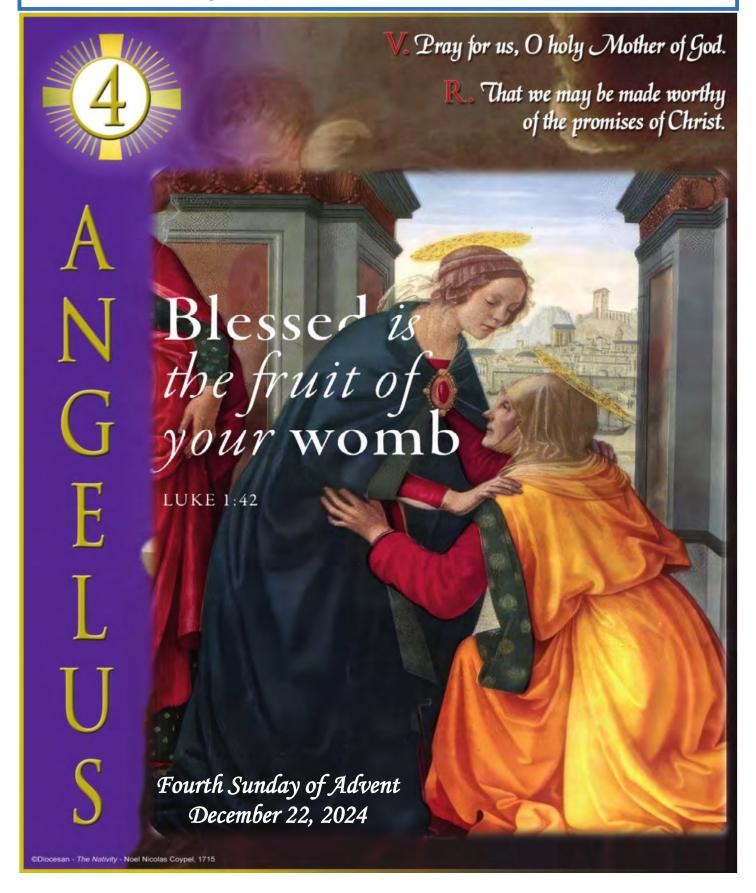
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<u>HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS</u>: If you'd like a priest to visit you with the sacraments, please call the parish office.

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL: If you are in a local hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM: Please obtain a baptism registration form either at the weekend Masses, or visit our website. After reading the requirements and completing the form, return it to Religious Education. For more information please email rose@drexelcc.org. Baptisms are scheduled after consultation with a priest.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the parish office at least nine (9) months prior to the desired date of the ceremony.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Call Faith Formation at (239) 283-0525.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Are you going for a surgery? Do you need The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick? Please see the priest after any Mass or call the parish office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Registration forms are in the church, parish office and on the parish website.

JOIN OUR PARISH FLOCKNOTE: To sign up and receive our email or events and parish information, please go to drexelcc.flocknote.com.

PARISH VISION

Saint Katharine Drexel is a welcoming,
Christ-centered family,
Nourished through the Sacraments,
And chosen, anointed and sent by the Holy
Spirit To grow in holiness and build the
Kingdom of God.

PARISHMISSION

We, the family of Saint Katharine Drexel,
Baptized in Christ, anointed by the Holy Spirit,
and nourished through the sacraments and
God's word, Strive to become intentional
disciples of Christ,

Who are committed to prayer, learning, and service, to build the Kingdom of God.





SKD PARISH CALENDAR—MINISTRY EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23:

6:30 pm AA Meeting (FFE)
7:00 pm Lay Augustinians (FFE)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve

Parish Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: Christmas Day

Parish Offices Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:

Parish Offices Open

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27:

Parish Offices Open

10:00 am Legion of Mary (FFW) 6:30 pm Youth Group (FFE)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28:

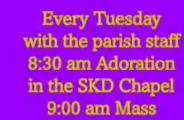
10:00 am Legion of Mary Curia (FFW)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29:

8:00 am K of C Pancake Breakfast (Hall)



HOLYHOUR



Maintenance FundScan to donate



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday—9:00 am
Saturday—9:00 am
Vigil—4:00 pm
Sunday—8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays—After 9:00 am Mass
Saturdays—After 9:00 am Mass
and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
First Fridays of the Month—After 9:00 am Mass
and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

FAITH FORMATION

(239) 283-0525 or email rose@drexelcc.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday—8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday—9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Prayers for Eternal Life

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please pray for the souls of:



Patricia Chamberlain

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Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Our Parish Goal: \$241,000.00 Pledged to Date: \$265,189.00 Payments to Date: \$250,747.20

Visit parish website: www.drexelcc.org and click on the Online Giving link!

