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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass

Monday-Saturday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

*30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays
before both Masses) & First Fridays from
5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)*

Devotions

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6 p.m.,
preceded by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration
with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation
& Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

December 12th 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

The “Patron Saints” of Advent: lessons from the Liturgy

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As we would expect, Our Lady plays an important role in the spirit and liturgy of Advent. During Advent (and Christmastide), the Divine Office concludes every day with the Marian antiphon *Alma Redemptoris Mater*. The Ember Days (third week) of Advent bring us the Gospels of the Annunciation and Visitation, and so this week has a distinct Marian tone to it. In many places, on the Ember Wednesday it is customary to have a candle-lit Mass early in the morning in honour of Our Lady. This is the so-called *Rorate Mass*, from the first word of the Introit, and expectant mothers in particular make a point of attending it. Of course it is also not by coincidence that the great feast of the Immaculate Conception always falls during Advent. It was by this singular privilege, designed to prepare a worthy dwelling place for the Incarnate Word, that God put into motion his plan for the salvation of the human race. On the Sundays of Advent, it is most fitting to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. In all, about 25 Advent liturgical texts (antiphons, responsories, etc.) speak of Mary.

ISAIAS THE PROPHET

Isaias is one of four Old Testament figures called the Major Prophets. Indeed, he is sometimes nicknamed the “Fifth Evangelist” (Gospel writer), because his predictions of Our Lord’s life—especially his Passion—are so clear that they give the impression of having been recorded by an eye witness. All through Advent, the readings at the Divine Office of Matins are taken from Isaias. His prophecies concerning the miraculous Virgin Birth of the Messiah make him a fitting prophet for this season, especially: “Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son” (7:14), and “Before she was in labour, she brought forth” (66:7). Isaias lived in the eighth century B.C., and he is commemorated in the Roman Martyrology on July 6th. The versicle *Rorate cæli*, “Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One,” which is sung every day in Advent at Vespers, is taken from Isaias. He was martyred by being sawed in twain under the King Manasses.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Our Lord’s kinsman Saint John the Baptist, the son of Zachary and Elizabeth, is the last and greatest of all the prophets. Three of the four Sunday Gospels (II-IV) of Advent focus on the character and ministry of Saint John. His cry, *Parate viam Domini*, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord,” is sung as a versicle every morning of Advent at the office of Lauds. The figure of Saint John reminds us that Advent is not in fact merely a preparation for Christmas, the commemoration of the historical birth of Our Saviour, but a preparation for the Second Coming of the Lord, for which we must prepare by doing penance. Along with Our Lord himself and the Virgin Mary, Saint John is the only person whose birth is celebrated with a liturgical feast (June 24th). With the gradual increase of daylight after Christmas and the gradual shortening of daylight after the Nativity of Saint John, nature herself seems symbolically to confirm this word of the great Forerunner: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). A secondary feast in honour of his beheading is kept on August 29th.

Mass Intentions for 2022

The Mass book for 2022 is still open. If you have already submitted Mass intentions, please wait until after the new year to submit additional requests. You can send your Mass intentions and stipend to the church address. Thank you for your understanding if the exact date you requested is not available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Serving News

◆ New servers are always welcome. All young men and boys of the parish (who have received their First Holy Communion) can be trained to serve at Low Mass, High Mass, and/or Benediction.

◆ ATTENTION! All servers or their parents: please contact Canon to let him know which Christmas Mass(es) you will be attending (Midnight Mass, 8:30 a.m. Low Mass, 10:15 a.m. High Mass), so that we can make a roster of servers and make sure all positions are filled for the feast of Our Lord's Nativity. Four Servers are also needed for Prime the morning of Christmas Eve on the 24th (M.C., Thurifer, Acolytes).

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet for the Bishop

If you wish to participate in a spiritual bouquet for His Excellency Bishop Caggiano, please fill out a sheet at one of the church entrances or e-mail Canon Altieri, indicating the number and nature of the devotions you wish to offer for our bishop. The absolute cut-off date is next Sunday, December 19th!

Christmas Oplatki for Sale

Oplatki (traditional Christmas wafers) are for sale in the narthex and will be available while supplies last. Cost is \$3.

Christmas Cards and 2022 Insite Calendars

Insite calendars and Christmas cards are available for purchase in the narthex: \$10 per calendar and \$20 per pack of cards.

Catechism Classes for First Holy Communion

Parents whose children will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year are kindly asked to contact Canon Altieri by e-mail to sign up for the catechism classes that will start after the new year.

Special Advent Double Issue!

Masses This Week

December 12th to 19th

Sunday, December 12th

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

{called, GAUDETE SUNDAY}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Cathleen Bradford R.I.P.

requested by Shannon Cirilli

Monday, December 13th

Saint Lucy

7:45 a.m. - The Gladue Family

requested by Anthony & Jackie Allen & Family

Tuesday, December 14th

Advent FERIA

7:45 a.m. - Guadalupe T. Castillo R.I.P.

requested by Gary & Diana Burt

Wednesday, December 15th

Ember Wednesday

7:45 a.m. - Thomas J. Monks

requested by Grace Monks

Thursday, December 16th

Saint Eusebius

7:45 a.m. - Joe & Maryann Fitzpatrick

requested by Anthony & Jackie Allen & Family

Friday, December 17th

{O Sapientia - Christmas Novena begins}

Ember Friday

7:45 a.m. - Ole J. Reyen R.I.P.

requested by Edward Reyen

Saturday, December 18th

{O Adonai}

Ember Saturday

7:45 a.m. - Mary Tkacik

requested by John Tkacik

Sunday, December 19th

{O Radix Jesse}

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Nicholas & Tracy Gustilo & Family

requested by Rod Hamar & Lil Gustilo

Upcoming Events

December 15th, 17th & 18th

ADVENT EMBER DAYS

Traditionally days of fast & abstinence (still encouraged but no longer strictly obligatory)

Friday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

Office of Prime and Christmas Martyrology after Low Mass of the Vigil (around 8:30 a.m.)

Christmas Carols at 11:30 p.m., followed by Procession to the Crib & Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Monday, December 27th

Blessing of wine in honour of Saint John after Mass

Saturday, January 1st

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD (New Year's Day)

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, January 2nd

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Coffee reception after the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Please sign up to bring refreshments!

Wednesday, January 5th

Epiphany water blessing (details t.b.a.)

Thursday, January 6th

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

High Mass & chalk blessing at 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 8th

Meeting of the Ladies Guild after Mass

Sunday, January 9th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of children after both Masses

Epiphany brunch for Sursum Corda (Institute young adults group, 18-35) after the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Sunday, January 30th

Catechism class begins (after the High Mass) for First Holy Communion candidates