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Masses
Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM
Fr. J.J. Mech - Pastor
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Sunday	November 29	First Sunday of Advent 9:30 Mass for Rev. Thomas McAnoy (23 rd anniversary; Our Leaders; World Peace Ministers: Brenda West, Lana Douglas-Hardin
Monday	November 30	St. Andrew
Tuesday	December 1	
Wednesday	December 2	
Thursday	December 3	St. Francis Xavier
Friday	December 4	St. John Damascene
Saturday	December 5	5:15 Mass in honor of the 1981 marriage of Laura Wilbert Griffin, requested by Gretchen Wilbert; Anna Kolmetz; and for names and intentions on the Rosary Prayer List
Sunday	December 6	Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 Mass for Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their family; World Peace Ministers: Ann Murphy, Denise Hytower

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Baruch 5: 1 - 9
Philippians 1: 4-6, 8 – 11
Luke 3: 1 – 6

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

Please Remember These Friends in Prayer

Catherine Speirs	Patrick Sievc	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Barnes Family	Ken Jenkins	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay and Jim Morhard	Susan Amman	Lauren Reagan
Daniella McClendon	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Taylor Wright	Fred Kammerer
Marie Therese Lucien	Burma Gilchrist	Cynthia Davis	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Natalie
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Javan Kienzle	SaraWillis
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Susanto Suprpto	Rita Bowers	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Louise Adams	Lyle and Janet Dolin	Cindy LaGosh	Mr. Simmons
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Rev. James Meyer	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Joanie Stanesic
Marjorie Perdue	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Chris & Michael Shea	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Greg Varano	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Michaela Norman & Nate	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Ann Morey Franklin
Lucille Sobocinski	Ray McConnell	Monique Glaspie	The Jackson Family
Owen Patrick Strunk	Clarence Mayes	Honey, Tom & Zachary	Bobbie, Ann, Donna
JoAnn Koch	Tory Murray	The Mullin Family	Debbie Schaefer
Barbara Foley	Bob Delbeke	Mary Martin	Angelina Roberts
Shannon Barnes	Dr P	Bob Delbeke	Allan Krupp
Rosa Maria Santos	Luchrisha Drake	Micaela Norman	Eleanor Fuchs
Gloria Virgo	Eileen Marie Finn	Ann Sadge	Ida Bailey

PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Muddy Peha Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens
Tonya Gray Gary Didilus

Jottings from Fr. J.J.

IT'S A NEW YEAR-GIVE THANKS! By the time you read this, the tryptophan from the turkey will have kicked in and you will be sleepy. I love Thanksgiving! It has become my favorite holiday. You might be asking: *"But it is not even a religious day, Father, why is it your fav?"* To be honest, that is part of the reason it is my favorite. I don't have to be a zombie after celebrating a zillion liturgies. But the real reasons I enjoy it is one because it is about Detroit. I am so proud of our city and we get national attention with our parade being shown in about 75 TV markets, and the nation then watches the Lions. Two, It is about family. About half of the Mech gang run in the "Turkey Trot" (a couple of my nephews often run in speedos!?-Fr. Greg wanted to do that too, but don't worry, I talked him out of it). These family runners then join the rest of us who have hunkered down and saved a spot on the curb to enjoy all the floats and we then wait for the "big guy" in red. We then gather together here in my house to eat, play games, have fun, and enjoy each other. I love traditions, and we have been celebrating these traditions since I was a kid.

This weekend, though, something else exciting occurs. Speaking of traditions, as Christians we begin a new liturgical year and enter into the rich and ancient four-week season of Advent. For many American Christians though, Advent passes virtually unnoticed because their celebration of "Christmas" starts the day after Thanksgiving. "Black Friday" begins what has become a secular and intensely commercial feast. I would like to remind you though, that the time of Advent offers us an opportunity to dive deeply into a counter-cultural time of quiet reflection, a space of hopeful and patient waiting and discernment about how God's incarnation has meaning and is at work in our world today.

How do we prevent getting caught up in this secularism? Create your own traditions: 1) Get an Advent wreath. Put it on your dining room table and as a family begin your grace before meals by lighting it. Download special prayers, or use the daily readings to count down the weeks until Christ's birth. 2) In fact, make the Sundays of Advent into something special. Prepare a nice dinner or host a potluck to invite over family & friends. 3) There are lots of great Advent books that take you deeper into the profound theology of Advent. God comes to us as a Child, and this is amazing to think about! Going through each day with devotional reading is one of the best ways to spiritually prepare ourselves for Christmas, the birth of the King of Kings. 4) Especially popular with children is the Advent calendar. Counting down the days to Christmas helps children to anticipate patiently and to focus on waiting for the baby Jesus to be born. You can purchase one, or make one as a fun craft time for kids. Heck, I'm an adult and I love them (especially when I open the day's door and there is

candy inside!). 5) Nativity sets are a classic tradition and are great to display during the Advent season. To make the display especially poignant, wait until Christmas Eve to place the Baby Jesus into the scene. The Vatican has a tradition of the Holy Father blessing the Baby Jesus from family nativity scenes, called Bambinelli Sunday. This takes place on the third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday. Bring it in, I would love to bless your Baby Jesus figure! 6) Advent is known as the “little Lent” and is therefore a time for penitential practices. Confession is an important part of preparing room for the coming of Christ into our hearts, allowing Him to draw us into deeper conversion. 7) Prayer, alms, and sacrifices are also a also part of Advent season. Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporal acts of mercy such as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, volunteering at a nursing home or soup kitchen, visiting the sick in a hospital, or simply inviting people into your home who may have no friends or family of their own to celebrate the holidays with. If you can’t find something to be a part of in your parish or local community, be an organizer for a cause you’re passionate about and get others involved. 8) Come to daily Mass. Hopefully these ideas have given you inspiration to celebrate Advent in a new and deeper way this year. Maybe God will give us an Advent miracle and the Lions will have won! God Bless, Fr. J.J.

ADVENT AT ROSARY

A few more ideas to add to Fr. J.J.’s Jottings:

- We have the Advent book from the Diocese of Saginaw. Five minutes of reading and prayer each day will help us focus on the season.
- We have a list of food items needed for the Christmas baskets. Bring your items to church the next two weeks.
- We are still collecting clean blankets. The ones you have brought in already are warming many of our neighbors.
- We are still accepting donations for Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan. Donate to help our brothers and sisters in our own area.
- Enjoy Noel Night next Saturday in our neighborhood. There is more to see, hear, eat, experience than you could possible do between 5 and 10 PM. This will put you in a great mood for the Christmas experience.
- Don’t forget our cookie exchange December 13. There is a sign up sheet for those who want to participate. Another Christmas experience!
- Block out December 19 and 20 on your calendar and be here to help us pack and distribute food boxes.

- **Christmas shopping? Check with family and friends about making a donation to Rosary their Christmas present this year. They might want to do the same for you?**

FINANCES

Last weekend we received 34 envelopes. The Offertory Collection totaled \$1,562. Yes, the weather was terrible, and we know those who couldn't make it here will bring last week's offering this week, right?

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Fr. Cyprian Davis, a Benedictine priest and professor, has written what many believe is the definitive history of black Catholics in the United States. Fr. Davis recovered the story that was largely hidden from public view, through his lifelong commitment to recording the African American riches that have been lost and neglected. His work has been sheer grace for our Catholic community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Katemia Ganaway
Michael Jennings
Maggie Harrington
Lela Lee**

**Monday
Wednesday
Thursday
Saturday**