

Rosary Chapel Catholic Church

Dec 22, 2024



Fourth Sunday
Of Advent
Ordinary Time
Year C



Dec 25, 2024

Christmas Vigil

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

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 Deidra Chandler

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 Charles Davis

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 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 22
 Alice Roof

Dec 24
 Vicente Pastor †

Dec 29
 Robert Naas †

Jan 5
 Angie Grief †

Jan 12
 Betty Cox

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 24	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteers	Pastor Family	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 15, 2024

Sunday Mass Attendance: 67

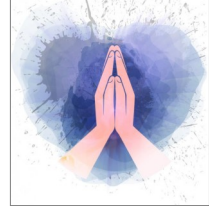
Sunday Collection: \$1356.00

Monthly ACH:

Special Collections

Retired Religious: \$20.00

*LORD, MAKE US
TURN TO YOU
LET US SEE YOUR
FACE AND WE
SHALL BE
SAVED.*



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



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*

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

**I Will Sing Of
The Goodness
Of The Lord!**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Schedule: Tuesday, Dec 24, Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m..

CHRISTMAS bulletin for Dec 22 and Dec 25 combined.

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

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

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

A YES TO GOD, JOY TO THE WORLD!

What sort of greeting is this, and how can this be since I have no relations with a man? These are words that speak of wonder and confusion. I am only trying to imagine the human feeling in the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the expression on her face as she spoke these words.

In the last two weeks, John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus had featured prominently in our Sunday gospels. Today, just before Christmas, he gives way, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, the most active human player in the nativity story, steps in. As I contemplate the Blessed Virgin Mary's initial response to the Angel Gabriel, I think of the everyday experiences of you and me whenever we find ourselves in the wilderness of doubt and confusion. Recall how many times you have wished God to pass your small tests. Then you realize that he would not even attempt the tests, therefore leaving you more confounded. How about the different situations when your small mind has struggled to give meaning to the actions of God? Yes, sometimes, our lives, like that of Mary at that point in time, are enmeshed in doubts.

Believe this, God always fulfils his promise to his people, to those who say yes to him. The coming of Jesus was a promise made to King David long ago. The promise was repeated and fulfilled when the Angel Gabriel came to Mary in the most confusing circumstances. All that was needed was for her to say yes to God, even in that confusion, and she did. That yes was in response to the encouragement given by the angel when he said, "*Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favor with God.*"

When confusion and uncertainties come our way, it is hard not to be afraid, but it pays to trust in God.

The world is in need of more people who are ready to say yes to the will of God. I don't think we have to understand God's plans, but to be able to say "*let it be done to me according to God's will*", even when the road looks dark.

In the silence of a cold winter night, God came to us in the baby Jesus. The announcement, his arrival, were all in the most unexpected ways. "*God walks into our lives with silent steps. God comes to us more than we go to him. Most times, his coming will not be the way we expect it, and yet never will it be a disappointment.*" We just need to say "yes" and follow him. Merry Christmas!

Fr Jude Okeoma

Unto Us
a Child is Born