

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
19-20 December 2015

**JBM-HH Catholic Community**  
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**Mass:** 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F.  
**Daily Mass:** Noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
**Reconciliation:** 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112  
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**Registration:** Forms available on website or from an usher  
**Sacraments and Sponsor Letters:** Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members  
**E-Bulletins:** Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday. Please add [jbmhccatholicparish.com](mailto:jbmhccatholicparish.com) to "safe sender" list. Contact Pam with registrations changes or to Opt Out of receiving the e-bulletin.

**Clergy Notes**

Then Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger said, "Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope..." (*Seek That Which Is Above*, 1986) Our Gospel reading for this 4th Sunday of the Advent, Elizabeth greets Mary and recognizes the God's salvific plan. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone.

As we light our 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle – The Angel Candle or Candle of Love - the Church invites us to be with our Mother Mary while she waits the birth of her child. We are invited to take a step back from juggling our other "secular" to do list. We are gently summoned to stop and be still for a while with the mother of the Lord.

Have a blessed week!

Deacon Joe

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

**Deployed:** FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps

**Deceased:** Jim Campbell; Rafael Sandiego, Jr.

**Healing:** Buddy Craven, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Nimpa Bautista, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Richard Brysacz (father of Margaret Asten), Morris McGregor, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Hamlin Ortiz (father of Ham Ortiz), Randy Krug, Justin Cimino, Jack Doyle, Virginia Hoh, Jeff Lepak, Al and Marilyn Hanson, Russell Plaisance, Warren Krug, Gigi Goode, Betsy Plowman, Warren Efting, Barbara Nastro, Joe Franklin, Maureen Dubia, Helen Bernardo

~ Please contact Pam to remove names from Deployed and Healing lists ~


**Introduction to the Readings**

**First Reading: Micah 5:1-4** The prophet Micah, writing some 700 years before Christ, attacked the social injustices of Israel. He looked ahead to a day when the tiny city of Bethlehem, where David had been born, would bring forth a new shepherd – a good shepherd – who would unify the people and bring peace.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10** The Letter to the Hebrews constantly looks to the Old Testament and shows how Jesus surpassed its laws and sacrifices. In Old Testament times, the people offered animal sacrifices over and over in atonement for their sins. But this could not compare to the God-made-flesh who gave his life *once* for the sins of all.

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*  
Psalm 80

**December 19, 2015 through January 8, 2016**

SAT & SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>19</b>  <b>20</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> No Religious Education	<b>21</b> NO RCIA	<b>22</b> NO Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> NO Daily Mass 1630 Choral Prelude 1700 Vigil Mass	<b>25</b> <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 0900 Mass
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> NO Religious Education 1030 Finance Committee meeting	<b>28</b> NO RCIA	<b>29</b> NO Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i> NO Daily Mass 1700 Vigil Mass
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>The Epiphany</i> 1030 Baptism Instruction Class No Religious Education classes 1600 Epiphany Concert – Old Post Chapel	<b>4</b> 1800 RCIA	<b>5</b> 1100 Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1900 Knights of Columbus Roundtable
	<b>8</b> Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 1000-1145				

**Community Notes**

The Pastoral Council wishes each of you a very Joyous Christmas with many Blessings for you and your families in the coming year. ~ Pat Trahan, Pastoral Council President

Many thanks to Julie Otto and the team who worked with her. All parents who made the great costumes! Our young people for their participation in the pageant, Glen Frank and our singers and musicians, Peg Bowen and the Social Committee and Ivan as St. Nick, for a great Sunday 0900, 13 DEC Mass. Our children are a blessing to this Catholic Community!!! ~ Fr. Fred

The JBM-HH Gospel Community reports that sixty-five new coats were given to the Army Community Service for distribution to service members' children. In addition, forty gently used coats were given to Ebenezer AME Church, Fort Washington, MD, to be handed out to homeless veterans in the DC area. Many thanks to the Gospel Community for organizing this and to all members of the JBM-HH congregations who contributed to this effort.

The Knights of Columbus will start the JBM-HH Catholic Community 'Socks for Homeless' project to reach out to those in need. We invite you to participate in this work of charity. The bags will be distributed 19/20 Dec 15 and will collect them on 2/3 Jan 2016. Please fill these bags/socks with suggested items in the insert. Thank you. Please contact: Bro. Jeff Lepak at [jeffrey.lepak777@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.lepak777@gmail.com); Bro. Charles Kern at [charles.jinae.kern@gmail.com](mailto:charles.jinae.kern@gmail.com); or Dcn Joseph Pak at [josephpak@hotmail.com](mailto:josephpak@hotmail.com).

The annual **Christmas and Epiphany concert** will be held on Sunday, **3 January 2016**, at 1600 in the Old Post Chapel. The program will be a celebration of both Christmas and the Epiphany with the playing of favorite seasonal hymns. The concert will feature the Protestant choir along with Randall Sheets, organist/choirmaster, trumpet soloist Chuck Seipp, and a special ocarina soloist. Bring your friends and neighbors! A reception will follow the program.

The Diocese of Richmond is holding its annual diocesan **Men's Conference** on Saturday, 16 January 2016 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Please see the flyer for more information or visit [www.cdrcmf.org](http://www.cdrcmf.org).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** begins on **8 January 2016** and will continue throughout the year on each first Friday of the month, 1000 to 1145, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please check the bulletin and website calendars for updates as the schedule may change due to holidays.

**Flower Dedication:** A flower chart has recently been posted on the wall in Betsy Hendrix's office. You can request to have the flowers on a particular Sunday dedicated in honor of a loved one. There is no charge for the flower dedication. If you wish, you may add a bit to your regular donation.

**Offertory for 12-13 December 2015**

1700 Vigil Mass: 122 \$2,412.00  
0900 Mass: 344 \$3,360.00

**Weekend Total: 466 \$5,772.00**

Please make checks payable to C.T.O.F.



**Scheduled Designated Offerings**

9-10 January Wounded Warriors Lourdes Pilgrimage  
23-24 January Luke's Wings  
13-14 February Oblates of St. Francis deSales  
19-20 March Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA