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MASS INTENTIONS: 14TH–22ND DECEMBER

14th Dec 5pm Kelly Trakas† & Joseph Onyx†

7pm Milton Smith Astudillo †

15th Dec 9:30am BT Intention

12pm Pro Populo

16th Dec — * No Mass *

17th Dec 9am Michael Laverty †

18th Dec 9am BT Intention

19th Dec 11:30am Kellie & Kent Johnson

20th Dec 9am Dee Swartz

21st Dec 5pm Robert Daubenspeck, jr. †

7pm Milton Smith Astudillo †

22nd Dec 9:30am Tim & Connie Wall

12pm Pro Populo

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

7th–8th December: \$4,575.55

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1,344

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

January 26th: Church in Latin America

February 26th: Church in Eastern Europe

KNIGHTS CORNER

<http://koc12274.com/> www.kofc.org

Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

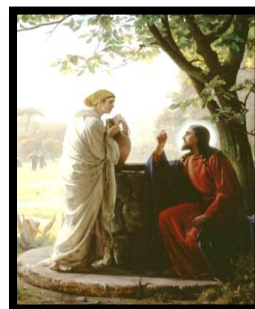
in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top rated insurance protection for your family? Knights of Columbus is the for you. **BT Council 12274 is looking for new members.** Please consider joining our Council. Please contact Grand Knight Chris Firth or any knight wearing a name tag.



PLEASE NOTE MINISTRY MEETING for December has been suspended & will resume in January 2020. Thank you.

WOMEN'S RETREAT:

"Women at the Well", based on John 4:4-42 will be held **Sat., Jan. 18th, 8:30am–2pm** at Blessed Trinity. Guest speaker is Fr. Dwight Longenecker.



For more info. or to make reservations, contact Charlotte Kowalski: (864.884.3296; tkowalski44@hotmail.com), Vickie Wunder: (864.640.1340; [hdv1der@gmail.com](mailto:hdvf1der@gmail.com)). Please make reservation by December 30th.

GIVING TREE: located in the Parish entrance, supports the residents of *Brushy Creek Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center*, Greer. Please return wrapped gift with tag secured to outside of package to parish **on or before Sunday, December 15th**. Thank you for supporting. Questions?: Trish (864.517.9594).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND & SICK: Phil Bianchini, Harry DeMary, Mary King, Leroy & Gail Drummond, Joan Crouch, James & Dorothy Rood, Joe Weber, Frank Miller, David Soto, Celine Lehner, Raymond Hock, Margie Howard

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Religious give thanks. «'Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,» says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the *Retirement Fund for Religious*. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection totaling \$1,344.

"MAY THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS TO THE LOVE OF GOD AND TO THE ENDURANCE OF CHRIST." Sign up today to attend the upcoming weekend: Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up recommended. Contact us at 803.810.9602. For more info. visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or applications@scmarriagematters.org

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24

JOHN : ADMIRABLE MAN .-

Jesus said : " I tell you , among those born of women , no one is greater than John .." (Luke 7) and John (the Baptist) said : " He must increase , but I must decrease " (John 3)

So if we exalt ourselves we will not be exalted by God . There are few men and women in this world who are willing to decrease , only those who sincerely have found Jesus in their lives , they want to be like him , for example , apparently defeated on the cross , but the truth is that Jesus is Victor.

We can consider that John has a unique vocation : to prepare the ways of the Lord , the Messiah , the Anointed , the Christ , the Savior , the Redeemer ; he was the only prophet of the New testament announcing the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament . He recognized the divinity of Jesus in his preaching : " He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire " or " the one who is coming after me is mightier than I " (Matthew 3) .

We have to visualize in the spirit John preaching in the desert saying : " Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand " (Matthew 3)

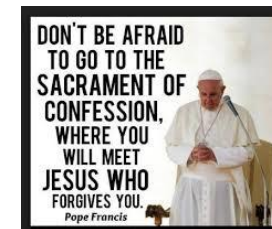
Mary , Mother of the redeemer , pray for us .

Blessings from Fr. Jaime



" Have mercy on me , o Lord , blot out my transgressions , cleanse me and I will be clean ... " (Psalm 51)

and so it will be on Monday Dec. 16th , the day of our Advent Confessions ; the Almighty and merciful Lord will come to wash our minds , souls and bodies with the grace of the Sacrament of Penance and we will be reconciled again with God, the neighbor and ourselves and our hearts prepared to receive the Emmanuel , our Divine Savior.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:
Mon., December 16th,
at 7pm

Monday, December 16th, there will be an Advent Penance Service with various Confessors present. It will begin at **7pm**.



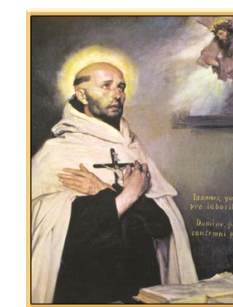
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th

6pm (English) & 8pm (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 25th

9:30am (English) & 12pm (Spanish)



(1542-91)
Carmelite mystic

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS:
Feast: December 14th

«God has to work in the soul in secret and in darkness because if we fully knew what was happening, and what Mystery, transformation, God and Grace will eventually ask of us, we would either try to take charge or stop the whole process.»

2020 OFFERTORY BOX SETS will be available starting next weekend in the parish entrance. Please pick any box set (You will not find last year's #) and write the new # next to your last name on the any of the lists (*All lists are the same*). If you did not use offertory envelopes last year but have already registered and would like to, please use the *last blank page* and write your full family name and tel #. Also, during the first few weeks of January please write your name on the outside of the envelope. Please do not use envelopes left over from last year or previous years. Thank you for your assistance.