What is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction is "help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship." (William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

Spiritual direction focuses on religious experience. It is concerned with a person's actual experience of a relationship with God.

Spiritual direction is about a relationship. The religious experience is not isolated, nor does it consist of extraordinary events. It is what happens in an ongoing relationship between the person and God. Most often this is a relationship that is experienced in prayer.

Spiritual direction is a relationship that is going somewhere. God is leading the person to deeper faith and more generous service. The spiritual director asks not just "what is happening?" but "what is moving forward?"

The real spiritual director is God. God touches the human heart directly. The human spiritual director does not "direct" in the sense of giving advice and solving problems. Rather, the director helps a person respond to God's invitation to a deeper relationship. Learn more by contacting:

Rose Marie Talbot-Babey, M.A.A.T., C.S.D. (239) 283-0525 or rose@drexelcc.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23: Advent Weekday

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Batungbacal, Carino, Garcia Families 12:00 Midnight Hudak and Kulik Families

Wednesday, December 25: Nativity of The Lord

12:30 pm SKD Parishioners

Thursday, December 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr

9:00 am Fil Scuderi

Friday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday, December 28: Holy Innocents

Sunday, December 29: Holy Family

Week of: December 22, 2024

SKD Church Sanctuary Lamp

is lit this week in Memory of

Robert H. Mihalek

By Bernadine Mihalek and Family

Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

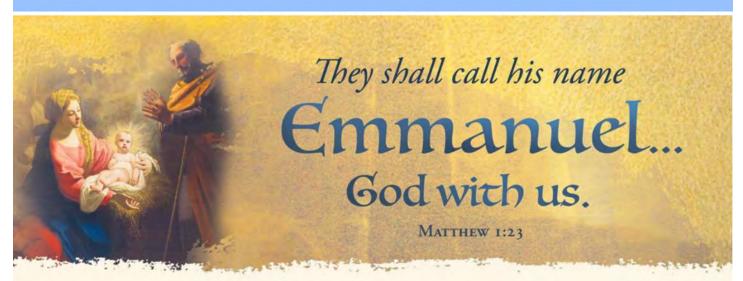
is lit this week in Memory of

Zach Thomas

By Steve and Judy Ketteler

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us.



Dear Saint Katharine Drexel Families,

As we gather in joy and gratitude to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I greet you in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. This season of Advent has prepared our hearts to receive the wondrous gift of Christ, and now, as Christmas draws near, we pause in awe at the incredible love and grace God has shown us through His Son.

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, reminds us that the coming of the Messiah was foretold long ago, bringing hope into the darkness. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light." This prophecy points us directly to Jesus, whose birth fulfilled God's promise to send a Savior. We celebrate not just the birth of a child, but the arrival of the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness of this world, offering peace and hope to all who receive Him.

In Saint Paul's letter to Titus, he writes, "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people." Christ's coming into the world is the manifestation of God's grace, bringing salvation to all who believe. He has redeemed us, calling us to live righteous lives, empowered by His grace, awaiting the glorious return of our Savior. What a gift this is! Christmas is not just a celebration of the past, but a reminder of the future hope we have in Christ, who will return in glory.

Finally, in Luke's Gospel, we encounter the humble birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. The angels proclaimed to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." This good news is for us today as much as it was for those who first heard it. The birth of Jesus is the reason for our celebration—the good news that God is with us, Emmanuel, and that through Him, peace and joy are made available to all.

As you gather with family and friends this Christmas, I pray that the love of Christ fills your hearts with peace and joy. May you experience the hope of His birth, the salvation of His grace, and the promise of His return.

On behalf of the parish staff and myself, wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas, and may the peace of Christ be with you now and always.

