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Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Liturgy: 6:45 p.m., Tuesday; 9:00 a.m., Wednesday-Thursday
Vespers: 6:45 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (3:30 p.m. Summer); Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. Summer)

Bulletin Announcements: Notices, in writing, must be in the Parish Office by 12:00 noon on Monday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: During Sunday liturgies for children 4 to 8 years of age.

Nursery: During the 11:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy for children newborn to 4 years of age.

NEWLY ARRIVED TO ST. THÉRÈSE?
Please stop by the information desk after any weekend liturgy or come by the Parish Office during the week to introduce yourself and register.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):
We would like to invite everyone (young and old) who is interested in becoming a Catholic to please contact Mark Hoggard.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Parents are asked to attend two sessions before getting their child baptized. Please call the Parish Office for the times and dates for the Preparation Classes, as well as the Baptism weekends.

First Eucharist or First Reconciliation:
Contact Terry Allen.

Sacrament of Confirmation:
Preparation begins in Grade 10 or above. Contact Fr. Kevin J. O’Brien.

Reconciliation:
Each Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., or by appointment. Contact Fr. Kevin J. O’Brien.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months in advance of making plans for their marriage. Contact Fr. Kevin J. O’Brien.

Anointing of the Sick:
Any time by appointment. Contact Fr. Kevin J. O’Brien.

Visiting the Sick/Ministry of Care:
Please call the Parish Office to arrange for Communion, Anointing of the Sick, or when someone is ill, in the hospital or in need of help in any way. (Note: the privacy rules do not allow hospitals to contact the parish.)

Mission Statement
We are a Catholic community, dedicated to making God’s Kingdom a reality through evangelization and teaching, prayer and reflection, example and outreach.
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent**
- 8:30 am - Liturgy - Church
- 11:00 am - Liturgy - Church
- 11:00 am - Men’s Dismissal - Room 1
- 12:30 pm - Christmas Pageant CHOIR Rehearsal - Church
- 5:30 pm - Instrumental Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant - Church
- 6:30 pm - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Church

**MONDAY, December 10**
- Night Porter - Clarence

**TUESDAY, December 11**
- Night Porter - Matt

**WEDNESDAY, December 12**
- Night Porter - Tony

**THURSDAY, December 13**
- Night Porters - Ed & Arline

**FRIDAY, December 14**
- 6:30 pm - Christmas Pageant Performance - Church

**SATURDAY, December 15**
- 7:30 am - Men’s Prayer Group - Chapel
- 4:00-4:30 pm - Individual Reconciliation - Reconciliation Chapel
- 5:00 pm - Liturgy

**SUNDAY, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent**
- 8:30 am - Liturgy - Church
- 8:30 am - Adult Dismissal - Room 6
- 9:45 am - Seekers Of the Spirit Men’s Group - Room 6
- 10:00 am - Music Rehearsal - Church
- 11:00 am - Liturgy - Church
- 11:00 am - Children’s Dismissal - Room 1

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**Mass Intentions/Readings**

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**Collection for Week Ending December 2, 2012**

- **自动给与**: $3,085.00
- **非注册会员（现金及其他）**：$1,423.80
- **总周收入**：$15,367.00
- **本周预算总金额 FY 12-13**：$17,500.00
- **预算不足**：$2,133.00
- **财政年度 [7月1-当前季度] 溢出**：$234.75
- **按当前收入与总数的比率**：90%
- **所有注册会员使用信封的比率**：40%
- **债务减少**：$2,985.00
- **自动给与**：$585.00
- **总债务减少**：$3,570.00

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**CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS**

**OASIS SOCIAL MINISTRY PANTRY**

Dec. 16, Canned Meats (Spam, Ham, Corned Beef, Chicken) & Tuna; Dec. 23, Canned Fruits & Vegetables; Dec. 30, Canned & Packaged Soups. Any non-perishable food item is always appreciated!

**WALK FOR H.O.P.E. UPDATE**

Thanks to your generosity, $1,625.00 was raised to help those in our area who need help. Thanks to Jim & Geneva Buckman and Eric & Chris Peiffer for walking. Looking forward to the walk next year and hope more people can join us. God Bless!
Dec. 2012 EVENTS: RCIA Sessions every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. - Room 6

Dec. 12, (Wed.) - 5:00 pm - Extended Catechesis - Room 10

Dec. 12 & 19, (Wed.) - 6:00 pm - Living Solidarity - “Just Matters” - Rooms 1 & 2

Dec. 20, (Thurs.) - 6:45 pm - New Wineskins - Room 6

The YOUTH GROUP will be going to the HER (Help and Emergency Response) Shelter on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. They will be serving dinner and presenting the shelter with a much needed table. Sign up deadline is December 9th.

Permission slips are on the bulletin board and online. Don’t forget we meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday’s of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Rita Ianni whose sister, Ruth, died in Florida last week. Please remember Rita and her family in prayer, and may Ruth now be among the angels and saints in heaven - at peace and rest.

The BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER! December 14th 7:00 p.m.
Join us for a wonderful Christmas story for the whole family. Invite family & friends!

Admission: One can of food per person.

The NIFTY-OVER-FIFTY Group will meet for their Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lobster. We ask that the ladies bring a gift for a lady and the men bring a gift for a man. All Nifty-Fifties in the parish are invited to join us for a time of fun, good food and fellowship! If you have any questions, give Anita Nobles a call at 255-0046. We would love to have you join us!

