



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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**Sundays-Rosary: 8:30 am**

**Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite Mass at 9:00**

**Wednesday Mass: 8:00am Rosary: 7:30am Confession Before all Masses**

**The Food Pantry & Clothes Closet are open Mon, Wed. & Fri. 10:00-12:00 for residents of the 35212 zip code; registration is required.**

*Bringing Jesus Christ to Gate City, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Since 1889 and with the help of the Salesians from 1955-2014*

## 12/1/19 The First Sunday of Advent

### Our Prayers Go Out

For the sick especially: Katherine, Carol, David Harris, Mishan, Katherine, Mary Pat, Alex, Elfrida, Marshall, Helen, Katie, Wyatt, Kathy, Edna & Sheila

For the repose of the souls of all those who died this week especially: Fr. Kevin McGrath

For Romel who still need God's help.

Contact Mike at 266-3065 or [mhfgeerts@gmail.com](mailto:mhfgeerts@gmail.com) with anything for the bulletin.



**It is First Sunday Please Come Next Door After Mass for "Coffee &"**

Please come and get to know each other and what is going on in the community.

If you won the Advent frame and candles or a "Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet" see Mike **Next Week Right After Mass We'll Cover Lk.23:1-43, Lessons 25 & 26 in the Youth Center**

Topic discussions now begin as soon as possible after Mass.

**12/5 Thursday Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7PM in the St. Paul CLC**

**12/6 Friday Holy Rosary Advent Retreat / Adoration 5:30-9:00 (SBOC)**

Many could not make the Friday during Thanksgiving week so the date has been moved.

Please stop by if only for a few minutes and "Enjoy some quiet time with the Lord."

**12/7 Sat District 5 Clean Up Day Volunteers Needed from 8:30 AM-11:30**

If you can help contact Colin Alexander [coalexz@birminghamal.gov](mailto:coalexz@birminghamal.gov) 205-478-3294

**12/7 Advent Reflection Day Focused on Early Monastic Women 9AM - 3:30 Cullman**

Sister Elisabeth Meadows O.S.B will lead. Pre-registration is required lunch is included in the \$30 cost. Contact the Benedictine Retreat center at (256) 734-8320 or [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org)

**12/8 1:30 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at St Theresa's in Leeds**

There will be a procession, mariachi Indian Dancers and... tacos. For info call (205)352-3741

**12/9 Mass at Holy Rosary 5:30PM**

**For the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Angel Tree For Children in Our Programs Ages 6-13. Presents Needed By Tues 12/17**

Please participate. We are being asked that gifts be wrapped or in gift bags and be labeled with age, gender and type of present (You can tape your angel to the package if you wish.)

Requests include: socks, underwear, coats, general clothing items, lip balm, games, dolls for younger girls and costume jewelry for the girls 10 & up.

**The First Batch of Holy Rosary Anniversary Tee-Shirts Is About To Be Ordered! (SBOC)**

70 Shirts were ordered. A second batch will be ordered in a few months.



**Thanks giving Dinner Was Massively Attended! Thank you to all who helped made it happen!**

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## Our After School Youths Will Participate In The KoC Free Throw Championship In January

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### Fr Ken Germaine's Birthday is December 2<sup>nd</sup>

If anyone knows of his whereabouts please share the information!

**Address**        **Sister Rita Vogelsang**  
3003 W. Broadway Blvd.  
Tucson AZ. 85745

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### Additional Thoughts from Saint Teresa of Calcutta:

*"If you are discouraged it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own power. Your self-sufficiency your, selfishness and intellectual pride will inhibit His coming to live in your heart because God cannot fill what is already full. It is as simple as that."*

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### Tue 12/3        Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier

Born in Spain, educated in France where he met St Ignatius of Loyola and so became one of the first Jesuits. He is known as one of the best missionaries. He worked in India, Malaya, Japan and was on his way to China when he died. In addition to going to the streets and calling people to talk to them of the Gospel he also wrote songs about Catholicism to the tunes of their music. *"It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken."*

### Sat. 12/7        Memorial of Saint Ambrose

St. Ambrose is a character worth reading about. A learned man he adopted lessons from philosophy and even other religions using them to understand and teach. He was not a particularly flowery speaker but was known for being, on point, for the times in which he lived. He acted when he saw wrongs; even if the person he rebuked was the Emperor. *"One of the duties of fortitude is to keep the weak from receiving injury; another, to check the wrong motions of our own souls; a third, both to disregard humiliations, and to do what is right with an even mind. All these clearly ought to be fulfilled by all Christians, and especially by the clergy."* Also (*"When in Rome, live as the Romans do: when elsewhere live as elsewhere."*)

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## 12/8/19 The Second Sunday of Advent

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st Reading: Is. 11:1-10

Responsorial: Ps. 72

2nd Reading: Rom. 15:4-9

Gospel: Mt. 3:1-12

### Lector's Schedule

1.) Roger Coffield

2) Tracey Roberts

### Special Eucharistic Ministers

Michael Yester & John McPherson

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## GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

**Baptisms** Contact Father Jon to make arrangements as soon after birth as possible.

**Weddings** Contact Father Jon at least six months in advance, to begin preparations.

**Anointing of the Sick** For those who begin to be in danger of death due to serious illness and/or old age - discuss the situation with Father Jon.

## PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACTS

### Volunteers Are Always Needed

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Learning Center-**  
**Holy Rosary Youth Soccer-**  
**Youth Program-**  
**Food Pantry-**  
**Clothes Closet-**  
**Knights of Columbus -**

Sister Mary Robert 837-5117  
Coach Harri Haikala 492-4245  
Coach Murphy 835-7769  
**Your Name and Number Here**  
Delores Jackson 527-6988  
Mike Geerts 508-3070

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