

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

December 13, 2020

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-50, 53-54; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Theme: 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.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF MASS has resumed! Baltimore city has issued guidelines which limit attendance to 25% of the seating capacity. WE CAN ACCOMMODATE 74 WORSHIPPERS. Attendees are required to wear face masks at masses. Seating guidelines, social distancing, interior walking routes, and guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion are to be observed. If you don't feel well, or are uncomfortable about attending Mass at this time, you have been granted a dispensation. God bless you.

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturdays - 4 p.m.; Sundays - 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday thru Friday - 8:30 am (Chapel).

We urge all parishioners to return to our community masses ASAP. Come, receive the Living Word.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING...

- ❖ **PLANNING TO MARRY?** Arrangements should be made per the Parish Office at least six months in advance.
- ❖ **INFANT BAPTISM:** Baptism Preparation Conferences are required of parents and god-parents. To make arrangements contact the Parish Office at 410-542-0445 or e-mail: office@naschurch.org.
- ILL AND HOME-BOUND:** Is a fellow parishioner in the hospital or unable to attend Mass? Please notify the Church office so that contact can be made for visits and reception of the sacraments.
- ❖ **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:** Entering the hospital for a medical procedure? "Anointing of the Sick" may be administered prior to medical procedures. Contact the Parish office or see clergy.

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- A recording of the **New All Saints SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD** is available at: [MyParish App](#). Use the "Homilies" button.
 - *Special Collection: Retired Religious* – Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your offering supports for medications, nursing care, and other necessities.
 - Access www.archbalt.org to view **Live Mass recorded at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen celebrated by Archbishop Lori at 11 a.m. Sundays.** Watch on Channel 11.2 TV, on Comcast Channel 208, and FIOS on Channel 460. The Masses are re-aired on WCBM-680 AM, at 7 p.m. every Sunday.
 - Receive **NAS WEDNESDAY REFLECTIONS ON THE SACRED WORD.** Go to: My parish App; use the [Homilies](#) button.
 - View the **NAS Weekly Bulletin** at: MyParish App. Use the bulletin button at www.NASChurch.org.

Planning to come to Mass? CHECK YOUR HEALTH CONDITION! If you have a fever, or are sick, or suspect that you may have been exposed to a contagious illness, please stay home and take care of yourself. **If you are awaiting test results for COVID-19 or any contagious illness, do not come to the parish campus, whether or not you have symptoms.** Thank you.
NAS Healthcare Committee.

"SHUT-IN" PARISHIONERS: William Baker; Sandra Brice; George Brown; Lionel Desbordes; William Garrett; Eula Gray; Susie Harding; Bernadette Leeds; Anita Parker; Maxima Shay.

PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES AND HOSPITALS: Barbara Bess (*Paradise Assisted Living*); Franklin Fitzgerald (*Lorien Mays Chapel*); Ivy Harris (*Brookdale Asst. Living, Pikesville*); Doris Johnson (*Future Care Cherrywood, Reisterstown*); Sr. Mary Margarita Musquera, OSP, (*St. Elizabeth Rehab*).

"AILING" PARISHIONERS: Rhaiyanna Allen; Vickie Barry; Marie Brown; Sylvia Buchanan; Joseph Campbell; Charles Coates; Christine Coates; Elvard Cooper; Belinda Cornish; Loretta Davis; Margaret Fernandez; William "Bill" Fields; Sandra Fowles; Carolyn Gray; Shirley Johnson; Charles Griffin; Eleanor Hairston; Jeanette Hall; Lora Hargrove; Shirley Hargrove; Barbara Harris; Martha Henley; Donna Hunter; Margaret Hunter; Catherine Johnson; Toba King; Aubrey Knox; Gwendolyn Lindsay; Charlotte Malinowski; Genevieve Massey; Denise Matthews; Alvin Moore; Emily Moore; Betty Morton; Marcia Morton; Ruth Payne; Marion Russell; Loristine Sheppard; Theresa Sisco; Donald Smith; Frances Smith; Jerry Stamper; Donald H. Stokes, Sr.; Carla Thompson; Margaret Wallace; Gerald White, Sr.; Gerald White, Jr.; Wanda White; Elizabeth Williams.

