



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA
of the
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

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MASSES:
 Saturday Morning Mass 8:00 A.M.
 Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
 10:30 A.M.
 12:10 P.M.
 Weekday: 12:10 P.M.
 Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.
 Feast: 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:
 Daily: 11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
 Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15
 Anytime on request.

Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2011

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

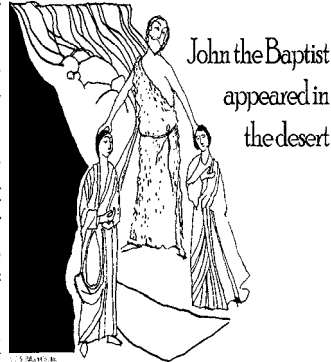
— Mark 1:3

SCRIPTURE THEME:

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.



God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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EVENING PRAYERS DURING ADVENT:

This Advent the Cathedral Pontifical Choir is pleased to continue the tradition of celebrating Solemn Choral Vespers, within the context of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Each Sunday of December, the choir and special guest musicians will present a concert of seasonal music beginning at 5:00 PM. The public celebration of the Divine Office is an ancient tradition of the Church, and is an especially beautiful and meaningful way to prepare for the coming of Our Lord. All are invited to attend. Featured performers include Dr. Peter Wood, trumpet (Dec, 4), Angelina Trimm, soprano (Dec. 11) and the Heim Duo, flute and guitar, (Dec. 18).

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Thursday of this week is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy-day of Obligation. All are obliged to attend Mass. The vigil Mass will be on Wednesday at 5:30 PM and Mass on December 8 will be at 12:10 PM. Please plan to attend one of these Masses in honor of this great feast of the Blessed Mother.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the Retired Religious. Please be generous to this special collection in remembrance for all that these retired priests, brothers and sisters who have done so much for us.

Mass Intentions Week Beginning Sunday, December 4, 2011

Sunday December 4	8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Catherine Mainwaring Parishioners
Monday December 5	12:10 PM..	John R. Cavanaugh
Tuesday December 6	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday December 7	12:10 P.M.	Thomas E. Stanton
Friday December 9	12:10 P.M.	Sr. Kathleen Brady
Saturday December 10	8:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M.	Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Sexton (L)

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations. The weekend of Nov. 20 you gave \$3,489.74 and last weekend you gave \$2,821.35. Thank you.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Having an emergency? Contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we may be able to help you. Call (251) 442-1122 and leave a message. **Please help us help other.** Contributions may be left in the Poor Box at the rear of the church or you can mail a check to The Cathedral Downtown Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 161, Mobile, AL 36601. **Join us!** Come to our meetings to learn more about the charitable works of this organization. Meetings are on the **First and Third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 pm in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

The special collection for Christmas flowers will be taken up on December 18, due to the special collection next weekend for the Retired Religious.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS:

We are beginning the process to raise money for the refurbishment of our beautiful stained glass windows. This is a great undertaking for our parish and although greatly needed, it will be very expensive. Therefore we have renamed the Cathedral Development Fund as the Cathedral Window Fund and will be taking up a special collection for this fund in place of the development fund. For the remainder of this year and next year please continue to use the envelopes marked Development Fund for this endeavor. Therefore the special collection taken up today will be for the refurbishing of the Cathedral Stained Glass Windows. Thank you.

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