

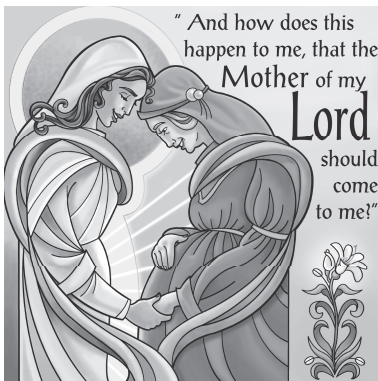
Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23, 2012

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

SCRIPTURE THEME: **MEMORIES AND DREAMS**

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.



Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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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.

There will be a special collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your donations help these good men and women who volunteer their time and energy to assisting those in need, providing them with food, utility services and sometimes a place to stay. What better time of the year than Christmas time to help those who are in need of assistance. Please give generously. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, December 23, 2012

Sunday December 23	8:00 AM 10:30 AM.	Edgar Kightlinger Parishioners
Monday December 24	12:10 PM..	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Tuesday December 25	10:30 AM.	
Wednesday December 26	12:10 PM	Elizabeth B. Nunan
Thursday December 27	12:10 P.M.	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Friday December 28	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Member of the McGill Family
Saturday December 29	8:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M.	Edgar Kightlinger

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations of \$3,027.93 and the special collection for flowers for the Church on Christmas was \$932.46. Thank you.



Christmas and New Year Schedule

2012-2013

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**

**Vigil Mass on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012
5:30 PM**

**Mass on Tuesday, January 1, 2013,
the Feast of Mary the Mother of God,
is at 9:00 AM**