



SAINT MARY'S
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm

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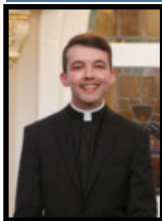
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Dear Friends in Christ:

In the present liturgical year (which we started this past November 28th and that will end November 27th, 2022) we will be led through a continuous reading of the Gospel of Luke.

The Gospel of Luke is the largest book in the New Testament and, when we look at the original Greek in which it was written, it is the most sophisticated (linguistically speaking.) The Gospel of Luke is addressed to a “most excellent Theophilus” (Luke 1:3) who, according to some scholars, was the High Priest in the time the book was written. The book is, of course, intended to share with Theophilus and others the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In light of the fact that the Gospel was addressed to the High Priest of the time, Luke presents the Lord as the true High Priest who is God himself in our midst, Emmanuel.

The first and last scenes of every Gospel are often connected, giving us an idea of the overall message that the evangelist is trying to convey. The first scene that the Gospel of Luke portrays (1: 5-25) is that of a High Priest, Zechariah, who is officiating the most important service of the day and, according to some scholars, the most important service of the year as well.

On that day, after the priest had offered an animal sacrifice in atonement for the sins of Israel and his own sins, he would then enter the most sacred place in the temple, the Holy of Holies. This most sacred place was thought to be God’s dwelling place on this earth, and it was hidden by a curtain from any human look. Right next to the curtain there was an altar which the priest would incense on this most solemn day. After the priest had

offered incense to God, symbolizing the prayers of Israel going up to heaven and to God’s ears, the priest would then go out to where the crowd was and bless the people on God’s behalf. This priestly blessing was one of the most expected events by the people of Israel. The Gospel says that “[...] the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary” (Luke 1: 21.)

When Zachariah came out of the temple after having officiated in the Holy of Holies, he was not able to speak! (Luke 1:22.) He had gone mute because of his unbelief and thus was not able to fulfill one of the most important priestly tasks, that of blessing the people after having spent time in the presence of God.

At the end of the Gospel of Luke, however, the author presents the scene of the Lord’s ascension into heaven. Luke says that the Lord “led [his disciples out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them [and] as he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven” (24: 50-51.) The blessing that Zachariah was unable to impart, Jesus gives to his disciples, for indeed he is the true High Priest (Hebrews 4: 14) who intercedes on our behalf to the Father and is himself God’s presence and blessing to us as well, Emmanuel, God with us. (Matthew 1:23.)

This week, I invite us all to pay close attention to this beautiful narrative of the Gospel of Luke that will be continuously read at Mass this present liturgical year. May the Good news of Christ, God in our midst, resound with ever new force in our ears and in our hearts making, as he promised, all things new (Revelation 25: 1.)

Saint Mary’s Immaculate Conception Parish -Neighborhood Outreach-



Winter Clothing Drive for Green Tree Elementary School

New or gently used winter clothing for boys and girls ages 5-9.

- Snow pants sized 7-8-10-12
- Waterproof gloves sized S-M-L
- Winter boots kids sizes (13, 1, 2, and 3)

January 9th-23rd, 2022

Place your donations in the bins at the Saint Mary’s church and lobby entry doorways

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 17

6:15am +Tim Ryan

Tuesday, January 18

6:15am +Sonny Carstens

Wednesday, January 19

6:15am +Donald Nowack

Thursday, January 20

6:15am +Matt Belz

Friday, January 21

6:15am +Nancy Kuster

Sunday, January 23

7:30am +Robert Flasch

9:30am +Ann Smith

12:00pm(Spanish)+Harriet Berres

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

The Milwaukee Archdiocese will be re-launching the Love One Another Campaign in the new year. Our parish is happy to be a part of the first wave of parishes participating. Parish volunteers will reach out to you and share more information about the Love One Another Campaign in the coming months. Until then, please pray for the success of the campaign. Together, we can do our part to strengthen our parish and vital ministries. God bless you!

WEST BEND ADORATION CHAPEL

wbadoration.org

As our new adoration chapel nears completion, please visit the adoration chapel website (above) for details about chapel opening dates and scheduling your time to come and Adore HIM.

Please contact Jody with any questions: adoration@wbparishes.org or 262-343-3486. We currently anticipate a March 2022, opening.

PARISH CONTACTS

Please see the website for a complete staff listing

Parish Office.....(262) 338-5600

Catholic Formation.....(262) 338-5605

Shared Pastor

Father Nathan Reesman.....nreesman@wbparishes.org

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Father Carlos Londono.....clondono@wbparishes.org

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:

*Margaret Josephine,
daughter of Pedro and Rachel Pacheco*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Due to limited staff, the Parish Office Hours will be reduced from January 24th to January 28th.

Monday, January 24th, 8am to 12pm

Tuesday, January 25th, 8am to 12pm

Wednesday, January 26th, 8am to 12pm

Thursday, January 27th, Office Closed

Friday, January 28th, Office Closed

SCRIP:

Scrip will be sold out-of-box only:
January 23rd and January 31st.

JOURNEY DONATIONS NEEDED:

The Journey Ministry of Washington County is looking for donations of sets of nativity figures that are no taller than 3 to 4" in height and ribbon (of any color or pattern with no wires) that is 1/2". We also are accepting religious medals. All figurines and ribbon must be in good condition. Please drop them off at SFC Parish Office during business hours, attention: Christina.

CHURCH CLEANING

Our next church cleaning will be January 22nd at 7am. All are welcome. Questions about church cleaning? Call Beth at the parish office: 262-338-5600

PARISH INFORMATION

New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm. Friday: 8:00am-12noon

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for information.

Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Signing for hearing impaired

2nd Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass

Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

Bulletin, E-bulletin, Website, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech twaech@wbparishes.org.

Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

Parish Social Media

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Honduras Mission:

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