



**SATURDAY: DECEMBER 12**

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent  
5:30 p.m. ~ People of God

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 13**

Third Sunday of Advent  
7:30 a.m. ~ Anna & Harry Myhra †  
10:30 a.m. . . . Angelo Cirbiras  
Knights of Columbus Rosary (10 a.m.) &  
Corporate Communion during Mass

**MONDAY: DECEMBER 14**

Saint John of the Cross, priest  
and Doctor of the Church  
8:30 a.m. . . . Francisco Bricatay †

**TUESDAY: DECEMBER 15**

Advent Weekday  
8:30 a.m. . . .  
Andrew & Virginia Rabiansky

**WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 16**

Advent Weekday  
8:30 a.m. . . . Frey & Vanderbeek  
Deceased Family Members †

**THURSDAY: DECEMBER 17**

Late Advent Weekday  
8:30 a.m. . . .  
Stanley & Lillian Marszalek †

**FRIDAY: DECEMBER 18**

Late Advent Weekday  
8:30 a.m. . . . **Communion Service**

**SATURDAY: DECEMBER 19**

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
5:30 p.m. ~ Bill Means †  
Carol Mazola † & Mel Welch †

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 20**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
7:30 a.m. ~ People of God  
10:30 a.m. . . . Ray Tanguay †



**7:00 P.M. ~ TUESDAY: DEC 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
Join us at Christ Our Redeemer



**Reconciliation  
West Central Deanery**

**Tue. ~ Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. **Holy Name of Jesus**  
1200 Valparaiso Blvd. ~ Niceville  
**Mon. ~ Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. **Saint Rita**  
137 Moll Drive ~ Santa Rosa Beach

**NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN CONTENT DEADLINE IS MONDAY  
December 14<sup>th</sup> by 12 noon email: coroffice@gmail.com**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

13 December 2015 thru 20 December 2015

- SUNDAY:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
- MONDAY:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
Mt 21:23-27
- TUESDAY:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;  
Mt 21:28-32
- WEDNESDAY:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14;  
Lk 7:18b-23
- THURSDAY:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17
- FRIDAY:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25
- SATURDAY:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- SUNDAY:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

*Parish "Prayer Line"*

Prayer Requests E-mail: [mcdonald9999@cox.net](mailto:mcdonald9999@cox.net)

**FOR OUR MILITARY ~ OUR POLICE ~ OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ...**  
*While they protect us . . . may God protect them*



**SERVING MISSIONS IN AFRICA:** Marcos Melecio-Zambrano

**† FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

- Rosa & Arthur Culver - Kevyn Menges - George Rall - Becky Sobel
- Lillian Rusonis - Harry Kinzler - David Bell - Ruby Liberatori
- Bernice Huyser - Annette North - Jake Vallimont - Marcus Fletcher
- Brenda Tutin - Joslyn Manthey - Luz Kalaw - Shirley Ocker
- Bill & Lynn Horsely - Maddie Bunner - Tony Gardecki - Mike Saul
- Linda Keller - Richard Carpenter - Paul Young - Grace Byrd
- John Gibbons - Anne Lodge - Kim Ennis - Nichole & Randy Carey
- Marvin Minnix - Lynn Patrick - Pat Larson - Betty Lou Sheckells
- Jim Willoz - JJ Warrington - Luis Castillo - Angelina Aubert
- Vincent Reed - Christy Charlebois - Ashton Hood - Amy Koza
- Noella McMullen - Richard Gueren - Theresa Lawson - Ed Buzicy
- Stephan Klimaj - Marlene Urbaniak - - - In Thanksgiving for  
*God's merciful answer to each of our prayers*

**"OTHER" DONATION THIS WEEKEND**

In the United States more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, & religious order priests need your help. They worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, & agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement & eldercare. Your gift for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, & more. Please be generous.

*Treasures for Our Lord*

*To our visitors & our parishioners . . . thanks for your generosity*

2015 Weekend of . . .		5 Dec / 6 Dec
<b>Wkly Donations &amp; Office Deposit</b>		<b>\$20,492.64</b>
<b>On-Line Donations</b>		<b>\$4,400.00</b>
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$24,892.64</b>



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT !**

For ALL children  
ages 4 years - 5th Grade.

One and only practice is  
December 24 10:00 am until noon.

Call time 3:30 pm

Pageant is 3:45 just before the 4:00 Mass

Yes! Your visiting

grandchildren, nieces and nephews can participate!

Questions ??? Contact Lisa Hall at

[coreducate@gmail.com](mailto:coreducate@gmail.com),



**PRISCILLA CIRCLE DECEMBER MEETING**

Tuesday evening, December 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

at Vanessa Bond's home. Colleen Miller will be our guest speaker on family traditions.

Please bring a book, children or adult, to exchange.