SICK FAMILY & FRIENDS: Francine Allen; Carolyn Campbell; Audrey Carter; Carolyn Carter; Judith Daniel; Marvin Dawkins; Fabian Desbordes; Dwight Gross; Vera & Lawrence Hall; Dennis Hamlin; Michelle Humphrey; Kaneez Fantima Isfahani; Donald Jackson; Benjamin Jones; Constantia Jones; Shelley Jones; Robin Martin; Raymond E. Matthews; Bertha White-May; Josephine McCoy; Zahara Moor; Karen Moore; Angeline Mosby; Robert Quarles; Teresita Simms; Irene Shelton; Adia Y. Stokes; Jacobi K. Stokes; Sue

Tiggle; Harriet Tribble; Barbara Wade; Isabella Walker; Stephanie Walker; Betty Whidby; Jerome White

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"

12/12 Michelle Jones
12/13 Marion Antoine; Barry Boston;
Bryn Brice; Cedric Gantt
12/14 Pernell Liggins; Brenda Williams
12/15 Bessie Black; Martina Efeyini;
Hilton Friend
12/16 Kadence Small
12/17 Kristina Makle; Darryl Massey;
Charles Sheppard; Patricia West;
Wanda White
12/18 Paula Green; Almedia Robinson

The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick-up at the Rectory on Monday, December 14th, 21st and 28th and Wednesday, December 16th, 23rd and 30th between the hours of 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Should you request your envelopes to be mailed, please contact the Rectory at 410-542-0445.

Do not use these envelopes for the 2020 calendar year. Thank you.

In compliance to Government Guidelines in the Archdiocese of Baltimore church offices are not considered "essential businesses" and must be closed to the public and remain closed until this restriction is lifted by the State of Maryland. Accordingly, NAS Church Office is closed until further notice. However, if you do need to contact the church office, please call 410-542-0445 and leave a brief message with your questions or concerns. We will get back to you as quickly as possible.

To leave a message... for Gloria Herndon press #136; Joyce Davis press #117; Candyce Hill press #116; Fr. Donald Sterling press #133. Response times may be a little longer than normal. *Stay Safe!*

CHURCH OFFERINGS. We respectfully and strongly encourage parishioners to continue to support our church during this pandemic period.

(1) **DROP-OFF** your church offerings to the church rectory by hand (4408 Liberty Heights Ave). any day or time of the week. Drop your offering into the rectory side door mail slot. (*The door facing the church building; look for hand rails*).

(2) **SEND** tithes via the US Postal Service to the Church Office (*address listed above*).

(3) **Make your offertory contributions ONLINE.**

Go to: www.archbalt.org/giving.

A. Go to the "GIVING TAB". Click on "**Donate**".

B. Select: "**NAS (1208)**" as the parish you want to support.

C. Complete the "myparish" offering information.

D. Please remember to include your envelope # for proper credit. You will need your bank or credit card account information.

E. Submit your offering.

F. Print a copy for your records. *Thank you.*

If you have paid your offerings on-line to the Archdiocese of Baltimore, please know that NAS has received your offering. A list is sent to each Parish for recording your offerings from the Archdiocese. It is important that you select the correct Parish and your envelope number for correct processing.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

May God bless you and protect you. Amen.

UPDATE YOUR NAS CHURCH SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION. Parishioners receive information via the phone, email and text from NASNotify the broadcast message system and Flocknote. Has your information changed? Update your communication preferences and contact information. Email: NASChurchCC@gmail.com. Include ministries that you are affiliated with.

NAS St. Vincent DePaul Ministry regrets it will not be able to conduct its Annual "Christmas Giving Tree Project". With the surge of COVID19, it is felt that it will not be safe. *We look forward to your support in 2021.*

View Weekly Church Bulletins at www.NASChurch.org or My Parish app. *Download the "MyParish App" from the App Store or the Google Play Store to your smart phone or tablet. Note: Email and text links are sent to NAS Parishioners who have provided their email address or text number. If you know of anyone who would like to receive NAS Church email updates, please ask them to send their email address to naschurchcc@gmail.com.

Pope Francis' PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMNIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your people, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we, who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

3RD Sunday of Advent Reflection – WHO AM I? As we long for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, let our Advent be perfectly holy. To help us, Saint Paul reminds us of these basic Christian attitudes: (1) rejoice always; (2) pray without ceasing; and (3) always give thanks. In whom or in what will I rejoice this week? How will I pray everyday this week? For whom and for what am I thankful? What will I do because of this thanksgiving?