

Today's Liturgical Ministers – December 1st
First Sunday of Advent
Today's Readings: Missal Page 24

Celebrant

Fr. Raj

Commentator

Mike Rodgers

Altar Servers

Kenneth Way
Isaac Rodgers

Lectors

Russ Miller
Donna Way

Extraordinary Ministers

Lang Rodgers
Becky Elders

Next Week – December 8th

God's Housekeeper

Kelly Bedenbaugh

Commentator

Jamie Berry

Altar Servers

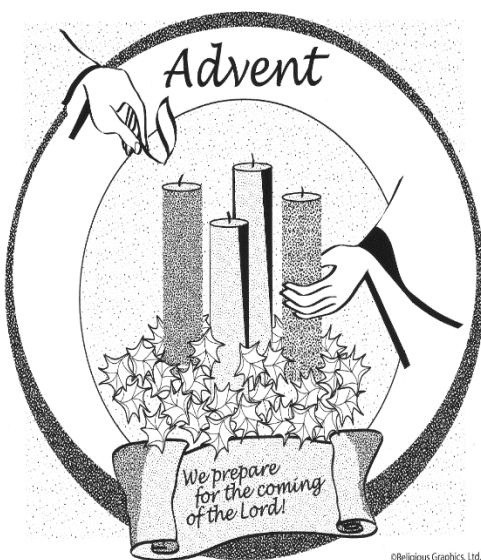
Jon Rodgers
Aiden Rodgers

Lectors

Josie Rodgers
Tim Rodgers

Extraordinary Ministers

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NOTE: Information should be received by **Thursday PM** prior to the Sunday that it should appear in the bulletin.



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First
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of
Advent

December 1, 2019

Mass Schedule

Saturday

6:00 PM
 Misa en Espanol

Sunday

10:00 AM
 Mass



Welcome to St. William Catholic Church

Sunday, December 1st, 2019 – 1st Sunday of Advent

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 1st

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM Mass

Saturday, December 7th

4:00 PM CCD (Spanish)

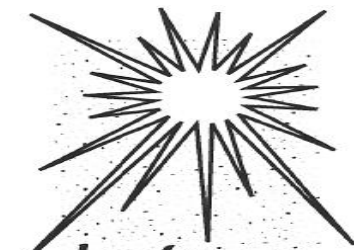
6:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, December 8th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM CCD

10:00 AM Mass



Let us
walk
in the
light
of the
Lord

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Prayer List

Don Able	Russell Altman
Maria Avila	Corine Bailey
Mollie Bartley	Emma Susie Black
Rita Copeland	Sandra Corder
Gloria Fulmer	R. A. Gibson
Ora Gillian	Gerald Glanton
Kathy Harris	Beth Huff
Rose Kitchings	Jack Koyne
Marco A. Lache	L.M. "Frog" Matthews
Betty Jean Miller	Jackson Miller
Jim Moore	Jack O'Brien
George Pierce	Presley Ponce
Johnny Ray Powell	Marian Richardson
Charles Rodgers	Dale Rodgers
Julia Rodgers	Randy Rodgers
Will Rogers	Richard Rowe
McKinley Simpson	Sara Tompkins
Gena Turner	Kerry Way

Let us also pray for our servicemen and women, for the unemployed, for the homeless, for our nation, and for all the deceased members of St. William's.

Advent Retreat: Blessed, Broken and Scared

The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is teaming up with Broken Door Ministries to host the popular retreat: Blessed, Broken, and Scared. Jesus was the Father's gift to our broken world. Pride and fear prevent us from unwrapping the Father's gift. In the retreat, participants will discover the keys that unlock the chains that bind them to recurring sin and brokenness. They will also learn how to model Jesus and become a 'gift' to others.

The retreat is two nights, December 6-8. Speaker and author Brian Pusateri of Broken Door Ministries will be the retreat master.

Find more information at www.catholicconference.org/signs/ or contact info@catholicconference.org, 828.327.7441.

Following the baptisms, the new Christians return to their homes and come back with their wives and families to be in their turn prepared for baptism.

- St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Patron of Catholic Missions, Feast Day December 3



Parish News and Happenings

Second Collection Today

There will be a second collection TODAY following Communion for **SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA**. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but many face the challenges of poverty, disease, food shortages, and migration. This collection is our opportunity to stand with the people of Africa by supporting pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. Please be generous today. Envelopes have been provided at the back of the church.

"The Guiding Power of Hope"

Limited copies available! Please feel free to take a copy of this page-a-day book at the back of the church, in which Sister Janet Schaeffler will guide you to listen for the "whispers of hope" in the seemingly ordinary moments of your day.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 1st
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The Gazebo in Ridge Spring

Come join us for hot chocolate, song and dance, as well a visit from a special guest from the North Pole.

Local vendors will be available for purchasing gifts and keepsakes

Christmas Party – Dec. 15th

Start making plans to attend St. William's annual Christmas party, Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 PM.

AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

- St. William's Christmas Card Mailbox
- 2020 Church Calendars



Debbie Black
December 6th

Alayna Way
December 6th

Kerry Way
December 6th

Offertory for Nov. 23rd & 24th

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- Sunday, December 8th
 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 - Maintenance Fund collection
- Sunday, December 15th
 - Retirement Fund for Religious collection
 - Christmas Party: 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 24th
 - CHRISTMAS EVE
- Wednesday December 25th
 - CHRISTMAS
 - Mass: 12:00 AM, 11:00 AM
- Sunday, December 29th
 - HOLY FAMILY
- Tuesday, December 31st
 - NEW YEAR'S EVE



- Wednesday, January 1st
 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY
 - Mass: 11:00 AM
- Sunday, January 5th
 - EPIPHANY
- Sunday, January 12th
 - Maintenance Fund collection

Contemplate the Mystery of God

We cannot see God with our physical eyes nor can we find God through the logic of reason. The more we try to see God with our physical eyes or find God through logical analysis, the more we will fail. We will become increasingly frustrated and God will become more distant to us. To see the extraordinary ordinariness of God is to see with a different set of eyes, the eyes of the heart and to know God by a different logic, the logic of love. What Francis tells us in his Admonition is that we must contemplate the mystery of God. Contemplation takes place when we learn to see the mystery of God bent over in love in the fragile human flesh of Jesus Christ. The way to contemplate the mystery of God's humble love, according to Francis, is in the Eucharist.

- from the book *The Humility of God: A Franciscan Perspective*



Upcoming Readings & Gospels

12/1	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44
12/8	Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
12/15	Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11