

DECEMBER 2016 ~ OFFICE CLOSED DAILY FOR LUNCH ~ 1PM – 2PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4th Sunday of Advent KFC Sunday Breakfast RCIA 9A Women's Council 9:30AM Nursery Opens – 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Simon's Call 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>5 Utreyra 7P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>6 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P Lector Prep 7P</p>	<p>7 Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGILD Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>8 Feast of Immaculate Conception Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGILD Rehearsal 7P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>9 2 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>3 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Lourdes Walking Club 10A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>11 3rd Sunday of Advent RCIA 9A Nursery Opens – 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPCLA Meeting 12N Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Dancer's Benefit 3:00P</p>	<p>12 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Pastoral Council 6:30P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>13 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p>14 Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGILD Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>15 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGILD Rehearsal 7P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>16 Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</p>	<p>17 Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Dance by Kenya 1P Advent Penance 2:00(PM) RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Belgens</p>
<p>18 4th Sunday of Advent Bookstore, & Belgens 8A RCIA 9A Nursery Opens – 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Haiti Committee 12N Lay Dominicans 2P</p>	<p>19 Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>20 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>21 1st Day of Winter Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGILD Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>29 Church Office Closed Closes at 12Noon</p>	<p>23 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 4PM ~ Family Mass 7PM ~ Children's Mass Midnight Mass @ Ebenezer Sanctuary Caroling starts at 11:30PM</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day 10:00AM Eucharist</p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 The Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>29 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>30 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve 5:00PM Eucharist 11:00PM Midnight Mass</p>

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24 ~ Family Mass ~ 4P

Saturday, December 24 ~ Children's Mass ~ 7P

Saturday, December 24, 2016 ~ Midnight Mass ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary (Caroling starts at 11:30P)

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day Mass ~ 10A

Saturday, December 31 ~ Eucharist ~ 5P

Saturday, December 31 ~ Watchnight Mass ~ 11P

Sunday, January 1 ~ Eucharist 10A & 12P



The November election results left some Americans jubilant, while others are disappointed and dismayed. For supporters of a consistent ethic of life—what Catholics call “womb to tomb” respect for life—the results are mixed. On one hand, the presidential election makes it likely that existing restrictions on abortion will remain in place, including a ban on federal funding for the procedure. On the other hand, voters in Colorado overwhelmingly decided to legalize physician-assisted suicide. And voters in three different states expressed renewed support for the death penalty.

Support for capital punishment cut across partisan lines. In conservative Oklahoma, voters enshrined the death penalty in their state constitution. In the red state of Nebraska, voters overturned a legislative ban on executions enacted only last year. In deeply blue California, where Hillary Clinton won a landslide victory, voters not only rejected a ban on capital punishment but narrowly passed a companion measure that will hasten the execution process for the nearly 750 inmates on the state’s death row.

“There’s no fitting punishment without hope!”

In his recent calls to abolish the death penalty, Pope Francis insists that his goal is not simply to halt executions. As the Nebraska vote illustrated, an anti-execution policy can easily be revoked. The point, instead, is to rethink the way we respond to those who commit even deadly offenses. Justice, the pope insists, “does not mean seeking punishment for its own sake, but ensuring that the basic purpose of all punishment is the rehabilitation of the offender.”

Pope Francis addressed those words to a world conference on the death penalty in Norway, where the penal system treats prisoners humanely and offers all of them hope of reentering society. A video on the OpposingViews website noted that Norway’s low 20% recidivism rate contrasts sharply with the 76% rate for inmates leaving American prisons. However, video viewers generally rejected the call to imitate Norway, even claiming that “the United States has mostly vicious, feral thug animals in its prisons.”

A JUBILEE FOR PRISONERS

Closing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis offered a different view. Throughout the year, he has regularly phoned prisoners, including some on death row. In early November, just before our own election, he invited a thousand inmates from across the globe to join him at the Vatican. There he called again for “an improvement in the conditions of life in prison so that the human dignity of the detainees is fully respected,” and he reminded Catholics to be consistent in respecting human life. Even violent criminals, he said, are “our brothers and sisters in prison” for whom God never loses hope of redemption.

The video on American v. Norwegian prisons is found at <http://www.opposingviews.com/i/videos/society/prisons-america-vs-prisons-norway>