

**Today's Liturgical Ministers – December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Second Sunday in the Season of Advent**  
**Today's Readings: Missal Page 32**

**Celebrant**  
 Father Bob

**Commentator**  
 Mike Rodgers

**Altar Servers**  
 Aiden Rodgers  
 Kenneth Way

**Lectors**  
 Becky Elders  
 Tim Rodgers

**Extraordinary Ministers**  
 Lang Rodgers  
 Donna Way

**Next Week – December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**God's Housekeeper**  
 Brenda Rodgers

**Commentator**  
 Jamie Berry

**Altar Servers**  
 Isaac Rodgers  
 Alayna Way

**Lectors**  
 Josie Rodgers  
 Donna Way

**Extraordinary Ministers**  
 Mike Rodgers  
 Wallace Rodgers



"It's just hard to believe in you when you're not in the Bible."

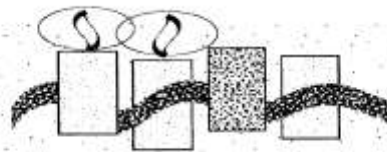
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***Second***  
***Sunday of***  
***Advent***

***December 9, 2018***

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday	6:00 PM Misa en Espanol
Sunday	10:15 AM Mass
Wednesday	7:00 PM Mass

For God so  
 loved ... he gave  
 his only Son.  
 John 3:16



# Welcome to St. William Catholic Church

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM CCD

10:15 AM Mass



### Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

11:30 AM Senior Lunch

### Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:00 PM Mass

### Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM CCD (Spanish)

6:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM CCD

10:15 AM Mass

## Prayer List

Don Able	Russell Altman
Maria Avila	Corine Bailey
Emma Susie Black	Rita Copeland
Sandra Corder	Wayne Fain
Ora Gillian	Ralph Hall
Kathy Harris	Beth Huff
Elaina Julian	Rose Kitchings
Marco A. Lache	L.M. "Frog" Matthews
Betty Jean Miller	Jackson Miller
Jim Moore	Jack O'Brien
George Pierce	Johnny Ray Powell
Marian Richardson	Charles Rodgers
Dale Rodgers	Martha Rodgers
Tasha 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, and for our nation.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucille Miller, and for her friends and family who mourn her loss.*

## Retirement Fund for Religious Second Collection – December 16<sup>th</sup>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, "There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds."<sup>1</sup> This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals and social service agencies — allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the people of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo  
Bishop of Charleston

## Town Hall Meetings

Bishop Guglielmo will be holding town hall meetings to talk about and answer questions related to the current crisis in the Catholic Church. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.

- December 10<sup>th</sup>: Blessed Sacrament Church (Charleston)
- December 11<sup>th</sup>: Basilica of St. Peter (Columbia)
- January 10<sup>th</sup>: St. Michael Church (Murrells Inlet)
- January 14<sup>th</sup>: St. Mary Help of Christians (Aiken)
- January 28<sup>th</sup>: St. Anne Church (Rock Hill)

## Parish News and Happenings

### Maintenance Fund Collection

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

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>.



Jamie Berry  
December 12<sup>th</sup>

George Barton  
December 13<sup>th</sup>

### Senior Lunch – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

All Seniors are invited to attend the Senior Lunch on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM.

### Christmas Party – Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Start making plans to attend St. William's annual Christmas party, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Please bring finger foods and soft drinks to share. Plates, cups and napkins will be provided.



Chris & Tonya Rodgers  
December 14<sup>th</sup>



### Stroke Scan Plus – December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

On December 14 and 15, 2018 Stroke Scan Plus will perform preventive vascular examinations with ultrasound in the Parish Hall both days. Two areas of the body (Vascular Package) will be examined: the carotid arteries of the neck looking for fatty plaques, which is the # 1 cause of brain attacks; The abdominal aorta goes down in search of aneurysms. These exams cost regularly, in hospitals, between \$500 to \$1,200 each. Stroke Scan will offer these exams for only \$ 159 (total cost). As a courtesy, along with the Vascular Package, the thyroid, liver, gallbladder and kidneys will also be examined at no additional cost. If you want to benefit from these exams, Stroke Scan will be here, at the church, on December 8 and 9, 2018 for you to register. You can also call to schedule an appointment at: 1-866-935-7226 or 832-437-7355.

## *Save the Date*

- Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Retirement Fund for Religious collection
    - Christmas Party: 5:00 PM
  - Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>
    - WINTER BEGINS
  - Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
    - CHRISTMAS EVE
  - Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
    - CHRISTMAS
  - Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>
    - HOLY FAMILY
  - Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>
    - NEW YEAR'S EVE
- 2019
- Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>
    - NEW YEAR'S DAY
    - SOLEMNITY OF MARY
  - Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>
    - EPIPHANY
  - Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>
    - Maintenance Fund
  - Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
    - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

**Offertory for December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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### God Alone Is All We Need



Advent reminds us that the One who has come into the world and is always coming into our lives in new ways is the source of our salvation. We don't need novelty and "magic bullet" solutions to our concerns. We simply need to return again and again to the rock-solid foundation of our lives: God and God alone. The mystery of the Incarnation is that by entering into our time and into our world, Jesus can show us the way to the gift that is beyond all time.

- from *Simple Gifts:*  
*Daily Reflections for Advent*

### Upcoming Readings & Gospels

12/9	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6
12/16	Zephaniah 3:14-18a Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18
12/23	Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

