

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 27, 2021 5:00 PM  
 † Donna Jones  
 by Pamela and Hal Ness

Sunday, November 28, 2021 8:00 AM  
 † Ronald Cavaliere  
 by Barbara and Danny Pittman

Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:00 AM  
 † Msgr. Joseph Barry  
 by Mary and Win Wesel

Sunday, November 28, 2021 1:00 PM  
 People of the Parish

Monday, November 29, 2021  
**No Mass**

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:00 AM  
 † Stan Lechwar  
 by Diane and Tom Macedo

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 5:30 PM  
 † Rosemary Darrow  
 by Sue and Don Canna

Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:00 AM  
 † Donna Jones  
 by Lisa and Michael Walsh

Friday, December 3, 2021 8:00 AM  
 † Claire Walker  
 by Lisa and Michael Walsh

Saturday, December 4, 2021 5:00 PM  
 † Bennett Trey Howard  
 by Knights of Columbus #3067

Sunday, December 5, 2021 8:00 AM  
 Jennifer Hansen  
 by Donna and Mike Saguto

Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:00 AM  
 † Betty Clark  
 by Sandy and Colin Peterson

Sunday, December 5, 2021 1:00 PM  
 People of the Parish



**Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:**

Barbara Mahaffey, Carolyn Hicks, Betty Barr, Angel Khoury, and James A. Harrelson, III.

**Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:**

Natalie Wozniak, Ed Wozniak, Jim Lauro, Fred Fisher, Tom Lusby, Carol Lusby, John Yaniga and John Kenny.

**Pray for those in our Military:**

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, Brian Eduardo Vazquez and Matthew Mathis.

The names on our prayer lists will be printed for three months or less if the prayers are answered. Names on our military list will remain until we are notified by a family member. Please help keep our lists current.

If you would like to add or delete a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish office at 843-546-7416. **If you want the Prayer Chain to pray for you, please call Faye Altman at 843-546-8301.**

**Ministry Schedules**

We are currently working on the first six months of the 2022 Ministry schedules. If your phone number or email address has changed please contact the church office at 843-546-7416 or email your information to stmarygeorgetown@charlestandioocese.org.



*The Advent wreath and candles on our altar were donated in loving memory of our parents, Zion and George Amann, and our brother, George Paul Amann by their children and grandchildren.*



The U.S. Marine Corps is sponsoring "Toys for Tots". Please bring in an unwrapped toy for all ages. Remember the older kids need toys too. Any gift will be greatly appreciated. You might not be aware of this but, right here in our own back yard, "Georgetown County" there are over 1,500 families with children that go without the necessities, such as food, heat, etc. during this holiday season. Your contribution will stay in Georgetown County only. If you have any questions please call Corporal Timothy "Tim" Boyle at 843-359-4785 or visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) One TOY makes a difference, please help make that difference.



**The Knights Corner  
 "Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"**

THANK YOU to the many volunteers and contributors to this year's Thanksgiving for Those In Need on Thanksgiving Day! We will have the final tally by the next bulletin.

Thank you to the Food Pantry contributors from last week as well. The food donations of dry and canned goods were delivered to St. Cyprian Outreach and Georgetown Helping Hands and the need continues strong for these donations. From financial contributions, we will also be able to contribute food supplies to 50 of the 100 Christmas Food Boxes that St. Cyprian Outreach will be giving out in December. Further, we have been able to again donate this year 2 boxes of new winter coats for the boys and girls, which St. Cyprian Outreach will be distributing to their clients. Both of these efforts and successes are certainly a great way to share in our many blessings during this MOST HOLY time of the year!

At our November Knights of Columbus Business Meeting we agreed to have one more business meeting this year, so the second Thursday of the month makes it Thursday, December 9th! We start at the Maryville Social Hall at 2009 South Fraser St. with a dinner at 6 PM followed by a one hour business meeting at 7 PM. Hope to see you there!

Our Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 will again have the Honor Guard and the Santa Maria boat in the Georgetown Christmas Parade Saturday, December 4th. 4th Degree Sir Knights should gather at 10 AM at East Bay Park and the parade will start from there at 11 AM and progressing down Front Street. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this parade to bring in the Christmas Season! Yes, Santa will be there too!!

Our Georgetown/Pawleys Island Assembly 3272 Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus will again this year lead the Wreaths Across America ceremony starting at 11 AM Saturday, December 18th at the War Memorial site located between the VFW and American Legion located at Broad and Church Streets (Hwy 17 North). This patriotic and moving ceremony is open to the public AND a great way to take time during the holidays to give THANKS AND HONOR to those from Georgetown County who gave their lives to preserve the many freedoms we enjoy. Look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact Shane Goheen, Knights of Columbus Insurance and Investment Field Agent, if he can be of any service to you at (843) 457-5757.

**Parish Support**

The offertory collection for November 13th and 14th was \$7,389.00. **This includes \$957.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,989.00 over our weekly goal of \$5,400.00. The offertory collection amount for November 20th and 21st was unavailable at the time of printing.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

*If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.*

**A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal**  
 Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.

## First Sunday of Advent



### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

## Liturgical Roles

December 4 <u>Saturday</u> 5:00 pm	December 5 <u>Sunday</u> 8:00 am	December 5 <u>Sunday</u> 10:00 am
<b>Lector:</b> L Lauro	W Roberts	T Howard
<b>Ushers:</b> S Salamon P Wolfe	P Karre W Hoppe N Giesler T Clarke	S/M Edwards
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>		
A/A Vega	MJ/B Clark	M Walsh
<b>Altar Servers:</b> D Macedo	G Baker	R Arreaga
<b>Altar Care:</b> P Hughes	C Humphries	L Ortiz
<b>If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.</b>		

## PARISH EVENTS



**Mass Intentions for 2021** may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

**To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2021** please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



**Gospel Study Group** meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome. If you have any questions or know someone who is interested in joining our group, please call Mary Boelke at (843)543-3537.

### St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 2 PM in our parish hall. Altar Society members will meet December 14th to enjoy a Christmas luncheon in the Parish Hall at 12 noon. Please note the date and time change. All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members. For more information call Ann Boone (843-235-4094) or Mary Roberts (843-546-4800).

### Religious Education

Can about 20 high school teenagers get together and have fun without video games, cell phones, and loud music? Yes, they can! And Saint Mary's high school class is proof. On Friday, November 12th, our high school class organized a (board) game night and invited other high schoolers to join them. It was a very successful evening and we are planning another one at the beginning of next year. The following catechumen will be confirmed at Precious Blood of Christ Church in Pawleys Island on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 7 PM: Yairr Chavez Hernandez, Bradley Hernandez, Brandon Palafox Hernandez, Marco Godinez Perez, Ana Maria Rocha, Adriana Sanchez Aca, Luz Gonzalez Gomez, and Aishly Sanchez Gonzales. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for receiving their sacrament.

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger. ~ Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master. ~ It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap." ~ So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

### First Sunday of Advent - Gospel Meditation

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops. ~ And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short. ~ Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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