LAST CALL: SUPPORT MAISON FORTUNÉ THROUGH CFC OR CVC
Time is winding down for those considering an end-of-year donation to the orphanage through either the Combined Federal Campaign (federal employees) or the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (state employees). The CFC comes to an end by the CVC as number 12234; by the CVC as number 3871. On behalf of the children of Maison Fortuné Orphanage, many thanks and blessings during the coming Christmas season.

Don’t Miss This!
Second Sunday of Advent

Sharpen Our Hearing

God our generous Father, you who sent John to awaken the people to the coming of Jesus, sharpen our hearing so we too might hear the unlikely prophets in our midst. Attune us to your Word, spoken by ordinary people, by children and teenagers, laborers, artists, and the elderly so that together we can prepare your way. Lead us to appreciate all your people as much as we admire the rich and famous. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 9, 2012
Who Will Prepare the Way of the Lord?

Today’s Readings: Baruch 5:1–9; Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6 (3); Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11; Luke 3:1–6 If we were to describe the setting for John’s Good News in contemporary terms, we might say: in France, Kenya, Samoa, Japan, and Bolivia, when Obama was president of the United States and Benedict XVI was pope, “the word of God came to John . . .”

God’s Word always comes to specific human beings in concrete situations. It’s not airy, floating in the clouds. All around the world, as Advent begins, Christians undertake intensified prayer and preparation. This is how they prepare the way and make the paths straight. There is a collective power in millions turning from the culture’s hype, seeking instead a way of peace, emptiness, and mystery.

When the stores hang red and green tinsel, Christians drape their altars and prayer corners with violet. Their energy comes not from what they can buy, but as Baruch says, from “rejoicing that God has remembered them.”

In the twenty-first century, we remember Herod, Philip, and Annas only as villains. The heroes of the story that is unfolding were unknown in their day: a ragged preacher in the wilderness named John, a teenaged girl named Mary, her baffled fiancé, Joseph.

Somewhere in a Frankfurt treatment center for AIDS patients, a native American parish in Wyoming, an orphanage in Somalia, the Word of God continues to be spoken by unique individuals who aren’t famous: through healing touches, compassionate eyes, hearts attuned to Christ’s.
This Week at Home

**Monday, December 10**

**After Paralysis, Movement**

Today’s Gospel presents the central paradox of Christianity: when we are weakest, even paralyzed, we are strongest. The friends of the paralytic must have thought their mission was futile: the crowd around Jesus was so dense. Just then, their faith became creative. The man lowered through the roof must have felt helpless, even foolish. Just then, he was cured. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11–12, 13–14 (Isaiah 35:4f); Luke 5:17–26.

**Tuesday, December 11**

**Where Is the Greatest Need?**

Jesus’ words give clear direction during the hectic holiday season. Do what is most needed, he says. Perhaps that means decorations are sacrificed to a child’s need for time and attention. There may not be forty-seven kinds of cookies because the baker must care for herself. Maybe the lonely neighbor needs an hour of conversation more than the gifts need perfect wrapping. Attending to need makes the difference between the shepherd’s satisfaction when all is in order and his joy when the last one is found. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 96:1–2, 3 and 10ac, 11–12, 13 (see Isaiah 40:10ab); Matthew 18:12–14.

**Wednesday, December 12**

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Mary’s appearance to Juan Diego in Mexico came only ten years after the Spanish conquered the native peoples. They were oppressed, decimated, despondent. Then Mary appeared with dark skin, wearing their style of clothing, speaking their native language, not Spanish. She was one with them, and she directed the Church toward solidarity with the poor. Her profound influence continues. Today’s Readings: Zechariah 2:14–17; Responsorial Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19 (15:9d); Luke 1:26–38.

**Thursday, December 13**

**Memorial of Saint Lucy**

Little is known about Lucy except that she rejected a suitor, who turned her in as a Christian to the authorities. They killed her in Sicily around the year 304. Lucy must have taken Christ and his message most seriously, as did John the Baptist. Do we invest in prayer and the works of mercy as avidly as we do our careers, favorite sports, or pursuit of luxuries? During a dark season, Lucy shines with brilliant light. How can we rearrange our priorities to be more in line with hers and John’s? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 41:13–20; Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10–11, 12–13ab (8); Matthew 11:11–15.

**Friday, December 14**

**Memorial of Saint John of the Cross**

Together, John, the young priest, and Teresa de Avila, the fifty-two-year-old nun, reformed the Carmelite order, and also opened a door into mysticism for ordinary people seeking holiness. John’s greatest work, *Dark Night of the Soul* uses the image of the soul meeting God like a lover seeking the beloved, undergoing pain as well as bliss in the search. Today’s Readings: Isaiah 48:17–19; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6 (see John 8:12); Matthew 11:16–19.

**Saturday, December 15**

**Unrecognized Prophets**

To understand today’s Gospel, it’s important to know the Jewish belief that Elijah would return to precede the Messiah. If Jesus was really their savior, where was Elijah? Jesus points out the similarities between John and Elijah: John lived in the desert, defied the king, and dressed like Elijah. Yet people didn’t recognize him; in fact, they killed him. What messengers of God in our midst are we missing? Today’s Readings: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15–16, 18–19 (4); Matthew 17:9a, 10–13.