



*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

**The Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2011**  
**The light shines in the darkness,**  
**and the darkness has not overcome it.**  
**— John 1:5**

**SCRIPTURE THEME:**  
**THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD**

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.



At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING:**

On behalf of Archbishop Rodi, Archbishop Emeritus Lipscomb, Msgr. Martin, Deacon Connick, Deacon Cretaro and all of the staff of the Cathedral Parish, we wish all of you a safe and holy Christmas.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES-2012:**

If you did not pick up your church envelopes before Christmas, they will be out again the weekend of December 31-January 1. The envelope system is the only way we have of really tracking your contributions to the church accurately. Please pick up your envelopes and use them weekly. Thank you.

**NEW TO PARISH**

If you are new to the parish and wish to register please call the church office and we will be glad to assist you with this process. If you are a registered parishioner and have moved please notify us of your change of address or telephone number.

**Mass Intentions**  
**Week Beginning Sunday, December 25, 2011**

Sunday December 25	10:30 A.M.	Parishioners
Monday December 26	12:10 PM..	Agnes Rose
Tuesday December 27	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday December 28	12:10 P.M.	John Grove, Jr.
Thursday December 29	12:10 P.M.	John Grove, Jr.
Friday December 30	12:10 P.M.	John Grove, Jr.

**TITHES AND DONATIONS:**

We are grateful for your tithes and donations for last weekend. Due to the deadline for early submission of our bulletin to the printer, we will have this information for you next week. Thank you.



**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.

**HOSPITAL STAYS:**

Please notify the parish office of an anticipated hospital stay by you or your family members. We only know if you tell us. Thank you.

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