

Rosary Chapel Catholic Church

Dec 15, 2024



Third Sunday
Of Advent
in
Ordinary Time

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Our parish seeks to build and maintain our family through the sharing of the Good News to all people, in order to leave our world more beautiful and faith filled than when we inherited it.



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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday,
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Liturgy
Schedule

Mass

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 3:00 p.m.
or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Tuesday of the month
3-4 p.m.




Pastor
Fr. Jude Okeoma
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Staff

Bookkeeper:
Carol Baker

Pianist/Music:
Deidra Chandler

Parish Center Coordinator:
Charles Davis

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick:
Contact:
Fr. Jude Okeoma

First Reconciliation and First Communion or OCIA:
Call the Parish Office

Finance Committee

President:
Kelley Piercefield

Members
Alisha Bobo
Lonnie Crowdus
David Roberts
Uwem Chisek

Liturgy
Mary Ann Bell

Outreach Ministry
Rose Lowery

Parish Council

President & Maintenance:
Charles Davis

VP/Secretary & Mt. Carmel Cemetery:
David Gavin

Education/Faith Formation:
Celeste Harned

Social Concerns:
Felix Akojie

Worship & Spiritual Life:
Melissa Reed

Family Life:
Sheila Matchem

Hospitality & Outreach:
Patricia Fouse

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 15
Alice Roof

Dec 22
Alice Roof

Dec 24
Vicente Pastor †

Dec 29
Robert Naas †

Jan 5
Angie Grief †

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec 2024

Date	Lectors	Altar Server	Gift Bearer	Ushers	Eucharistic Minsters
Dec 1	Paula Hudson	Alexander Gavin, Oliver Otu	ReedFamily	Paula Hudson, Sheila Matchem	Felix Akojie, Kelly Piercefield, Kathy Roberts
Dec 8	Celeste Harned	Kingsley Otu, Tristan Moss-Menser	Moss-Menser Family	Paula Hudson, Sheila Matchem	Howard Grief, Rachel Gavin, Charles Davis
Dec 15	David Gavin	Felix Akojie, Levi Harned	Harned Family	Paula Hudson, Sheila Matchem	Kathy Roberts, Kelley Piercefield, Rachel Gavin
Dec 22	Doris Poat	Faith Moss-Menser, Alexander Gavin	Matchem Family	Paula Hudson, Sheila Matchem	Charles Davis, Howard Grief, Felix Akojie
Dec 25	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers
Dec 29	Rachel Gavin	Kingsley Otu, Oliver Otu	Gavin Family	Paula Hudson, Sheila Matchem	Kelly Piercefield, Kathy Roberts, Howard Grief

Mary Queen of the Rosary, Pray for us.

Report from Sunday Dec 8, 2024

Sunday Mass Attendance: 64
Sunday Collection: \$819.00
Monthly ACH:
Special Collections
Retired Religious: \$149.00
Diocesan Good Works: \$40.00



Please Remember in your Prayers

- Mike Mayes
- Rose Lowery
- Mary Piercefield
- Jaxon Jones
- Aaron Burns
- Clora Hixon
- Chen Matchem
- Rose Wurth
- Linda Stiles
- Russell Davis
- Matt Evans
- Michael Nicholas
- Ruby Gibson
- Thomas Rawlins
- Darlene Shelton
- Joseph Maxwell
- Gary Hudson
- Nancy Bass
- Andrea Emilia Bernabey
- Michael Burns
- Michael Menser
- Thomas (Homeless)
- Mark & Janice Higdon
- James Rister
- Erin Brumley
- Ashley Hayden
- Kenny Reising
- Lynne Clark
- Blake Champion
- Robert & Barbara Naas



Sanctuary Light for JT Piercefield
Each Sanctuary Light burns for 14 days. For a \$10 donation, a Sanctuary Light may be sponsored in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

Homebound, Nursing Care Center, Hospitalized

- Chen Matchem-HB**
- Clora Hixon-HB**
- Gary Hudson-Parkview Rm 410**
- Ruby Gibson-HB**
- Barbara Naas—HB**

Reminder *Hospital visits*

Fr. Jude would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the office at 270-444-6383 to inform us, as we cannot obtain information from the hospital directly.

DIOCESAN SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

Sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable person is a crime in both State and Church law. Both the State and Church want to help anyone who has been or is being abused. Contact the State authorities and phone the bishop and/or the Review Board at 270-683-1545 to make a report. No one has to live with abuse, and the State and church are available to help individuals and families find help and healing. The Diocesan Policy on Sexual abuse is available on the rack outside the parish office, on the table in the church's narthex, or from the Catholic Pastoral Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1055

**Christmas
TREE SALE**

Enjoy a fun day with your family as you select one of our high-quality Fraser and Canaan Fir trees.

