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1st Sunday of Advent (2002 Missal)



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin) *1st Sundays 2002 Missal
9:00 a.m. Sung Mass (English)
11:00 a.m. Sung Mass (Latin)
12:30 p.m. High Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin) *1st Sundays 2002 Missal
5:00 p.m. Sung Mass (English)

Monday – Friday

7:00 a.m. Sung Mass (English)
8:00 a.m. Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin)

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin)
5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass (English)

Wednesdays and First Fridays

7:30 p.m. Low Mass: 1962 Missal (Latin)



DIVINE OFFICE

Sunday

6:30 a.m. Matins and Lauds
2:00 p.m. Rosary, Vespers
6:00 p.m. Compline

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. Matins and Lauds
11:45 a.m. Midday Prayer
4:30 p.m. Rosary, Vespers
7:00 p.m. Compline (8:15 p.m. Wednesday)

Saturday

7:55 a.m. Matins and Lauds
4:00 p.m. Rosary, Vespers
Compline after Mass



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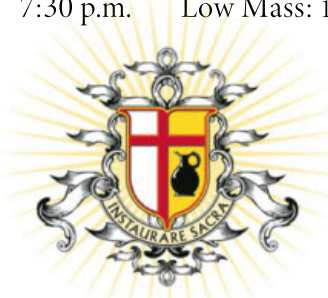
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▶ DECEMBER 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

(2002 Missal)

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Sunday, December 3

7:30 a.m. † Clara Genson
9:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Robert Altman—Req. Family
11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Luberda Family—
Req. Denis Kowalewski
12:30 p.m. Pro Populo
5:00 p.m. † Susan C. Ahrens—Req. Art Ahrens

Monday, December 4

7:00 a.m. † Walter Toldness—Req. Walter
8:00 a.m. † Concepcion Iraeta—Req. Mike & Ainhoa Shipley
Chapel † Salvatore DiCarlo
Private Nicholas Maurer

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Joan and Larry Eschrich
8:00 a.m. Anniversary Blessings for Joseph Z. & Liza F. Valdez—
Req. Liza Valdez
Chapel Sam Gagnon
Private † Robert Luberda—Req. Denis Kowalewski

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 a.m. Third Death Anniversary of Connie Garrett
8:00 a.m. Int. Living Members of the Perpetual Mass Association
Chapel † Mildred Gain
Private Birthday Blessings for Joshua Romaniuk—Req. Delphine
7:30 p.m. Intentions of the St. Monica Sodality
7:30 p.m. Int. Deceased Members of the Perpetual Mass Association

Thursday, December 7

7:00 a.m. † Helen Adjani—Req. Joe
8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Fr. Al Termari—
Req. Wayne & Miriam Smith
Chapel Zygmunt Rygas
Private Disposition of the Holy Trinity

Friday, December 8

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
8:00 a.m. Conversion the Smerker Family
12:00 p.m. Adoption Anniversary for Kateri Kosar—Req. Her Parents
Chapel Thomas More Society
Private Rev. Nathan Ford, SJC
7:30 p.m. Birthday Blessings for Matthew Pluta

Saturday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Dan Woods, Birthday Blessings— Req. Kilcommons Family
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo

▶ Second Collection

12/10/2023 - The Second Collection will be for Retired Religious.

▶ ADVENT: PREPARE FOR OUR SAVIOR'S COMING



What does Advent mean? Adventus Domini means “the coming of the Lord.” From what has already been said, we know that Advent is a season of preparation for the Lord’s coming. The Roman Martyrology for this day puts it crisply: the first Sunday of preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Advent, accordingly, is a time of preparation, a time of holy desire, longing, and expectancy. If bodily food is to nourish us, we must feel hunger. Thus, too, we ought to hunger for God’s grace. According to a fundamental law of God’s kingdom, God will not force His grace upon one who already is filled to satiety. “The hungry He fills with good things, and the rich He sends away empty.” To make us worthy of the grace of redemption, Holy Mother Church wants us to experience spiritual hunger and the need for redemption during these next four weeks. How, we may ask, does the Church arouse this spiritual hunger in our souls? In this she is a master.

In spirit she places us before the first coming of Christ that we may experience vicariously in the sacred drama of the liturgy the spiritual desire and longing of certain most noble souls. At the same time, she gives us a glimpse into the pedagogy by which God once prepared mankind for their Redeemer.

That preparation was threefold: the entire Old Covenant served as a pedagogue unto Christ; then, when the fullness of time had come, God sent a special forerunner whose example and preaching readied the Jews for the Messiah; and finally, the eternal Father built for His Son a temple of precious stones, the body and soul of the Immaculate Virgin. By such pedagogy God prepared men for the historical coming of Christ; it can now teach us how to await His coming to us in grace. Do you now understand why these three—the Old Testament, John the Baptist, and Mary—play such prominent roles during Advent?

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RCIA - Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

First Sunday of Advent – 11:00am Mass

Inquirers and Candidates wait in the vestibule with the doors open as the Ministers process to the back of the church in silence.

