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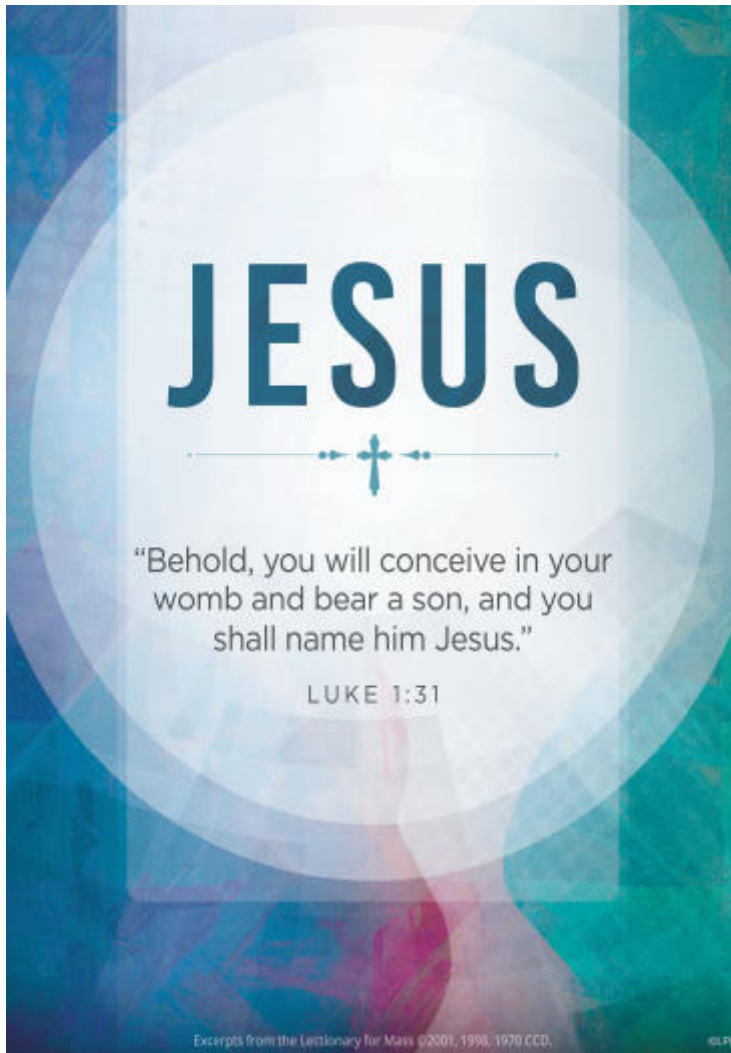
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Fr. Mike Erwin, Pastor

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Fr. Bill Key, Assisting Sr. Priest

December 20, 2020



Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples

MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays	8:20 am - St. Katharine Drexel
Tuesdays	4:30 pm - St. John the Baptist
Wednesdays	5:30 pm - Holy Family
Christmas Eve	3:00 pm - St. Columbkille 4:30 pm - Holy Family
Christmas Day	8:00 am - St. John the Baptist 10:00 am - St. Columbkille
Saturdays	5:00 pm - Holy Family
Sundays	8:00 am - St. John the Baptist 10:00 am - St. Columbkille

Reconciliation: Currently available by request, Thursday evenings during 6 pm Adoration hour at St. Columbkille or 9:30 am Saturday mornings at St. Katherine Drexel Church.

Sacrament of the Sick: Given privately upon request. For pastoral emergencies you may contact Fr. Mike Erwin at (262) 206-6987.

Baptism: Active parishioners should call the Tri-Parish Center to arrange a date/time. First time parents who are active parishioners need to attend a "Pre-Baptism" conference.

This conference can take place even before the child is born.

Marriage: Active parishioners are to contact Fr. Mike Erwin at his Beaver Dam Office at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Couples must attend an Enrichment Day for the Engaged, and submit to a Pre-Marital Inventory.

St Vincent DePaul Society: Those in need may contact the SVDP by calling the Tri-Parish Center at any time and leaving a message.

Tri-Parish Center

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Gospel Reflections... Mary Gathers Us Together

On this fourth Sunday of Advent it is traditional to think about our faith and religion from the point of view of Mary Mother of Jesus Christ.

A common mathematical thesis of the universe is: the more children that are home - the happier the parents are; especially mothers.

Recently one of the moms of our parishes had both of her sons who serve in the military home at the same time. Families with multiple children in the military know how rare this is as their schedules are very challenging and not very flexible. You should see this mom floating around on a cloud as all four of her adult children are home at the same time.

