

**Advent - a joyful time of waiting for the Lord's coming.**

Dear parishioners and visitors of Holy Spirit Parish & Christ the King Mission:

Last weekend, we began the beautiful season of Advent. It is a time to prepare our souls and hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The word advent comes from the Latin word "adventus", which means coming. For the ancient Romans, this word meant the official arrival of Caesar and a special time for the city.

The Advent Mass readings tell us of the dramatic exhortations of the prophets, who encourage conversion, emphasize the impending end of time, and speak of the final advent of God's kingdom. At the same time, the Church will remind us of the hope associated with Parousia, that is, the second coming of Christ. The color for the Priestly vestments during Advent is purple. This color was created from a mixture of blue and red, which adequately expresses the spiritual and the carnal, as purple represents the struggle between the spirit and the body. The exception will be the 3rd Sunday of Advent, or Gaudete, when the color of the vestments will be rose. That color expresses the advantage of light and thus the closeness of Christmas. The liturgy of Advent will show us great figures, such as the prophet Isaiah and St. John the Baptist. John the Baptist will teach us how to prepare for the coming of the Lord through repentance, breaking away from our sins, rising from our addictions, and transforming us from an old man into a new one, by following the example of Christ Himself. This holy season of Advent is a reminder of the truth that Christ will come a second time to end the history of the world with the glory of the resurrection of the dead. Jesus said many times in the Bible: "I will come again and take you home, so that you may also be where I am" (Jn 14:3).

Dear friends of Christ, I wish for each of you that this time of Advent will be a time of motivation and renovation of your spirituality. That this Christmas, with pure hearts, you will be able to welcome the Baby Jesus into your life and your family. As you know, Advent is also a time of conversion and renewal of our broken hearts by sin, in the Sacrament of Confession. That's why we will have an Advent Penance Service at Holy Spirit Church in Vancleave on Thursday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. Do not keep your soul in the darkness of sin

any longer. Repent and look for help, forgiveness, mercy, guidance, and the light of Christ in Confession. Of course, the most beautiful and brightest light for us Christians, is the Mother of God. She is the bright dawn rising in the morning, which will help us on our journey to Heaven. We especially love Her during Advent, as she is the biblical rainbow that announces reconciliation, an end to anger and punishment. She was the chosen one to be the Mother of the Savior, and She bore for us the Light, the King of the Universe, who will save us all on the last day. May the experience of Advent bring us all closer to the final destination of our faith, which is Heaven, so that filled with His graces we may go through life towards His eternal happiness. I pray for a happy and blessed Advent for you all. In Christ, Fr. Peter

***CYO – Christmas Extravaganza***

The CYO will be hosting a Christmas Extravaganza after 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Kids from all ages are welcome; ***Santa will be available***. Also, a movie and reindeer games will happen. Admission is canned food items which will be used to restock our Food Pantry located at Christ the King Mission. We will also have bins at Christ the King and Holy Spirit to collect food items for the pantry.

***Advent Penance Service***

We will have an Advent Penance Service for the Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish and Christ the King Mission on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

***2022 Catholic Calendars***

**The 2022 Catholic Calendars are now available in the vestibule of the church. Please pick up your free calendar on the way out!**

***Schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation  
The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary***

***Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> -Vigil Mass***  
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Christ the King  
***Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate  
Conception of the BVM***  
8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit

***Next Sunday is the Special Diocesan Collection for  
the St. Vincent De Paul Pharmacy***

***The Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe*** is on December 12, 2021. This day is not a Holy Day of Obligation, however, Fr. Peter will Celebrate Mass in her honor on ***Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.*** for those of you who wish to attend.

***Parish Charities  
Our Food Pantry is asking for donations of the  
following items for  
Thanksgiving and Christmas:***

Gravy mix, Corn bread mix, Cream potatoes mix, Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Cake mix, Icing, canned sweet potatoes.

**We will not have the Hour of Mercy in December.**

***HOMEBOUND VISITS:*** Fr. Peter is able to visit the homebound parishioners and Minister to them the Sacraments of Confession, Communion and Anointing. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Peter directly (228-233-0947) if you would like him to visit your relative.

***SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:*** Fr. Peter is available for Confession every day, before daily Mass and after, or by appointment.

***ANNULMENTS:*** Please contact Fr. Peter if you are in need of an Annulment (228) 233-0947.

**CK & HS COMBINED ACTIVITIES**

**CYO :** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm to 8:00pm 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Parish Hall

**Youth Ministers:**

**RCIA:** Wednesday. 6:30pm-8:00 pm – Parish Hall

**K of C Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month at 7pm.- KC Hall

**Parish Charity:** Tuesdays- 4:30pm.-5:00pm C.K.

**Boy Scouts Troup 826: Michael Rosas** -Tuesdays- 6:30pm- HSCC

**HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES: 6705 Jim Ramsay  
Road, Vancleave, 39565**

**Altar Society** – Margaret Brenke, President  
Maintenance – Mark Hopkins

**CCD Director:** Jessica Maddox

**CCD** Grades K-9 – Sunday 9:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.

**CCD** Grades 10 & 11 – Wed. 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. HSCC

**Bible Study** – Wed. after 8:00am  
Mass and Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Holy Spirit Community Center.

**CHRIST THE KING ACTIVITIES**  
**10601 Daisy Vestry Rd, Latimer, MS**  
**39565**

**CCD Director:** Shirley McCusker

**CD:** Grades K – 11<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 10:15am-11:15am  
**Parish Council:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:45pm  
**Altar Society/Flowers** – Tina Shoemaker, President. Please contact her at (228) 238-3791.

***PRAYER REQUESTS***

***Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Please pray for our seminarians:*** Michael Johnson, Chris Collins, John Olivier, Adam Frey, Jesse Schmitt, Christian Baca, Marcelo Gois, Jacob Lott and Deacon Tomasz Powroznik, ***and permanent deacons; our Service Men & Women:*** Chad Parker, James Griffith, Scott Fisher, Patrick Ekhlas, Josh Iler, Michael Ferencak, Bruce Spearnock, Kris Moe, Joshua Cook and Matt hew Ekhlas; ***those in nursing or assisted living homes and those who are ill:*** Maria Kmiecik, Pete Dacri, Joe Martin, Garrett Windham, Bryleigh Brochard, Albert Santa Cruz, Thomas Newman, Jim Hinton, Sandra Hill, Beverly Reese, Gwen Flurry, Mary Osterman, Nell Kieff and Miguel Saavedra.

Stewardship			
Date	Holy Spirit	Christ the King	
11/28	2,680	1,003	Offering

<i>MASS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Sat Dec 11 4:00 pm CK	Eugene Higginbotham	
Sat Dec 11 6:00 pm HS	Doris Santa Cruz	
Sun Dec 12 9:15 am CK	Shirley McCusker	Addie Illich
Sun Dec 12 11:00 am HS	Ashley Parker	Cohen Weinhofer
Sun Dec 12 6:00 pm HS	Tommy Ross	