



Pastor

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Mon., Tues. & Thurs.
8:30 a.m.
Thursday Novena 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Religious Ed

Sunday
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Saint Katharine Drexel
109 New England Rd.
Trenton, GA 30752

Mass Times

Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday 4:30 p.m.

December 3, 2017



join us for our

Advent Family Fair

December 10th following Mass
crafts · games · food · music

All ages are welcome!

In an emergency

Please call Fr. Tom's cell phone directly
at (423) 637-4850.

To Gather & Grow Building Our Future

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has submitted their pledge cards. Our goal is 100% parish participation so please continue to submit your pledge cards in the collection basket or by mail. Misplaced yours? Please contact the office and we will send you a replacement.

Altar Flowers



Thank you to Mary McGinness for providing altar flowers this weekend. Next weekend's flowers will be provided by Emily Brown. To make changes to the schedule please visit the Ministries tab at olmcc.com.

Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction

Join us for Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction on Wednesdays during Advent, December 6th, 13th, & 20th, at 6:30 p.m.

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention

For the elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Dedication to Jesus

Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by Your will. Your grace and Your love are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more. Amen.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 2 - Paul Palmer

December 3 - Sam Harris (D)

Readings for Next Sunday, December 10th

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.



December 4 - Julie Jackson

December 5 - Olivia Perry

December 9 - Andrew Barrett

December 9 - Michael Mohr

December 10 - Troy Scroggins

OLMCC Penance Service

Our Advent penance service will be held Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Additional priests will be present.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who attended and volunteered to make the Vince Dooley dinner successful. It was a wonderful event with a delicious meal prepared by Chef Margaret Johnson.

OLMCC Annual Christmas Party



All adults of the parish are invited to attend our annual Christmas Party on this Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share. Kindly RSVP at www.olmcc.com

or using the signup sheets in the narthex.

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, December 9th

Lector:	Julie Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Judy Anderson Mark Anderson Sissy Tarumianz
Altar Servers:	Mary Kate Johnson Riggs Johnson Ruthie Towns

Sunday, December 10th

Lector:	Bill Brown
Eucharistic Ministers:	August Anderson Ann Epps Mac Ferguson Amy Perry Jim Sabourin Andy Stockett Harriett Whitaker
Altar Servers:	Garrison Corley Bella Perry Olivia Perry
Greeters:	Rich Boschi Kate Thompson

Prayer List

Ann Aiken	Barbara McLellan
Brother Anselm	John McLellan
Greg Brown	Peter Mullady
Celia Davenport	Paul Palmer
Mamie Everette	Wayne Pickett
Janice Fortune	Alice Smith
Jeff Gouveia	Mary Vorder Bruegge
Janie House	Camilla Pollock-Flynn
Nancy Maclellan	

Please contact the office with needed changes, including updates and additions.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holy Day of Obligation -

Thursday, December 7th

Vigil Mass, OLMCC - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8th

Mass, OLMCC - 8:30 a.m.

Mass, SKD - 12:00 p.m.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Attention Men

Men, would you like to be a mentor/friend for an inmate at Walker State Prison in Lafayette, Ga.? If you would like more information, please call Dick Crotteau at 423-505-4602.

Dress Collection for OKMS



Orchard Knob Middle School is in need of dresses for their female students for a luncheon they are having at the Chattanooga on Friday, December 15th. The school wants the students to experience dressing up for a nice event during this holiday season. If you can, please bring to Mass this Saturday or Sunday, or to the Christmas party on Sunday evening, any suitable dresses that you are willing to donate. All sizes are welcome. Keep in mind that these are 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Sue Nash or I will be at mass, and at the party to pick up the dresses. They will be delivered to the middle school next week. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ann Epps 423-653-4950. Thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Waiting

O God, you are the maker of heaven
and earth,
the potter who fashioned all of creation.
Come and rouse our hearts from despair
and fill us with the light of faith as we
await your return.

Grant us patient perseverance during
this period of waiting
so that, having been enriched by
Christ Jesus,
we may joyfully and faithfully live in
this world.

Keep us vigilant in our daily living.
Wipe away all darkness
so our hearts may be made holy
and pure.

Like our ancestors in faith, we cry out
to you to come and save us!

Filled with hope,
we trust that all creation will be made
new on the day of your return.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Keep Alert



Today's Readings: Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7; Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:33–37. Today's readings may not be what you expect as this season of hope and longing begins. Two general themes unfold during Advent: the first two Sundays invite the Church to reflect on the Second Coming of Christ, while the final two Sundays direct our attention more specifically to the Incarnation. Along with the readings, be attentive to the Collects, or Opening Prayers, during the next few weeks, to notice these themes.

The overarching theme for today is “Keep alert.” The First Reading, a communal lament (63:16b–17, 19) and a prayer (64:2–7), focuses our attention on a hurting world. When there is suffering, it is easy to complain or become

cynical and forget God's faithfulness. St. Paul is telling us that in Christ we have already received the gifts we need to remain faithful during this life, this in between time. This is important information as we look to the Gospel. Jesus is very clear that we do not know the day or time of the Second Coming. Like the servants whose master is away, we have been charged to continue preaching the Good News, to keep our “house” in good working order.

We must remain watchful so that at that final hour, we may be found ready to give all glory and honor to the living God. This week, as you prepare your Jesse tree, consider the ways our ancestors were watchful and remained faithful. What might help you remain vigilant?