

Today's Liturgical Ministers – December 8th
Second Sunday of Advent
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Celebrant

Fr. Emmanuel

Commentator

Jamie Berry

Altar Servers

Jon Rodgers
Aiden Rodgers

Lectors

Josie Rodgers
Tim Rodgers

Extraordinary Ministers

Russ Miller
Donna Way

Next Week – December 15th

God's Housekeeper

Becky Elders

Commentator

Lang Rodgers

Altar Servers

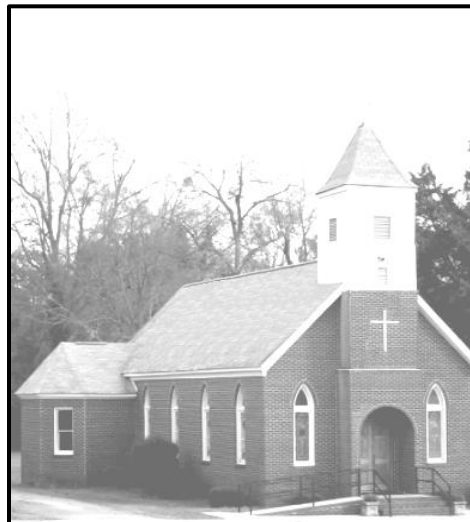
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Isaac Rodgers

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Second
Sunday
of
Advent

December 8, 2019

Mass Schedule

Saturday

6:00 PM
Misa en Espanol

Sunday

10:00 AM
Mass



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"We should make Mary lie down in the straw. She's 'specting a baby, you know"

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Welcome to St. William Catholic Church

Sunday, December 8th, 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 8th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM CCD

10:00 AM Mass

Monday, December 9th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 11th

6:30 PM Mass

Thursday, December 12th

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Saturday, December 14th

4:00 PM CCD (Spanish)

6:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, December 15th

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM CCD

10:00 AM Mass

5:00 PM Christmas Party

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.

Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Sunday, December 15th

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

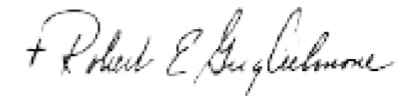
As Christians, we are called to "serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service — past and present — is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise, and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the people of God.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you.

In the Lord's Peace,



Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

*In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on
our earthly possessions and human successes,
but on how well we have loved.*

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

Parish News and Happenings

Maintenance Fund Collection

There will be a second collection TODAY following Communion for our Maintenance Fund.

Christmas Party – Dec. 15th

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

Christmas Card Mailbox

It's time for the St. William's Christmas Card Mailbox! You may bring your Christmas cards for any members of St. William's (stamp-free) and drop them in the box at the back of the church. Deadline to bring cards is Sunday, December 15th.



Weekday Mass

Wednesday night Mass has resumed. Mass begins at 6:30 PM. Additionally, Fr. Raj will be holding monthly parish meetings after the Wednesday Mass at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month.

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. Raj and Fr. Emmanuel will begin hearing confessions each Sunday at 9:30 AM.



Jamie Berry
December 12th
George Barton
December 13th

Chris & Tonya
Rodgers
December 14th

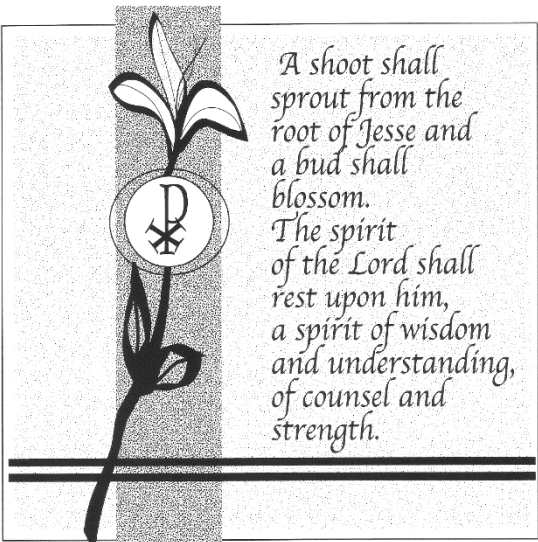


Offertory for Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st

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Church in Africa

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Church Calendar

- 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
 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 - Maintenance Fund collection
- Monday, January 20th
 - MLK DAY

A Season of Transition

Transitions are tender seasons, not unlike the nine months when a woman gestates a seed prior to the birth of a child. New awareness can be fragile, and our old ways of being have the strength and energy of long-lived habits to give them considerable momentum and power. As the image of being attentive to a seed implies, you have to become more watchful. Care needs to be exercised. Fresh insights and new awareness have not yet been tested outside of your own heart, nor subjected to the gaze of others. It takes practice.

*- from the book Stars at Night:
When Darkness Unfolds As Light*



He shall govern your people with justice

Upcoming Readings & Gospels

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
12/22	Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24