If you would like the address or have any questions, please contact Sarah Dieterich at 850.897.3795



**FLOWERS**

*The beautiful flowers honoring Mary are  
In Memory Of*

*Catherine Siwy †*

*Donated By:  
her Dughter, Lucy Sellers*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13527**



▶ **CALENDAR ITEMS** ◀

No Planned Events  
Have a Merry Christmas



To join the Knights of Columbus contact Grand Knight Tom Means at: 919-920-4128 or [13527k@gmail.com](mailto:13527k@gmail.com)

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

We are so blessed at Saint Vincent de Paul, to have such a wonderful, thoughtful and generous Knights of Columbus Council at Christ Our Redeemer. We are unable to thank them enough for all they do for us. The days are getting colder and this past week the Knights of Columbus of Christ Our Redeemer presented us with winter jackets for our client's children. They gave us jackets for both girls and boys. These jackets are beautiful and will keep many children warm in the cold days to come. Thank you for all you give to those who are in need and are unable to provide for their children.

God Bless you and have a very Merry Christmas.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE . . . . .**

"Closer to Christ" parking space for Dec. 2015 & Jan. 2016



5:30 Mass: *Annette North*  
7:30 Mass: *Mary Lou Alvdj*  
10:30 Mass: *Stacey Tabor*

Thanks to everyone who support our youth in this fundraising endeavor!

**Cub Scout Pack 553**

Congratulations to Christ Our Redeemer's Cub Scout Pack 553 members, who with their leaders, constructed a float for the Twin Cities Christmas Parade that won first place in their division.



*Prayer infuses the weak with strength  
and the fainthearted with courage. --Anonymous*

**THE "O ANTIPHONS"**

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: **O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel.** When you take their Latin names--Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, and so on--the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "**ERO CRAS.**" In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD**

**THE ANNUAL TRADITION AT CHRIST OUR REDEEMER** is to transform our sacred space with Christmas Poinsettias and beautiful decorations into a magnificent setting to welcome our Lord. You make this is possible with your donations to the "Flower Fund" during Advent. Please use your pink envelope or mark your check "Flowers for Christmas" as a way to remember or honor loved ones who may be living or deceased ~ or in thanksgiving for blessings received throughout the years. Donors names will be listed in the January 3, 2016 edition of the bulletin.



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## Supporting Single Parents through Ministry & Prayer

Monday Evenings ~ 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Christ Our Redeemer Parish Hall



**Single Parent Ministry Chairpersons**

Karen and Beau Booth

[corhelpingsingleparents@gmail.com](mailto:corhelpingsingleparents@gmail.com)

850-855-3173

### *Journey of Hope*

#### CHAPTER TOPICS

1. Praying in Times of Distress
2. Anger with Our Spouses, Ourselves and God
3. Why Did God Allow This to Happen?
4. What Does the Church Really Teach about Divorce?
5. What is an Annulment?
6. Stay Close to the Sacraments
7. Dealing with the Ex-Spouse
8. How are the Children
9. The Healing Begins
10. Our Own Self-Worth
11. The Value of Suffering
12. Letting Go
13. Working on Forgiveness
14. Gratitude
15. Sex and Dating as a Divorced Catholic
16. Mary Our Mother
17. Hope for the Future and Our Vocation in Life

### AN INTRODUCTION & AN INVITATION

#### **WILL YOU HELP US BY JOINING OR SUPPORTING THE NEW SINGLE PARENT MINISTRY AT CHRIST OUR REDEEMER?**

**Hello!** We are Karen and Beau Booth and we are responding to the Holy Spirit's invitation to share our individual experience as single parents with fellow parishioners who struggle with the day-to-day challenges of raising children without a partner.

We received Reverend Bob Johnson's approval before proceeding and joyfully accepted Bishop Gregory Parkes' blessing! They both acknowledged the need for a Single Parents Ministry in the Catholic community.

We want to serve ALL single parents –

those who are divorced, fathers or mothers who are raising a child alone and were never married, grandparents who are sole caregivers for their grandchild, military spouses who have single parent responsibilities because their active duty spouse is deployed while serving our country, or any parent who due to health, financial circumstances, or work schedules bears primary parenting responsibility.

**We selected** the Divorced Catholic '**Journey of Hope**' curriculum because it offers Catholic teachings and is a structured program. We will expand the program by welcoming guest speakers so the emphasis is on single parenthood. We will welcome all people who are interested in learning about faith, healing, and love.

#### **MATTHEW 11:28-30 NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE (NASB)**

*<sup>28</sup> "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.<sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

#### PRAYER & PRAISE

We will pray with participants, for assistance with the challenges they face and also offer prayers of thanksgiving in appreciation for God's many blessings. We will offer onsite child care. We will invite guest speakers will include fellow parishioners who want to share prayer devotions, plus Catholic community and local area specialists who will identify financial and parental resources (Catholic charities, and more).

