bill Meads; **Kalan Berry**, friend of Patricia Brantley; **Richard Stieb**, brother of Linda Norrid & Patty Hawley; **Rev. Thaddeus Brown, Gregory Brown, Elaine Brown**, family of Patricia Brantley; **Dr. Frank Harkins and Dr. Mary S. Harkins** by Patricia Brantley; **Charles Pemberton**, friend of the Goodsell's; **Douglas Hall**, husband of Joyce Hall; **Karen Burns**, friend of Chris Goodsell, **Maeghan Spainhower**, friend of Cheri Caudle; **Ricky Valdez**. Nephew of Nancy Farrell, **James Burns** husband of Mary Burns, **Norm Petrofsky**

A Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of N., and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father and Your Holy Catholic Church. Amen.

Daily Devotions:
Sunday: Most Holy Trinity
Monday: Holy Angels
Tuesday: The Apostles
Wednesday: St. Joseph
Thursday: The Most Holy Eucharist
Friday: The Passion of the Lord
Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Devotion for December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Mother's Greeting: Dr. Scott Hahn reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer: He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see Ruth 4:11-17; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1; Matthew 2:6). God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11-12). Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see Isaiah 9:5-6; Ezekiel 34:23-25, 30; 37:35). He is "the shepherd of Israel" sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh" (see also Psalm 2:7). He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Psalm 110:4; Genesis 14:18-20). All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see Psalm 2:7). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her. Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord. **From: St. Paul Center**

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My Suggestions:
This Week: Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage (VIDEO)
Charity In Truth by Pope Benedict XVI (AUDIO BOOK)

==>DONATIONS<==

December 14-15 \$11166,00
Retirement Fund for Religious \$218.00

YOUR OFFERINGS ARE MOST APPRECIATED! THANK YOU!

December 14-15 Retirement Fund for Religious
December 25 Caring for Priests

The schedule for the next two weeks is:
Monday: 9:00 AM Mass, Confessions until 1030
Tuesday: Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation: 6 PM
Wednesday: Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation: 9 AM
Thursday: Mass 9 AM, Confessions until 1030
Christmas and Mary Mother of God are Holy Days of Obligation.

Clearing up confusion and incorrect teaching: Reception of Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin: Many people believe that all you need to do is pray an Act of Contrition beforehand.

THIS IS NOT THE CASE. It is a matter of Canon Law, as a matter of fact. "A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess; in this case the person is to remember the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, which includes the resolution of confessing as soon as possible." (CIC 916) Note that there are four conditions that must be fulfilled before going to Communion: 1) There must be a grave reason to receive Communion (e.g., danger of death). 2) It must be physically or morally impossible to go to confession first. 3) The person must already be in a state of grace through perfect contrition. 4) The person must resolve to go to confession as soon as possible.

Also: The Penitential Rite has NO Sacramental effect. From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM): 51. After this, the Priest calls upon the whole community to take part in the Penitential Act, which, after a brief pause for silence, it does by means of a formula of general confession. **The rite concludes with the Priest's absolution, which, however, lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance.** (GIRM 51)

FROM REDEMPTIONIS SACRAMENTUM: (JOHN PAUL II: 2004)

Chapter IV: HOLY COMMUNION

1. Dispositions for the Reception of Holy Communion

[80.] The Eucharist is to be offered to the faithful, among other reasons, "as an antidote, by which we are freed from daily faults and preserved from mortal sins", as is brought to light in various parts of the Mass. As for the Penitential Act placed at the beginning of Mass, it has the purpose of preparing all to be ready to celebrate the sacred mysteries; even so, "it lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance", and cannot be regarded as a substitute for the Sacrament of Penance in remission of graver sins. Pastors of souls should take care to ensure diligent catechetical instruction, so that Christian doctrine is handed on to Christ's faithful in this matter.

[81.] The Church's custom shows that it is necessary for each person to examine himself at depth, and that anyone who is conscious of grave sin should not celebrate or receive the Body of the Lord without prior sacramental confession, except for grave reason when the possibility of confession is lacking; in this case he will remember that he is bound by the obligation of making an act of perfect contrition, which includes the intention to confess as soon as possible".

[82.] Moreover, "the Church has drawn up norms aimed at fostering the frequent and fruitful access of the faithful to the Eucharistic table and at determining the objective conditions under which Communion may not be given".

[83.] It is certainly best that all who are participating in the celebration of Holy Mass with the necessary dispositions should receive Communion. Nevertheless, it sometimes happens that Christ's faithful approach the altar as a group indiscriminately.

It pertains to the Pastors prudently and firmly to correct such an abuse.

[84.] Furthermore when Holy Mass is celebrated for a large crowd - for example, in large cities - care should be taken lest out of ignorance non-Catholics or even non-Christians come forward for Holy Communion, without taking into account the Church's Magisterium in matters pertaining to doctrine and discipline. It is the duty of Pastors at an opportune moment to inform those present of the authenticity and the discipline that are strictly to be observed.

[85.] Catholic ministers licitly administer the Sacraments only to the Catholic faithful, who likewise receive them licitly only from Catholic ministers, except for those situations for which provision is made in can. 844 §§ 2,3, and 4, and can. 861 § 2. In addition, the conditions comprising can. 844 § 4, from which no dispensation can be given, cannot be separated; thus, it is necessary that all of these conditions be present together.

[86.] The faithful should be led insistently to the practice whereby they approach the Sacrament of Penance outside the celebration of Mass, especially at the scheduled times, so that the Sacrament may be administered in a manner that is tranquil and truly beneficial to them, so as not to be prevented from active participation at Mass. Those who are accustomed to receiving Communion often or daily should be instructed that they should approach the Sacrament of Penance at appropriate intervals, in accordance with the condition of each.

[87.] The First Communion of children must always be preceded by sacramental confession and absolution. Moreover First Communion should always be administered by a Priest and never outside the celebration of Mass. Apart from exceptional cases, it is not particularly appropriate for First Communion to be administered on Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Another day should be chosen instead, such as a Sunday between the Second and the Sixth Sunday of Easter, or the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or the Sundays of Ordinary Time, since Sunday is rightly regarded as the day of the Eucharist. "Children who have not attained the age of reason, or those whom" the Parish Priest "has determined to be insufficiently prepared" should not come forward to receive the Holy Eucharist. Where it happens, however, that a child who is exceptionally mature for his age is judged to be ready for receiving the Sacrament, the child must not be denied First Communion provided he has received sufficient instruction.

[107.] In accordance with what is laid down by the canons, "one who throws away the consecrated species or takes them away or keeps them for a sacrilegious purpose, incurs a latae sententiae (at the moment of the act) excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See; a cleric, moreover, may be punished by another penalty, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state". To be regarded as pertaining to this case is any action that is voluntarily and gravely disrespectful of the sacred species. Anyone, therefore, who acts contrary to these norms, for example casting the sacred species into the sacrarium or in an unworthy place or on the ground, incurs the penalties laid down. (This is why I ask people insistently to check your hands for particles and fragments. The Church truly believes that the Eucharist is Jesus.