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*Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity*  
*December 29, 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**

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**Sundays after Mass**

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## Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

**GOSPEL Luke 2:33-40.** At that time, His father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother: "Behold this Child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel and for a sign which shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed." And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was far advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.



### If we have kept a diligent Advent...

If we have kept a diligent Advent, we shall be able to celebrate the Christmas Season better than those who have been trying to inflate an imitation of it ever since Halloween without understanding what it is all about. The Incarnation of Christ the Son of God is celebrated for twelve days, and in the Catholic Church the Christmas carols begin, and do not end, on Christmas Day.

When I lived in Rome, I came to learn different Christmas customs, and among them was the singing of a hymn by Saint Alphonsus Liguori: "Tu scendi dalle Stelle" (You come down from the stars) with these lines:

"Great King, from heaven's high throne descending low, In Bethlehem's stable born in cold and woe, Thou shivers in a manger, Babe Divine, Much hast Thou borne for sins: how much for mine!"

The season of gift-giving begins on December 25th and reaches its climax on the Epiphany, when the Magi brought their offerings.

The Holy Trinity needs nothing, but the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost want us. In other words, we are not necessary, but we are willed by the Divine Love. With nothing to offer God that he needs, the best gift we can offer is a humble confession of the various ways the human soul has blocked the will of God. Sin contradicts our existence. Confession provides many graces. Sins are forms of selfishness, but when confessed they become the greatest gifts, offerings of the heart, and they place us back into God's plan for the human race.

You might give yourself a fine gift by getting one of the many books written by the twentieth century English convert, Monsignor Ronald Knox. In his "Stimuli" he writes: "To us Christians, the first Christmas Day is the solstice or bottleneck of history. Things got worse till then, ever since we had lost Paradise; things are to get better from then, till we reach Paradise once more. History is shaped like an X". A very happy and holy Christmastide to us all. Father G. Rutler



**THE HOLY INNOCENTS** The story of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents is part of the narrative of Jesus' birth. Herod governed the Jewish portion of the Roman Empire when Jesus was born. When he heard that people looked for the birth of a new "King of the Jews," and that scholars from the east had already come to worship Him, Herod felt threatened. He learned that this Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem and sent for the visiting magi. He cross examined them to learn what they knew, then told them to report back to him after they found the Child under the pretense that he, Herod, wanted to pay homage as well.

The magi were warned in a dream to avoid returning to Herod, so they went home a different way. At the same time, an angel warned Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt because "Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him" (Mt 2:13).

When Herod learned that the magi had deceived him, he became furious and ordered the murder of all the boys in and near Bethlehem two years old or younger.

Tradition has inferred the slaughter of the Bethlehem children to have killed numbers of children-----several thousand---but it is not likely that nearly this many were killed. Considering the size of Bethlehem, including its surroundings, there could not have been more than 25 baby boys two years old or younger at any given time.

St. Augustine called the Innocents, buds killed by the frost of persecution the moment they showed themselves. Herod was a barbaric ruler responsible for many crimes and slaughters.

The feast of the Holy Innocents has been remembered by the Church since the fifth century.

**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

- **The Feast of the Circumcision, Wednesday, January 1, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass is at 3:00 PM. There will also be Mass on Thursday, January 2nd and First Friday, January 3rd at 9 AM.**
- **The Altar & Rosary Society** will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, January 4th at 10 AM.
- **Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Join in a POTLUCK dinner on Sunday, January 12th following the 4PM Mass.** Please sign up in the church hall or on the form located on the bookshelf at the back of the church.
- **Parishioners, friends and visitors are welcome to refreshments** in the church hall following the 4 PM Mass.
- **Join fellow parishioners every Tuesday at 3 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.
- **New to the Tridentine Mass,** you may find the grey or green paperback missals found in the pews helpful in following the Mass.
- **Visit our websites.** Both the church and school web addresses can be found in the bulletin.