**Please join us!**



**GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS AT CHRIST OUR REDEEMER**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**PRIOR TO SETTING A DATE FOR BAPTISM:**

- Call the parish office at 897-7797:
  - to complete Registry paperwork
  - to register for required prep class

**ONE OF THE GODPARENTS:**

- must be baptized & confirmed
- a practicing Catholic who is sixteen years of age or older

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

**ANOINTING . . . . .**

Request by calling the Parish Office: 897-7797 or emergency: 897-2974

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE** facing surgery, struggling with serious illness or preparing for death may request this sacrament at any time

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

**BEFORE SETTING A WEDDING DATE:**

- Call parish office at 897-7797:
  - Schedule appointment with Pastor
- SIX MONTHS in ADVANCE** of anticipated Wedding Date
- To be married in Catholic Church by a Catholic priest **REGISTRATION & COMPLETION** of prep program required

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES AT CHRIST OUR REDEEMER: DAY - TIMES AND POINTS OF CONTACT**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.corcatholic.org](http://www.corcatholic.org)

**A PARISH**



**PARISH VISION STATEMENT**

*“Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Parish is: An open, diverse and vibrant Christ-centered family, inspired by the Holy Spirit to nurture and share our faith through celebration of the Eucharist, prayer, education, outreach and community.”*



**PASTOR:**

REV. ROBERT J. JOHNSON

**EDUCATION / FAITH FORMATION:**

- Religious Education: (Grades PreK-5) Sun: 8:45-10:00 a.m.  
Lisa Hall: 897-7797
- Youth Ministry: (Grades 9-12) Wed: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Carmen Marshall-Claude: 897-7797
- Youth Ministry: (Grades 6-8) Wed: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Dalane Fox: 897-7797
- Sacramental Catechesis: Check Bulletin or Call  
Lisa Hall: 897-7797
- Rite of Christian Initiation: Mon.: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Deacon Jim Murray: 974-1033
- Bible Study:  
Deacon Bill Schaal: 897-3949 Sun.: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Michele McCormick: 897-2372 Tue.: 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Ignatian Exercises: Wed.: 9:10-11:30 a.m.  
Maurie Ockerman: 897-1463

**ENRICHMENT**

- Prayer Line: E-mail: [mcdonald9999@cox.net](mailto:mcdonald9999@cox.net)
- Charismatic Renewal: Maurie Ockerman: 897-1463
- Communion & Liberation: Pam Deloach: 279-3979
- Cursillo: Helen Rosenbaum: 897-2181
- Respect Life: Michele McCormick: 897-2372

**LITURGY**

- Music: James Perkins: 897-7797
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Deacon Nolla: 897-6885
- Lectors & Altar Servers: Tom Toltzien: 897-5789
- Altar Servers: Deacon Murray: 974-1033
- Sacristans: Patty Harp: 897-5887
- Ushers / Greeters: Glen Prescott: 504-339-4156
- Art & Environment: Michele McCormick: 897-2372  
Carmen Marshall-Claude: 678-9372

**FELLOWSHIP**

- Donut Brigade: Sun: after 7:30 & 10:30 Masses  
Donna & Ron Quinn: 897-2342
- Welcome Committee: Sun: 1st Wkend at all Masses  
Colleen Miller: 678-2116
- Single-Divorced-Widowed: 4th Sun: after 10:30 Mass  
Barbara Vanderbeek: 897-6551
- Playgroup-4-Kids-&-Moms: Tue.: 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Sarah Dieterich: 897-3795
- Little Flowers: 2nd & 4th Thur.: 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Sarah Dieterich: 897-3795
- Monday Morning Coffee: Mon.: 9:10 a.m. til
- Parish Socials Ministry: Whenever Scheduled - Check Bulletin

**OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP**

- Knights of Columbus: Thu.: 1st Wk of Month  
Tom Means: 919-920-4128
- Council of Catholic Women: Fri.: 1st Wk of Month  
Rosemarie Adams: 279-4627
- Priscilla Circle: Wed.: 3rd Wk of Month  
Rebecca Coley: 618-409-6850

**OUTREACH**

- Bereavement Ministry: Sue Marco: 897-5609  
Beth McDonald: 897-0549
- Parish Outreach: Sharon Hargreaves: 279-6337
- St. Vincent de Paul: Patty Harp: 897-5887
- KoC Outreach (Elderly): Ron Rabiansky: 897-3493
- Habitat for Humanity: Nitsi Bennett: 315-0025

**COUNCILS & COMMITTEES**

- Pastoral Council: Lenny Smales: 678-0491
- Finance Council: Adam Dieterich: 897-3795

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