Greeting:

Celebrant: Dear friends, the Church joyfully welcomes today those who will be received into the order of catechumens... We also greet those who, already one with us by baptism, now wish to complete their initiation through confirmation and Eucharist and to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For all of these, we give thanks and praise to the God who has led them by various paths to oneness in faith. My dear candidates, you are welcomed in the name of Christ.

Rite of Questioning:

The celebrant now calls out the name of each Inquirer.

The Inquirer answers (individually): Present.

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church?

Inquirers (together): Faith.

Celebrant: What does faith offer you?

Inquirers (together): Eternal Life.

Celebrant: God is our Creator and in Him all living things have their existence... Are you ready, with the help of God, to live this life?

Inquirers (together): I am.

The celebrant now calls out the names of each Candidate.

The Candidate answers (individually): Present.

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church?

Candidates (together): To be accepted as a candidate leading towards reception into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Celebrant: What does this period of formation offer you?

Candidates (together): A fuller sharing in the life of the Church.

Celebrant: Those of you to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, are you prepared to listen to the apostles' instruction, gather with us for prayer, and join us in the love and service of other?

Candidates (together): I am.

The Celebrant now address the congregation and asks them:

Celebrant: The assembly of Christ's Church gathered here, are you ready to welcome, help, and guide these Catechumens and Candidates in their love of Christ?

All: We are.

Celebrant: Father of mercy, we thank you for these your servants. You have sought and summoned them in many ways and they have turned to seek you. You have called them today and they have answered in our presence: we praise you, Lord, and we bless you.

All: We praise you, Lord, and we bless you.

▶ The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

A. Who made heaven and earth.

P. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

P. Let us pray: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour out your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive your abundant grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

The wreath is then sprinkled with Holy Water and the first candle is lit.



P. The Lord our coming King, has-ten to a-dore Him.
A. The Lord our coming King, has-ten to a-dore Him.

P. Son of the Most High, your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel.

A. Come and rule over your people for ever.

P. Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb.

A. Bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.

P. Watch over our Holy Father, Pope Francis and Archbishop Blase.

A. Grant them grace and wisdom to shepherd our Church wisely.

P. Protect all our men and women in the armed forces.

A. Bring them home safely.

P. Raise up to new life those who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.

A. That they may see the glory of the Resurrection

P. Let us Pray: Stir up your might, we beg you, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through your protection and be saved by your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A. Amen.

▶ Opłatek - The Christmas Wafer

The Christmas Eve Dinner brings the entire family together in anticipation of Christmas Day. In Poland this tradition is filled with symbolism. Before the dinner begins, the father brings a sheaf of grain from the barn and places it in a corner of the room in which the family will share the Christmas Eve meal—Wigilia. This represents the home's Guardian Angel.

In remembrance of the manger in Bethlehem the family places hay on the table before covering it with a fine linen tablecloth. An empty place is set at the table for an unexpected guest - who is Christ. The empty table setting also represents the ancient belief that on this most holy of nights, the deceased ancestors of the family come to share the sacred meal with their relatives once again.

As soon as the sun sets, the children look expectantly through the window looking for the first star to appear in the sky. When it does, members of the family and guests gather around the table and the Christmas Eve dinner begins with the breaking and sharing of the opłatek, the Christmas wafer.

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▶ Opłatek - The Christmas Wafer (Continued)

This very old custom unites past with present, heaven with earth, church and home. The practice of sharing the Christmas wafer (opłatek) really comes from the very core of our Catholic belief, the Blessed Eucharist. It was Our Lord Jesus Himself, who on the night before He died following the age old practice of His time, taking bread into His venerable hands, blessing it, breaking it and giving it to His Apostles.

In the sharing of the Christmas Wafer, the head of the house first asks for forgiveness from his family and then wishes each member a Blessed Christmas. He, and each family member in turn, shares the wafer with everyone present. As they do so, each person breaks a small piece off of each other's wafer and wishes blessings to each other and asking for mutual forgiveness. It is only after the sharing of the Christmas wafer that dinner takes begins.

The Christmas Wafers will be available in the back of the church after Mass for a donation.

▶ 19th Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



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▶ Catholic Citizens of Illinois Luncheon

On December 8th, 2023 the Catholic Citizens of Illinois' Forum Luncheon Series Presents: Jay Henricks, Former USCCB Executive Director of Government Relations. Pescatore Palace, 3400 River Rd, Franklin Park, IL. Doors for the event will open at 11:30 am.

▶ Blessing of Sacramentals

Blessings of sacramentals will be given in Our Lady's Chapel in the back of the church on Saturday mornings after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please bring your sacramentals to the chapel immediately following the Mass.



Recessional Hymn for 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses

1 "Wake, a-wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch-men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and in her heart new
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you, the saints and an - gels

heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore you with harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es and at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious and strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, join - ing with the

cry re - joic - es: "Where are the vir - gins pure and wise?
 truth vic - to - rious. Her star is risen, her light is come!
 choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your ra - diant throne.

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