Mary our mother feels the same way about all of us trying to come to church at the same time; she and our Father in heaven are overjoyed when we can arrange to be together for weekend Masses, especially during the Holy Days like this coming Christmas.

This year we are having to do a lot of adapting to be together as families and as a church. A lot of bigger families like my own are taking turns visiting dad but will also have an online family zoom event. It would be more fun being in one place at one time but hopefully we can accomplish that by Easter or soon after.

The Mass schedule for Christmas features a total of nine Masses for Christmas Eve and Day for our four parishes. The next days, Saturday and Sunday, have an additional seven Masses. So between these 16 Masses, we all can have an opportunity to check in with Our Father as we celebrate the birth of Jesus his Son.

For Christmas Masses at St. Katharine Drexel, we ask you to please sign up in advance. For people who are especially vulnerable to COVID or care for such a person, consider coming to Masses on Saturday and Sunday where we have been having extra space.

A prayer for us:

Mary, Mother of the Church, gather your church together this coming weekend in person and across the internet. Help us to overcome our struggles at this time to connect to our God and each other. Help us to find the love of God in this particular Christmas and help us to search out people to include who would otherwise be isolated. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

Fr. Michael Erwin

God's Word

Readings for the Week of December 20 , 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 /Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Friday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] / Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

Livestream Mass Links

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrw_JySXFU94eYPgE_ILokQ

EWTN: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL98FC02E5AA17A7C8>

Ascension Presents: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvklBTNhAw/videos>

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21, 2020

St. Peter Canisius

8:20 am at St. Katharine Drexel

Tuesday, December 22 2020

4:30 pm at St. John the Baptist

For: †Edwin Johnson, USMC

By: Susan Murphy

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

St. John of Kanty

5:30 pm at Holy Family

For: †Fr. Phil Conlon

By: Craig & Mary Payne

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm at St. Columbkille

For: † Adrian Powers, Sr.

By: Walsh Family

4:30 pm at Holy Family

For: †Fr. Jerry Rinzel

By: Steve & Connie Caine

Friday, December 25, 2020

8:00 am at St. John the Baptist

For: Pro populo

10:00 am at St. Columbkille

For: †Kay Klubertanz

By: Family

Saturday, December 26, 2020

St. Stephen, First Martyr

500 pm at Holy Family

For: †Don & Helene Scheid

By: Steve & Connie Caine

Sunday, December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

8:00 am at St. John the Baptist

For: †Edwin Kenefic, USMC

By: Susan Murphy

10:00 am at St. Columbkille

For: † Robert Gross

By: Larry & Marilyn Martin



Reflection for the Week

*“Behold, you will conceive in your
womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.*

*He will be great and will be called
Son of the Most High.”*

(Lk 1:31-32a)

Liturgical Roles 12/27/2020	St. Columbkille 10 am Sunday	St. John the Baptist 8 am Sunday	Holy Family 5 pm Saturday
Servers	Not at this time	Not at this time	Not at this time
Readers	Craig Payne	Gloria Schuett	Brenda Caine
Ushers	Bob Berkevich & Kevin Roche	H. Zeman & R. Rettschlag	Steve & Dan Caine
Greeters	Joe & Marie Roche	Mark & Sally Othmer	Connie Caine & Bob DePover
Money Counters	Steve & Shelly Rhode	Gloria & Howard Schuett	Marlene Christian & Mary Simon
Eucharistic Ministers	Not at this time	Not at this time	Not at this time



CHRISTMAS 2020

*What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we pray the Nicene Creed we profess, “I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”

These familiar words echo the prologue of John’s Gospel, which is read at Christmas. John proclaims, “What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5) I draw your attention to the Creed and John’s Gospel to emphasize the profundity of describing God as Light and Life. Out of the infinite ways to describe Christ, light and life are given to us as preeminent and essential descriptions.

The key to understanding this is the celebration of the Incarnation. The Son of God did not become man to prove a point, become rich, powerful and popular, or punish the wicked. It is all too easy to look at the life of Christ in these terms because of our human tendencies to want to be rich, famous or powerful. In doing so, the Gospels become a biography among many other great people who did great things.

However, that is not why God became man; He became man to save us from the darkness of sin and the punishment of death. When we profess this truth, we allow Christ to reorient our lives. No longer is He just another great person to listen to or admire; He becomes the Light and Life of our lives.

Whatever you have faced this year, from the joyous occasions to suffering and sadness, I pray that you will entrust them to Christ at Christmas. May the Light and Life you receive be the gifts you share with your family and loved ones this year. I trust in God. I trust in His Word. Merry Christmas!

With a heart full of gratitude for your faithfulness, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jerome E. Listeck

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