### **Children Who Die Without Baptism**

*(From The Great Means of Salvation and Perfection by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori)*

Note from Editor: There is much speculation about infants and small children who die without being baptized: what happens to them? This question is all the more poignant when we consider the millions, if not tens of millions, of abortions that happen worldwide each year. The great Doctor of the Church St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori explains this perplexing issue in his book *The Great Means of Salvation and of Perfection*. Although these souls will obviously not be sent to the hell of the damned, nevertheless, it seems certain that they will be deprived of the incalculable good of seeing the Beatific Vision in heaven.

Here it only remains for us to answer the object which is drawn from children being lost when they die before baptism, and before they come to the use of reason. If God wills all to be saved, it is objected, how is it that these children perish without any fault of their own, since God gives them no assistance to attain eternal salvation? There are two answers to this objection, the latter more correct than the former. I will state them briefly.

First, it is answered that God, by antecedent will, wishes all to be saved, and therefore has granted universal means for the salvation of all; but these means at times fail of their effect, either by reason of the unwillingness of some persons to avail themselves of them, or because others are unable to make use of them, on account of secondary causes (such as the death of children), whose course God is not bound to change, after having disposed the whole according to the just judgment of his general Providence; all this is collected from what St. Thomas says. Jesus Christ offered His merits for all men, and instituted baptism for all; but the application of this means of salvation, so far as relates to children who die before the use of reason, is not prevented by the direct will of God, but by a merely permissive will; because as He is the general provider of all things, He is not bound to disturb the general order, to provide for the particular order.

The second answer is that to perish is not the same as not to be blessed: since eternal happiness is a gift entirely gratuitous; and therefore, the want of it is not a punishment. The opinion, therefore, of St. Thomas is very just, that children who die in infancy have neither the pain of sense nor the pain of loss; not the pain of sense, he says, "because pain of sense corresponds to conversion to creatures; and in original sin there is not conversion to creatures" (as the fault is not our own), "and therefore pain of sense is not due to original sin;" because original sin does not imply an act. Objectors oppose to this the teaching of St. Augustine, who in some places shows that his opinion was that children are condemned even to the pain of sense. But in another place, he declares that he was very much confused about this point. These are his words: "When I come to the punishment of infants, I find myself (believe me) in great straits; nor can I at all find anything to say." And in another place he writes that it may be said that such children receive neither reward nor punishment: "Nor need we fear that it is impossible there should be a middle sentence between reward and punishment; since their life was midway between sin and good works." This was directly affirmed by St. Gregory Nazianzen: "Children will be sentenced by the just Judge neither to the glory of heaven nor to punishment." St. Gregory of Nyssa was of the same opinion: "The premature death of children shows that they who have thus ceased to live will not be in pain and unhappiness."

And as far as relates to the pain of loss, although these children are excluded from glory, nevertheless St. Thomas, who had reflected most deeply on this point, teaches that no one feels pain for the want of that good of which he is not capable; so that as no man grieves that he cannot fly, or no private person that he is not emperor, so these children feel no pain at being deprived of the glory of which they were never capable; since they could never pretend to it either by the principles of nature, or by their own merits. St. Thomas adds, in another place, a further reason, which is that the supernatural knowledge of glory comes only by means of actual faith, which transcends all-natural knowledge; so that children can never feel pain for the privation of that glory, of which they never had a supernatural knowledge. He further says, in the former passage, that such children will not only not grieve for the loss of eternal happiness, but will, moreover, have pleasure in their natural gifts; and will even in some way enjoy God, so far as is implied in natural knowledge and in natural love: "Rather will they rejoice in this, that they will participate much in the divine goodness, and in natural perfections." And he immediately adds that although they will be separated from God as regards the union of glory, nevertheless "they will be united with Him by participation of natural gifts; and so will even be able to rejoice in Him with a natural knowledge and love."



*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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*The Octave of the Nativity is celebrated from Christmas Day to January 1st, the Circumcision of Our Lord. In the Old Testament, circumcision was a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham, and thus between God and the Jewish people. The oath of this covenant was sealed by the act and sign of circumcision. It was on the eighth day that this important event took place.*

*Many see this as "just another feast day". In fact, some grumble about it as an inconvenient feast day because it falls on New Year's Day – a holy day of obligation, following a night of revelry and staying up way past bedtime. But this feast day marks an important clarification of the doctrine of Christ's divinity and humanity.*



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