



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA
of the
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

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MASSES:
 Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
 10:30 A.M.
 Weekday: 7:50 A.M.
 12:10 P.M.
 Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.
 Feast: 7:50 A.M.
 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:
 Daily: Ten minutes before Mass.
 Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15
 Anytime on request.
 Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
 Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2010

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9

SCRIPTURE THEME:

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.



After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Wednesday, December the Eighth is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are on Tuesday evening at 5:30 P.M. and on Wednesday at 7:50 A.M. and 12:10 P.M. All are obliged to attend Mass on this Holyday of Obligation.



SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Next weekend there will be a special collection taken up at all the Mass for the Retired Religious of the archdiocese. Please remember these retired priests, brothers and sisters who have done so much to serve us and who now depend on us to help them in their retirement years. Thank you.

Mass Intentions Week Beginning Sunday, December 5, 2010

Sunday December 5	10:30 A.M.	Parishioners
Monday December 6	7:50 AM	John Fievot
Tuesday December 7	7:50 AM 12:10 P.M.	Holy Souls Dec. Members of the McGill Family
Thursday December 9	7:50 AM 12:10 PM	Emma Jones Drey Melissa Edmond

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

Your tithes and donations to the Cathedral last weekend amounted to \$4,319.37 for which we are truly grateful.



CATHEDRAL PRAYER NETWORK:

If you have a special intention please call the Prayer Request Line at the Cathedral Rectory at 434-8291 and leave the name of the persons you wish to have prayed for and the reason. Your request will be relayed to the members of the network. Your request will remain confidential.



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection for the Cathedral Development Fund at all the Masses this weekend please be as generous as you can. Thank you.