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“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens

Third Sunday of Advent-December 15, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:15 am, Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Monday & Friday 8:15 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12:00 PM

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our Facebook & YouTube page, Sundays at 10:30 AM

Mass from the Diocese is being live-streamed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online.
The link is <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM
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<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment.
304-342-8175

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

Third Sunday of Advent-December 15, 2024

12/14 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
12/15 Sun. 8:00 am + Jason Brennen
10:30 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie
5:00 pm + Dcn. George Doerr
12/16 Mon. **8:15 am + Msgr. Daniel O'Conner**
12/17 Tues. 12:00 pm + Stella Fazio Quigley
12/18 Wed. **12:00 pm + Charles "Ken" Surber**
12/19 Thur. 12:00 pm + Rev. John E. Duda
12/20 Fri. 8:15 am + Rev. Everett F. Briggs
12:00 pm + Msgr. Sadie & Family
12/21 Sat. 8:15 am For the Intention of Ukrainian
Aid Workers
12/21 Sat. **5:30 pm + Mary Bernadette "Cotie" Padden**
12/22 Sun. 8:00 am + Thomas & Louise Kerner
10:30 am + Ruth, Joe & Jay Mullen
5:00 pm + People of the Parish

Ministry Schedule week of December 21/22

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Yvonne Ballantyne
8:00 AM-1 Rushworth
10:30 AM-Jason Pizatella
5:00 PM-Debra Basham

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Linda Higgs, John Willson, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Rex & Mary Agnes Kern, Janice Prince, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Antonetta Stevens, Cindy McGhee, Steve Naylor, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Dick Fauss, Agnes Smith, 3 volunteers

The Pope's Monthly Intention **December-For pilgrims of hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Sharing Our Treasure - 12/8/2024

Regular Collection: \$9,990
Smile (Sisters): \$226
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and is generally opened prior to the 10:30 Mass. We have gifts for every occasion. In addition to gifts, we keep in stock a variety of rosaries, medals, automobile visor medals as well as bike medals and holy cards. Children's books and coloring books are also available. If you can't find what you are looking for, we can order it for you.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this Third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete Sunday!

I pray that you are preparing well for the celebration of Christmas, making room for the Lord. As I mentioned last week, I believe Bishop Mark has written his most important pastoral letter, "Bringing People to Christ" His letter reminds us simply why we are a Church. Please take a copy and prayerfully reflect on our Bishop's words and advice. Copies are available in the vestibule and in our gathering space. You may also read his letter on our website and the Diocesan website, dwc.org.

Bishop Mark will join us for Christmas. Our Christmas Masses will be Christmas Eve, 4pm, 8pm, and Midnight, Christmas Day, 9am and 12pm. Let us not only keep Christ in Christmas but keep Mass in Christmas.

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be this Wednesday at 7pm. We will have additional priests to assist.

Have a Blessed Advent. I remain,

In Christ,
Fr. Don



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

To help decorate the Church for Christmas, on Monday, December 23rd at 9:00 am. If you want to help just show up and we'll put you to work.

Religious Education News...

THANK YOU Jim Olson for sharing highlights of your pilgrimage trip to Greece with RE students and teachers .



Schedule Reminder:

12/15/2024 - group Christmas activities

12/22/24, 12/29/24 - NO CLASS - Merry Christmas!

1/5/2025 - regular weekly classes resume through 5/04/2025

Note:

3/23/2025 - NO CLASS - KCS Spring Break
4/20/2025 - NO CLASS - Happy Easter!



Knights of Columbus 771

The Knights Christmas Food Drive to benefit the Risen Lord Food Pantry of Clay County, WV will continue for several more weeks. You can help with a donation of non perishable food or if you prefer a monetary donation. We are again suggesting a donation in the form of a check made out to K of C for \$30.00 to cover a basic Christmas meal. The Knights thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their ongoing generosity.

Please keep in your prayers Elma Bernardo, who died December 4th. Our prayers and condolences for her family; Maricel Bernardo, Elena Moffatt (Kevin), Jack Bernardo (Laurie), Rita Bernardo, Ray Bernardo (Cherry), Elsa Lewis (Michael), her grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.

Greetings from Ravenswood,

Greetings in the Name of Infant Jesus (Emmanuel) to you My Dear SACRED HEART FAMILY, I am so delighted to write this note. I am really grateful to God for you and thankful to you. I am doing well here at St. Matthew in Ravenswood. As I said, yes Point Pleasant is pleasant with good people. They have renovated the rectory just for me. People are so welcoming just like you; I hear many of the St. Matthew Parishioners are family friends to our Sacred Heart Family as well as Sacred Heart in Point Pleasant. You are most welcome to Ravenswood whenever you get a chance or pass through this way. I really appreciate all your support and engagement in pastoral ministry at the Basilica of Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart and request you to continue to pray for me and for my ministry at St. Matthew in Ravenswood and Sacred Heart in Point Pleasant. I wish MERRY CHRISTMAS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2025.

Thank you,
God's Blessing,

Fr. Rayappa (Roy) Kurakula, St. Matthew Church, 600 Crooks Ave. Ravenswood, WV 26164



Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th

Mass at 4pm, 8pm, and Midnight.

