



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 10, 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 Emily Brown for providing altar flowers this weekend. Next weekend's flowers will be provided by Barbara Law. 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 the remaining Wednesdays during Advent, December 13th & 20th, at 6:30 p.m.



OLMCC Penance Service

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

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 9 - Ethel Louzides (D)

December 10 - Kennedy Smith (D)

Readings for Next Sunday, December 17th

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.



December 12 - Gwin Tugman

December 13 - Vince Viscomi

December 14 - Evelyn Towns

December 15 - Lyndia Crotteau

December 16 - Sherry Pollock

December 16 - Callie Scroggins

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 a.m. Mass at OLMCC

11:30 a.m. Mass at SKD

5:00 p.m. Christmas Concert at OLMCC

5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass at OLMCC

Monday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass at OLMCC

11:30 a.m. Christmas Mass at SKD

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, December 16th

Lector:	Ruthie Towns
Eucharistic Ministers:	Rhonda Brown Lanny Haynes Suzanne Haynes
Altar Servers:	Sig Brown Alyse Coakley Conor Coakley

Sunday, December 17th

Lector:	Ron Elliott
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ellen Allison Angela Buchanan Maggie Estes Paul Glascock Dan Shanahan Beverly Short Michelle Viscomi
Altar Servers:	Audrey Hill Scott Hill
Greeters:	Jim Sabourin Mark Voges

Prayer List

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

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

Poinsettia Fund



Honor or remember your loved one this Christmas season by contributing to Our Lady of the Mount Poinsettia Fund. The suggested cost begins at \$15 per remembrance. Forms are available in the Narthex and online. Donations may also be made via Online Giving. In order to be included in the Christmas bulletin, all names and payments must be received no later than Monday, December 18th. Questions? 706-820-0680.



All children in our parish religious education classes are invited to attend a Christmas party following Mass next Sunday, December 17th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Contact Mary Voges for more details.

OLMCC Supports OKMS

- Thank you to everyone who donated dresses last weekend for the students at Orchard Knob Middle School (OKMS). Through your support we donated 85 dresses to the girls for their upcoming holiday luncheon.
- Interested in learning more about mentoring/tutoring a student at Orchard Knob Middle School? We will be meeting for our tour at 10:00 a.m. this Thursday, December 14th at the OKMS school office. The tour will consist of seeing the school, learning how to mentor/tutor and answering any questions about the mentoring/tutoring program. This tour is for informational purposes and you are not committing to participate by joining the tour. If you decide to become a part of this very worthy program, we will be tutoring every Friday (or every other if you have a partner) for thirty minutes. Opportunities are also available that will not require a weekly commitment. We will begin volunteering after the holidays. Please contact Ann Epps for more information, 423-653-4950.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Shepherd of Israel

Almighty and ever-living God,
you are the source of all consolation
and font of our salvation.
You have saved your people from
the wilderness,
gathered them like lambs into
your bosom,
and fed them with a mother's care.
Make level within us all that sin has
made rugged;
take the crooked paths of our hearts
and make them straight.
May our repentant hearts turn
to you and,
at the coming of your Son, be found
eager to welcome him
so that, in joyful celebration,
your chosen people can say, "Here is
your God!"
Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

A New Heaven and Earth



Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14; 2 Peter 3:8–14; Mark 1:1–8. During this second week of Advent, we reflect on the future God has in store for us. When we delve more deeply into the Scriptures, it becomes clear that Advent is not as simple as we may think. Last week's readings urged us to be watchful and to ready ourselves for Christ's coming. This is not easy; it requires attention to God's Word within us. This week's message is in the same vein.

The prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful picture for the Israelites who are in captivity. Salvation will come, and the Lord will forgive all their sins. The image is radical. Isaiah depicts mountains being leveled and valleys being filled. He

directs Zion to tell this Good News to the entire world. A similar theme is in the Gospel. John the Baptist is the herald of the coming Messiah. John calls all creation to repent and seek God's forgiveness. He is the herald who paves the way for Jesus, the one who reveals the new heaven and earth, which Peter speaks of in the Second Reading.

What does it look like to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ? It takes a vulnerable and watchful heart. We can find ourselves held captive. When we seek God's forgiveness with contrite hearts, we open ourselves to an amazing grace. God's mercy is the wellspring of all healing. So let us act out our salvation in the ways we live and announce the triumphant entry of the coming Christ.