Proceeds go toward Christmas food baskets for the needy in our area.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
November 29 - December 20
(or until sold out)
M-F 4PM - 7PM
Saturday - 10AM - 7PM
Sunday - 12PM - 5PM

29th & 30th
Black Friday
10AM - 7PM
Saturday
10AM - 7PM

LOCATED @ THE PADUCAH DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Schedule: Tuesday, Dec 17, Advent Penance Service for the Paducah Area will be at 4:30 at Rosary Chapel.

Rosary Chapel has a Holiday Greeting Banner at Bob Noble Park for the holiday season.

We request help with Christmas Decorations. We ask those who are able to stay after Mass on Sunday, 12/22, to please help decorate the church.

Mt Carmel needs your assistance in our efforts to maintain facilities, equipment and grounds. At this time of year, we respectfully ask you to consider Mt. Carmel Cemetery at your end of year giving. Please help us keep Mt Carmel as a sacred place for burial with reverent care where family can remember loved ones in a peaceful and everlasting setting. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. To donate call 270-331-1006 or email mt.carmelcemetery@outlook.com

Women and men religious offer gratitude. *“Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next,”* says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

The special collection on December 25 will be for the Diocesan Good Works Collection.

JOY IS IN THE AIR!

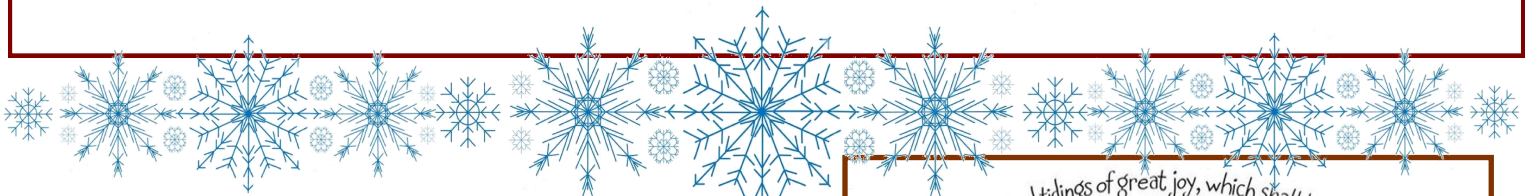
I have special love for third Sunday of advent for three reasons. First, because we get to wear the rose color, and that happens only twice in a year. Second, because we begin to smell Christmas which is around the corner. Third, because of the message in the readings, the invitation to rejoice. It is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word, gaudete with which we describe this Sunday means rejoice.

So, today we light the third candle on the Advent wreath. It is called the Joy Candle or the Shepherd Candle. The rose color reminds us that the joyous feast of Christmas is near. The prophet Isaiah, in the first reading exhorts us to shout for joy and sing joyfully. In the second reading, St Paul repeats himself, as if he wasn't sure whether we heard him the first time *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!”*

I think that the Church is doing two things on this day. One, we are kind of taking a break from the penitential character of advent as was symbolized with violet last week and the week before. Two, the Church is letting us have a little bit of the feeling of joy brought by Christmas. It's like saying that *“since Advent is a penitential season, akin to a ‘mini’ Lent, the Church celebrates a day of joy ... as we draw closer to the end of Advent and (look forward to) the arrival of Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord”*

Joy is one virtue we would never get enough of. There is always room for more. Note, however that we should not be selfish in seeking and celebrating our joyous moments. Otherwise, joy would not spread. Our joy is complete when it is shared with others. As Christians we have been sent to bring glad tidings to the poor; to join in healing the broken hearted; to proclaim liberty to captives: to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Just to spread joy. Think about the feeling in you when someone writes back to you and says *“thank you, I can't express in words how much your card meant to me”*. Now, that's only a card, yet it brought them so much joy. We could do more, and the joy continues to spread. Joy is in the air. Blessings.

Fr Jude Okeoma



Advent Penance Services in the Paducah Area

Sun: December 15th, 4:30 pm: St Thomas More
 Mon: December 16th, 5 pm: St Mary's LaCenter
 Tues: December 17th, 4:30 pm: Rosary Chapel
 Wed: December 18th, 6 pm: St Francis de Sales



Rosary Chapel Christmas Vigil Mass
 December 24, 4pm