

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2021

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

Readings

Reading I: Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 126

Response: "The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy."

Reading II: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Irene & Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Jim Kirkwood, Janine Lamanna, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Susy Weiss, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Advent Message

"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man."

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity." — Benedict XVI

St. Francis News and Notes...

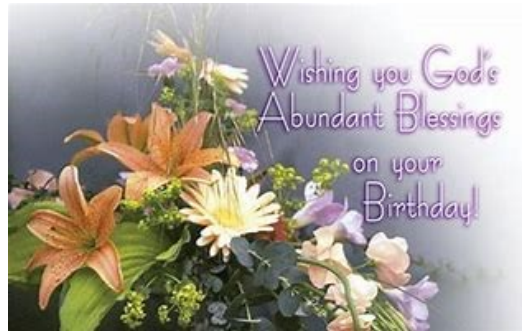
- Fr. Jay Biber joins us as celebrant throughout the entire month of December.
- Many thanks to those who donated to our Jesse Tree and Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those who are in need.
- Please pick up a copy of The Word Among Us for readings during Advent.
- FYI—2022 calendars and 2022 collection envelopes will be ready for pick up in a couple of weeks.

December Schedule

Dec. 8 (Wed)	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass—12 pm
Dec. 15 (Wed)	Advent Reconciliation—12 pm	
Dec. 24 (Fri)	Christmas Eve.—Mass 5 pm	
Dec. 25 (Sat)	No Mass	
Dec. 26 (Sun)	Mass—5 pm	

December Birthdays

John Herr	2
Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Dave Richter	14
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Pat Onestinghel	26
Sue Hunnicutt	29
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	29



Mass Times: Sat., 5:00 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:00-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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