

SAINT ROSE CHURCH

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For the Week of Sunday, December 20, 2020

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard each Saturday in the Parish Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MASS ON WEDNESDAY'S WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5:30 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS: December 21st - December 27th

Mon.	8:30 AM	James & Pauline O'Daniel	Sat.	4:00 PM	Joe Vize Family Living & Deceased
Tues.	8:30 AM	Marsha Dean Daugherty	Sun.	8:00 AM	Terry Mattingly
Wed.	5:30 PM	James A. "Tony" Smith		11:00 AM	Bobby Mudd
Thurs.	8:30 AM	Preston & Amy Lockett & Family		7:00 PM	NO MASS
		2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, & 8:00 PM - Intention of the Celebrant			
Fri.	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM	- Intention of the Celebrant			
Sat.	8:30 AM	Eddie O'Daniel			

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 12th - December 18th was \$3,350.00.

ST. ROSE LEGACY FUND: Donations from Dec. 12th - Dec. 18th were \$650.00. Total \$189,432.03.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE/PICNIC FUND: July 1 - December 31st. Donations from December 12th - December 18th were \$400.00. Total \$14,885.00.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ROSE
CHRISTMAS EVE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY ROSARY, SPRINGFIELD
CHRISTMAS EVE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH at 5:00 P.M. AND MIDNIGHT (12:00)
CHRISTMAS DAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH at 11:00 A.M.

CHURCH DECORATING: Monday, December 21st after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Volunteers are needed to help with the trees and poinsettias. Social distancing will be observed during this time.

PASTOR'S CORNER: The statue on the north side of the church depicts Rachel, the wife of the biblical patriarch Jacob, mourning over 'her children, who are no more.' This is how the prophet Jeremiah described the sad sight of his people being driven into exile, passing by the tomb of Rachel in the town of Bethlehem. Bethlehem may have been the 'city of David,' but it was otherwise a place of no account, and even a place that was a bitter reminder of suffering and oppression. Yet it was in this place that the Son of God chose to be born as a baby to the Virgin Mary. Soon after, Bethlehem would once again be a place of tragedy, as King Herod's jealousy led him to destroy the lives of innocent children. In the mysterious plan of God, Jesus Christ came into the world, it seems, not so much to take suffering away from us. But rather, He came so that he could be *with us* in our suffering here on earth - to be Emmanuel, 'God-with-us,' God with us in our joys and God with us in our sorrows. He was born in a dark stable in a dark corner of the world to suggest that He always seeks to bring His light to all the dark corners of the world, and to the dark corners of our souls. His light is the object of our hope. His light lets us know that, though all around us be dark, His light will triumph. His light lets us know that there is hope beyond suffering, glory beyond tragedy, and life beyond death. Christmas is a time for us all to place our hope in the world's *only* hope, Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Dominican Community here at St. Rose, Br. Gerard, Fr. Edmund and myself, I pray that this coming Christmas Day and Season will be a time of joy and blessings for all of you! **CAUTION ABOUT CHRISTMAS:** 1.) Remember that the Archbishop's dispensation from the Mass obligation remains in place, so no one has an obligation to go to Christmas Mass, 2.) If we have too many people at any given Mass to maintain social distancing, we will have to ask people to leave. I don't want that to happen, so, 3.) If you haven't decided yet which Mass you plan to attend, you might want to stay away from the 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass,

which seems to have the most people so far, 4.) If you haven't already done so, use the sheets in the back of church to let us know the Mass you are planning to attend. This is not a reservation .. just a way to help us plan, 5.) Best way to make sure you have a seat is to get to church early. 6.) I'm hoping my worry is all for nothing, but I want everyone to appreciate the special needs we have while the pandemic continues to rage around us.

2020 COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Our parish will conduct the annual collection for Catholic Charities next weekend December 26th & 27th. This collection supports the work of Catholic Charities of Louisville. Your generosity helps fund many vital ministries and social services, including the Sister Visitor Center, the Mother-Infant Care program, the Bakhita Empowerment Initiative to combat human trafficking, Migration and Refugee Services, Immigration Legal Services, Common Earth Gardens, Common Table, and the ID program for the homeless through the Cathedral of the Assumption's Daily Lunch Program. Thank you for your gifts to this collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bobby Humes, Pat Mackin, Brenda Hasty, Cathy Higdon Lawson, Billy Osbourne, Sue Medley, Pat Kelly, Brynn Bleemel, Bob Parrott, Sabrina Morgeson, Jerry Taylor, Joe Taylor, Mary Gootee Chesser, Mary Alice Hutchins, Albert Wimsatt, Fred Lanham, Mary Devine, Tom Miller, Linda Blanford, Louise Lanham, Mary Helen Smith, Rob Smith, Jeremy Clark, Jean'na Lewis-Smith, Jeannie Hatchett, Cliff Greer, Jane Rudd Volz, Shannon Cox, Jerry Craig, Ann Ciecislic, Bobby Spalding, Corbin Noel, Clifford Greer Sr., Charlie Stewart, Susan Smith, Margaret Faye Martin, Larry Smith, Jim & Elaine Cecil, Johnny Osborne, Jerry Hamilton, Billy Mattingly, Morgan Mattingly, Hazel Brady, Anne Simms, Mary R. Downs, Angela Robinson, Theresa Wheatley, Margie Smith, Rex Curtsinger, and Judy Mitchel. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE SOMEONE FROM THE PRAYER LIST.