



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass: 8:30am Rosary: 8:00am

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



12/2/18 The First Sunday of Advent

Our Prayers Go Out

For the sick especially: Katie White, Wyatt, Bo, Robert Barchue as he is transported home to Liberia, Edna Towns, Sheila, Terry, Traci, Connie & David

Rest of the souls of John J. Coleman Jr. father of Daniel and Rev Lambert Greenan a priest of 78 years and George H.W. Bush

For Elfriede and Romel who still need God's help.

Contact Mike at 266-3065 or mhfgeerts@gmail.com with anything for the bulletin.



Today is 1st Sunday of the Month Coffee & Pot-Luck, and the First Sunday of Advent

Stop by the Angel Tree & then

bring the person next to you to the Youth Center for Food & Fellowship!

The Angel Tree –Please remember bring presents wrapped with your Angel firmly attached. Distribution will begin soon so please bring them back next week if possible.



12/6 St John Vianney's Uncorrupted Heart will be at the Cathedral 8AM -6PM (SBOC)

Schedule of events: Open 8:30AM, Confessions 11:15, Mass 12:15, Vespers 5:15, Close 6PM
(The regular Dec. Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting is cancelled Thurs evening.)



12 /7th & 8th Holy Rosary Open Retreat (SBOC)

The Church and Youth Center will be open Fri- 6pm-9pm and Sat 8am-noon. On Sat, we will start with the Rosary at 8 the Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 8:30 for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. During the retreat sessions, new topics will be provided each hour.

There will be quiet in the church and the Youth Center will be open for those who want to have open discussions on the topics provided. (See Mike G. for details).

12/8 Catholic Women's Conference at OLV 8:30-3:30 (SBOC)

Three speakers: Kelly Nieto, Leah Darrow & Johnnette Benkovic, lunch and Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation for only \$20. Register at <http://BhmCatholicWomen.com>

More "Thank Yous" are in order than could ever be made: to all who give of their time, talent and yes, worldly goods to make the apostolates here at Holy Rosary live. However, please try! Recognize those around you for what they do week in and week out; and also smile and thank God for this community and the things that you are able to do through it in His name.

Go to FORMED at: <https://holyrosarybirmingham.formed.org> it is a most amazing place!

Volunteers are Needed to Capitalize on Food Donations for the Pantry and Lighten the Load.

1. A Coordinator of Runs who would work by phone. See Sr. Jackie.
 2. Sun- Panera Bread, 200 Doug Baker Blvd, off 280-pick-up 9PM bring to the Pantry Mon.
 3. Mon. Little Caesar's 1stAve No & Oporto Madrid Mid-morning or late afternoon
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Additional Thoughts from of Saint Teresa of Calcutta:

“We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace, we need love and compassion. Let us radiate the peace of God and so light His light and extinguish all hatred and love of power in the world and in the hearts of all men.”

The light begins to build as we light the first candle in the anticipation of Christ’s coming.

Advent Prayer: Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Mon. 12/3 Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier

One of the First Franciscans, he was a great evangelist in India to the Philippines including Japan and China. “If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary; she is our comfort, our help; turn towards her and you will be saved.” St. Francis Xavier

Fri. 12/7 Memorial of Saint Ambrose

St Ambrose was man of education who was aware of his contemporaries. He could apply what he learned that was good but also call out the Emperor when necessary.

“No one heals himself by wounding another.” St. Ambrose

Sat. 12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gabriel calls out to Mary as highly favored or ...Full of Grace. There is not a lot to go on in the Bible to say Mary was born “Immaculate” or without any sin but common sense and Holy Spirit can lead you there. It was discussed for at least 600 years but 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.” Today we celebrate just how amazing and wonderful Mary, the mother of our God is.

12/9/18 The Second Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings

1st Reading: Bar. 5:1-9

Responsorial: Ps. 126

2nd Reading: Phil. 1:4-6 & 9-11

Lk. 3:1-6

Lector’s Schedule

1) Donna Slayton

2) Byron Lagrone

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-

Sister Mary Robert 837-5117

Holy Rosary Youth Soccer-

Coach Harri Haikala 492-4245

Youth Program-

Coach Murphy 835-7769

Food Pantry-

Your Name and Number Here

Clothes Closet-

Delores Jackson 527-6988

Knights of Columbus -

Mike Geerts 508-3070