



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
of the  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

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 Office Manager

**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

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2010

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing  
Crowned with everlasting joy.  
-Isaiah 35:10a

### SCRIPTURE THEME:

### REASON TO REJOICE:

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst of the people. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoice: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).

### *Christmas and New Year Schedule 2010*

**Christmas Eve December 24:**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30 PM– 4:15 PM**

**Vigil Mass 4:30 PM**

**Midnight Mass—Doors open at 11:00 PM**

**Music Program begins at 11:15 PM**

**Mass at 12:00 Midnight**

**Mass on Christmas Day December 25**

**10:30 AM**

**NO VIGIL MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY FOR  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 26**

**Masses on Sunday, December 26**

**8:00 and 10:30 AM**

**Mass on Saturday January 1, 2011**

**10:00 AM only**

**There will be no 4:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday  
January 1, 2011 for Sunday January 2, 2011.**

**Masses on Sunday January 2, 2011**

**8:00 and 10:30 AM**

### SPECIAL COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend to help defray the cost of decorating the Church for Christmas. As with everything else in this economy the cost for decorating the church for any special occasion is on the rise. Please be generous.

### TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations for last weekend. Thank you.

### Mass Intentions

#### Week Beginning Sunday, December 12, 2010

Sunday December 12	10:30 A.M.	Parishioners
Monday December 13	12:10 PM	Mabel Rooney
Tuesday December 14	7:50 AM 12:10 P.M.	Holy Souls Dec, Mem. McGill Family
Wednesday December 15	12:10 M	Mary Connick (L) Ann Simms (L)
Thursday December 16	7:50 AM 12:10 PM	Norman Pharr (L) Lois Jennings
Friday December 17	7:50 AM 12:10 PM	Stephanie Marie Wallace William Joseph Wallace

### 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.

### Catholic Social Services:

The Refugee Resettlement Program is always receiving new arrivals and is still in desperate need of support from our community. We are specifically looking for donations of furniture and household items (new or lightly used) such as sofas, loveseats, linens, kitchen items, tables/chairs, etc. If anyone is interested in volunteering or donating items, please call Alyssa Mueller at 432-2727 or send an e-mail to amueller@cssrrp.org. **Thank you so much!**