On **Christmas Day** we will have Mass at
9am and 12pm.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31st

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025
Mass at 10am

GABRIEL PROJECT
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Get behind our Diaper Drive!



The Gabriel project is sponsoring a diaper and wipe drive, now through December 31st. The most needed diaper sizes are 3, 5 & 6 and any brand of baby wipes. Place donated items in the crib in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

Keeping the Seasons

Third Sunday of Advent-Gaudete Sunday

Rejoice always! Rejoice!

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, you have done glorious things. You have turned away our enemies and removed misfortune. Help us to be unafraid, to not be discouraged, to give to those who want. We sing praise, rejoicing always, rejoicing, knowing that you are our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 15, 2024-The Lord Is Near

Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18. On this Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, the second reading and the entrance antiphon proclaim, "The Lord is near." On Gaudete Sunday, a rose-colored candle is lighted on the Advent wreath, along with two purple candles from the previous two weeks of Advent. The purple candles symbolize our prayer and preparation; the rose candle symbolizes our joyful anticipation at the halfway point of Advent.

In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah speaks of the restoration of Jerusalem after the nation's sinfulness. He invites us to not be discouraged, but rather to "Shout for joy . . . / Sing joyfully" and "Be glad and exult with all your heart." The faithful today, like the people who approached John the Baptist in the Gospel, are filled with expectation.

This week, to continue preparing your heart for the full joy of Christmas, dedicate time every day to pray. As St. Paul suggests in his letter to the Philippians, "with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Begin your prayer by expressing your joy and gratitude to God. How will the Lord's nearness inspire you to share your kindness with others? End your prayer by resting in the peace of God.

This Week at Home

Monday, December 16-Trust

In today's Gospel, religious leaders question Jesus' authority as he taught and ministered. At times, you might find yourself faltering in your faith and may question God's authority in your life. Spend some time journaling about your trust in the Lord. How have you questioned him? After your reflection, pray with today's psalm, then choose a line or phrase that stands out to you, calling it to mind throughout your day. Ask for the strength to trust in Jesus. Today's readings: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27.

Tuesday, December 17-O Wisdom

The "O" antiphons date back to around the eighth century. They accompany the Magnificat during evening prayer between today and December 24. As the final days of Advent are entered, dedicate time each evening to meditate with the "O" antiphon of the day. Today's antiphon is "O Wisdom of God our Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!" How can you look to Wisdom to guide you this week? Today's readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17.

Wednesday, December 18-O Sacred Lord

An angel appears to Joseph in a dream and, similarly to Mary's call at the annunciation, tells him to "not be afraid." Joseph courageously responds by taking Mary "into his home" and faithfully accepting his role as Jesus' earthly father. Today's "O" antiphon is "O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!" As you pray with the antiphon, consider how you might courageously respond to God. Today's readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8, Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25.

Thursday, December 19-You Are My Hope, Lord

In today's Gospel, the angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah and tells him that Elizabeth, his barren wife, will give birth to John. Questioning Gabriel, Zechariah notes that he is "an old man, and [Elizabeth] is advanced in years." Gabriel renders Zechariah speechless because of his disbelief. As you light the three candles on your Advent wreath today, pray for those who struggle with their faith. Consider how you might "speak of the mighty works of the Lord." Today's readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.

Friday, December 20-The Lord Is with You

The angel greets Mary, saying, "Hail, full of grace." Today you might ponder how Mary may have received those words. Spend time with the Gospel reading, using the prayer form *lectio divina*, a slow and repetitive reading and praying with Scripture. In this practice, a phrase is repeated and meditated upon in prayer. At the end of your prayer, pray for pregnant women and those who will give birth today. Today's readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38.

Saturday, December 21-O Radiant Dawn

Today's antiphon is "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death." As you pray with today's antiphon, take a moment to pray for those who may "dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death" near you. Dedicate time to serve them this weekend: visit a shelter, a soup kitchen, someone who is homebound, or reach out to a person in mourning. Today's readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45.





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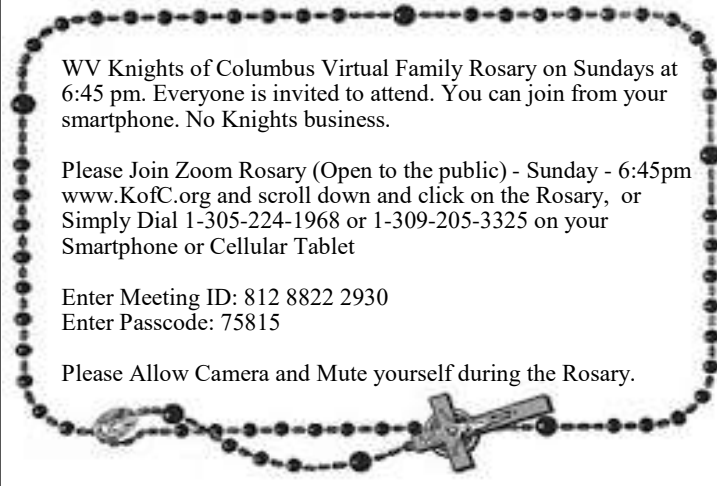
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“Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hal- lowed the graves of all who believed in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies” – Rite of Committal


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