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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

We gladly welcome visitors and newcomers.

At the same time, we respectfully remind you that to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, one must be:

A baptized Catholic free from any mortal sin committed since one's last Confession.

Fasting for three hours from any food and/or alcoholic beverage.

One hour from any other beverage except water.

Praying in
Silence

Kindly maintain prayerful silence both before and after all Masses.

Please respect the needs of fellow parishioners to spend time quietly in the church in uninterrupted prayer. Everyone is asked to take all conversations outside the building or into the church hall where conversations are welcome.

Mass Intentions will be posted in the bulletin once daily Mass resumes.

All Mass Intentions that are put in the designated container at the back of the church will be collected by the priests and said at their daily Masses.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 4:00 PM

Weekdays: TBA

Holy Days of Obligation: TBA

CONFESSIONS - Before Each Mass

ROSARY - Before Each Mass

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

at the communion rail after Mass

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal - TBA

Sacred Heart - TBA

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sundays after Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE - Sundays before the Mass

Please contact the priests regarding **BAPTISMS, MATRIMONY, EXTREME UNCTION, CONSULTATIONS AND SICK CALLS**

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GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina: Under the high priests Anna and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins. As it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.



The last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. We can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden. "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves so that He would make us sharers in His divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid His divine nature so that He could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable His ways." And though we are unworthy of His infinite love, let us emulate The Holy Family and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that He will continue to make us daily less unworthy.

The Nativity of Our Lord

"I am the light of the world..." While people can shed the light of goodness and truth in the world, Christ is the source of that light. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). He also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). This means more than catching a spark of Christ's Light: it means to have Christ's Light in the soul, enlightening the intellect and strengthening the will. This is the "state of grace" which describes any one of us who has worthily received a sacrament.



There is a Latin expression, "cupio dissolvi," which means that I wish to dissolve, or be annihilated, expressing what St. Paul meant when he wrote: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

Paradoxically, it is by this self-annihilation, that the personality becomes more vivid. This is the opposite of the "self-affirmation" conceit of our narcissistic culture, and it helps explain why the "Greatest Generation" has been followed by the "Smallest Generation."

Isaiah says that when you help the hungry, homeless and naked, "your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 15:8). Without these "corporal works of mercy," all spiritual aspirations are escapist sentimentality. But for the Light of Christ to shine fully, the corporal works of mercy work in tandem with the "spiritual works of mercy, which help the ignorant, doubtful and sinful while bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offences willingly, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead."

When the Light of Christ is hidden, life and death alike become puzzles. Our morally darkened age thinks it has autonomy over life, and at the same time it fears death. It is appallingly logical that a culture, which destroys innocent life, should avoid funerals, not even knowing how properly to bury the dead.

St. Bonaventure says: "Christ is the lamp that illuminates the whole of Scripture: He is its gateway and its foundation. For this faith is behind all the supernatural enlightenments that we receive while we are still separated from the Lord and on our pilgrimage. It makes our foundation firm, it directs the light of the lamp, it leads us in through the gateway."

St. Paul communicated the Light of Christ in this way: "I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:1-2).

DRESS POLICY ~ If this is the first time you have attended the Traditional Latin Mass you may have noticed that our parishioners do not dress casually in the church. Since the changes of Vatican II in the Church, few parishes have had any kind of dress code: we still believe that modesty and appropriate attire are necessary, especially in Church out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance and **to receive communion at the communion rail:**

Women and girls must cover their heads. (Chapel veils or mantillas are available for loan or purchase in the vestibule.)

Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, jeans, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.

It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass.

Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Day Mass - Wednesday, December 25th, there will be one Mass on Christmas Day at 1:30 PM, the choir will commence singing carols a 1:00 PM.**
- **The Feast of the Circumcision, Wednesday, January 1, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass is at 3:00 PM.**
- **The Altar & Rosary Society's annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE is TODAY after Mass.**
- **The upcoming Fast Days are December 23rd & 24th. The 24th is also a day of complete abstinence.**
- **Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Join in a POTLUCK dinner on Sunday, January 12th after the 4:00 PM Mass.**
See the back page of the bulletin for additional details.
- **Parishioners, friends and visitors are welcome to refreshments** in the church hall following the 4:00 PM Mass.
- **Join fellow parishioners every Tuesday at 3:00 PM** in the church to recite fifteen decades of the rosary. Our intentions are to ask God and his Blessed Mother for their protection of our country and our church against the force which is trying to destroy us.
- **In your kindness, please remember to pray for those listed on the Memorial Page**, and all deceased members of the chapel.
- **Visit our websites.** Both the church and school web addresses can be found in the bulletin.