United in the holy Eucharist,

-Father Ricky



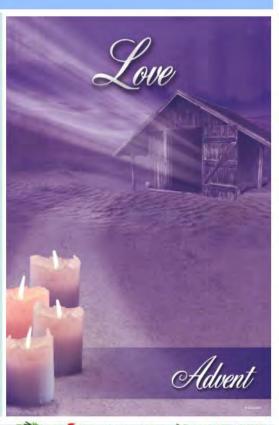
A prayers for Pregnant Mothers



O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of incarnation of Christ, Your Son with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the creator and lover of Life. Amen







MONTH 5 - Developing Baby - "Mommy felt me kick today!" Spiritual Adoption Program

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Isaiah 44:24 - "Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, I spread out the earth by myself."



Meat Raffle Fundraiser

Saturday, January 11, 2025 2pm - 4pm

Simply come into the Restaurant, grab a table and the fun begins...

Raffles are \$1—\$2 a chance which puts you in the drawing for different types of meats or fish. The wheel is spun and if it lands on your number you win!



Event Held At... Burnt Store Tavern 3015 SW Pine Island Road



Anniversary Blessings Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

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James and Marilyn Morahan
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December 28, 2024



Fred and Anne Perone 67 Years December 28, 2024

Would you like to include your Anniversary in our bulletin? Please send your information to bulletin@drexelcc.org.

Join us as we celebrate
The Annual Celebration of
"The Feast of Santo Niño"



At the Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church

1922 SW 20th Ave, Cape Coral, FL 33991 January 12, 2025 Sunday. Mass at 4:00 PM followed by a Potluck Reception at the the Parish Hall. Mass Celebrant: Father Ananda Anki Reddy

You may bring your Santo Niño & Mother Mary statues and children for blessing.

Contacts: Jun & Cherrie Santiago 239-540-2634; 732-470-6740 Vivian Mischel. 239-458-9169 Rose Creus. 239-240-5555 Juan Cordero. 239-989-9310

Pope Francis prayer Intention for December 2024 - For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Abuse Reporting

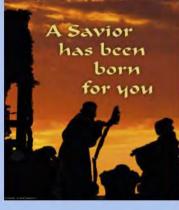
An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone should be reported immediately to: Florida Department of Children and Families Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-96abuse (800-962-2873) or visit https://reportabuse.dcf.state.fl.us.

If the alleged abuser is a diocesan employer/clergy/volunteer, also notify Victim Assistance Coordinator – Susan Benton at (941) 416-6114



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Fourth Sunday of Advent O Little Town of Bethlehem

There is a Christmas song that says of Bethlehem: "Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light." Bethlehem is a suburb of Jerusalem. Its main tourist attraction in the time of Jesus was that it was the birthplace of David. Though today it has many modern

homes and buildings, you can still see that it is part of "the hill country...of Judah." (Lk 1:39) It is not too far from En Kerem, where John the Baptist was born, and apparently where today's Gospel takes place.

We see in the Gospel reading today how Elizabeth and her unborn child rejoiced at the news of Jesus' coming birth. The story implies that Mary went to see Elizabeth as soon as the angel told her about Jesus. Maybe it was easier to tell her cousin, who was also with child, than her fiancé. I would think that talking about it made this miracle more real. I know that talking about my faith makes it more real to me.

Jesus is the "everlasting Light" mentioned in the song. That light shines today, not just in Bethlehem, but everywhere that his followers bring it. When we console someone who is mourning, that light shines. When we offer to help someone in need, it shines brighter. When we forgive someone who hurt us, the light is burning. When we offer to sponsor a candidate in the RCIA, the light grows. When we teach a child how to pray, it shines even brighter.

Our dark streets need the everlasting Light today as much as they did 2024 years ago. Today we remember how Mary and Elizabeth shared their faith in God. They did so much like we do today. Mary could not see her unborn son yet, but helped Elizabeth to believe by her words. Jesus, who seems to be invisible today, is seen in the shared faith of those who bring him into the world by their words and actions.

-Tom Schmidt

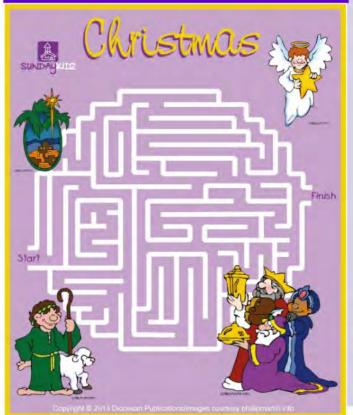


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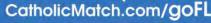
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