Advent: The Messianic Prophecies By Bishop Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI

As we prepare for the feast of the Nativity of our Divine Savior Jesus Christ, our Holy Mother the Catholic Church inspires us in the Sacred Liturgy of Advent with passages from the Old Testament, which foretold the Coming of the Messiah, especially from the Prophet Isaias. Hundreds of years before the coming of Christ, the Prophet Isaias spoke of the conception and birth of the Messiah:

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and His Name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us” (Isa. 7:14).

These words of Isaias were repeated almost exactly by the Angel Gabriel when he announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

“Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son...” (Luke 1:30-31).

When we study the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah, we find the beautiful harmony between the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, we find the promises of God foretold; in the New Testament, we find God's promises fulfilled.

In order to prepare ourselves worthily for Christmas, let us consider some of the prophecies of the Old Testament to see their fulfillment in our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ.

From the Scriptural passages of both the Old and New Testaments we find clearly manifested the doctrines of the Divinity of Christ, His Incarnation, and the Divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During this season of Advent, as we prepare for the feast of Christmas, the doctrine of the Incarnation should be the special focus of our consideration and meditation. By the Incarnation we mean that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, assumed our human nature — that is, a body and soul like ours (as St. Paul wrote, “He was like unto us in all things except sin”). He is one Divine Person with two natures — the Divine and the human. Therefore, Mary, as the Mother of Jesus Christ, has the right to the title of Mother of God.

These considerations should help us to better appreciate the meaning of Christmas, that God so loved the world, that God so loved us, as to send His only-begotten Son.

The many references to and prefigurations of the Messiah found in the Old Testament only confirm how much God the Father loved mankind and proved it by frequently renewing His promise to send the Messiah. The very first promise God made of the Messiah was in the Garden of Eden after our first parents had committed the original sin.

There were so many detailed prophecies made about the Messiah which were perfectly fulfilled by Jesus Christ that it would be extremely difficult to adequately list them all.

On that first Christmas night, when Jesus was born in the poverty and obscurity of a stable, His first adorers were only simple shepherds. When the Magi came from the East and inquired of the “newborn King of the Jews,” we read in the Gospel of St. Matthew that King Herod and all of Jerusalem were in great wonder. They did not even know that the Messiah was born! The Magi, Gentiles from the East, cooperated with the grace of God and came to know of the Messiah, while most of the Israelites, the Chosen People of God, especially those from the holy city of Jerusalem, knew nothing of His birth.

And St. John continues:

“But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His Name” (John 1:12).

During this Advent, let us meditate on the passages of the Old and New Testaments which our Holy Mother the Catholic Church presents to us, so that on this Christmas we may be strengthened in our love and faith in our Divine Savior Jesus Christ and thus be “the sons of God... that believe in His Name.”

May all of you, faithful Catholics, have a blessed and grace-filled Christmas!

In Christo Jesu et Maria Immaculata, Most Rev. Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI



Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Deceased Members of the Liburdi and Fleischer Families
 Deceased Members of the Toth and Gurbach Families
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 Ernie & Dennis Janzen; Gabels & Zechas R.I.P.
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 For the Repose of the Soul of Katherine Basala R.I.P.
 Repose of the Souls of Gosta and Greta Jonsson R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of the Clark & Ziegler Families
 Bill O'Connell & Daughter & Great Grandson
 Anne & Ray Jacobs & Sons & Grandchildren

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 Charles & Antoinette Sutly R.I.P.
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The Altar & Rosary Society
 will hold their annual

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
 TODAY**

after Mass in the room at the
 back of the church and in the
 church hall.



**Celebrate the
 Feast of the Holy Family**

**Join in a POTLUCK dinner on
 Sunday, January 12th following
 the 4PM Mass.**

The church is providing baked ziti,
 meatballs, garlic knots and drinks.
 Please bring a dish or dessert
 to share. Sign up in the church
 hall or on the form on bookshelf
 at the back of the church.



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 Current Article ~ **Italian priest excommunicated, another laicized for declaring Francis isn't pope.**

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Less than 50 Members of the Chapel - \$100
 Less than 50 Non-members - \$150
 Greater than 50 Members of the Chapel - \$200
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SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Mass Intentions - \$25 Requiem Mass - \$150
 Baptism - \$50 Requiem Mass w/ Graveside Service - \$175
 Nuptial Mass - \$150 Wedding Service - \$125
 Organist Donation - \$50