



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



*Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord.
For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own. Jeremiah 29:7*

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

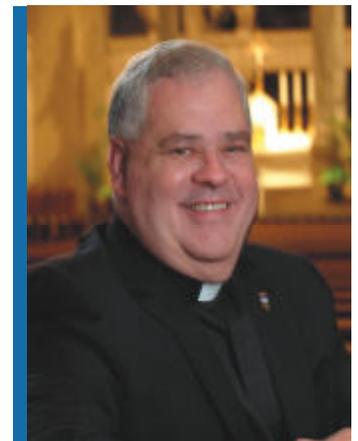
**WEEKDAY
PUBLIC WORSHIP**
7:00AM
NOON

**SUNDAY
LIVESTREAM**
9:30AM

**SUNDAY
PUBLIC WORSHIP**
11:30AM
4:30PM

OPENNESS AND ATTENTIVENESS

A few weeks ago someone contacted me to arrange a time to meet with them. I suggested that we meet via Zoom. They thought this would be great and we agreed on a time and a date. They said they would send a link to the Zoom meeting. Now, since the pandemic began, I have somewhat reluctantly become very familiar with Zoom, so I automatically set up a Zoom meeting on my own. When the time for our meeting came, I dutifully started the Zoom meeting I had set up. After about 10 minutes, I received an email from the person informing me that they were at the meeting waiting for me. I immediately remembered they had said they would set up the meeting, and so I joined them at the Zoom meeting they had set up. I apologized for my tardiness and explained that I had mistakenly set up my own Zoom meeting and had been waiting for them. Fortunately they were able to see the humor in my gaffe and we had a good laugh over it.



Fr. John M. Bauer
Pastor
The Basilica of Saint Mary

As I reflected on this experience, it occurred to me it was a good analogy for what sometimes happens in my prayer life. More times than I care to admit when I go to prayer, I am in one place waiting for God, and God is in another place waiting for me. Most often we eventually sync up, but other times we are like ships passing in the night.

Of course, while I'd like God to shoulder some of the responsibility for the above, the reality is that it is entirely my fault. God does not operate on my schedule and God definitely isn't at my beck and call. Having acknowledged this, however, it is also very important to note that God is always present and available to us, but it is on God's terms, not ours.

Given the above, the obvious question is: how do we become aware of God's presence and availability to us? I believe the answer is found in two words: Openness and Attentiveness. God is always and everywhere present. We need to be open to that presence, whenever and however it occurs in our lives. One of the ways we can do this is by putting aside our expectations of how and where God should be present, and simply be open to the many and surprising ways God comes into our lives. Attentiveness helps us do that. Attentiveness is

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MASS REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Pre-registration is required and opens 24 hours before each Mass.
- Register at mary.org or call the Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.
- Registration closes online one hour prior to Mass or if it has reached capacity.
- You may only register for one Mass at a time.
- Be sure to bring a face mask with you, which needs to be worn over your nose and mouth **at all times** inside The Basilica.

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nothing more, but also nothing less, than simply putting aside our agenda, our preconceived ideas, and our sense of how things should be, and just resting and trusting in God's presence, and opening ourselves to God's grace.

Being open to God's presence and availability is not easy. It requires patience and practice. And sometimes we end up in one place waiting for God and God is somewhere else waiting for us. When we get it right, though, we will find peace and hope in the tender embrace of our God's love.

SAFELY CELEBRATING MASS

The Basilica is our spiritual home—a place of welcome. We want each person who enters The Basilica to feel safe. The Basilica will follow all state health and safety guidelines.

You will see new practices and policies when you return. The policies will continue to change as we monitor the official guidelines. Pre-registration for Mass is required at mary.org or call our Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.

Please review all of the protocols on the registration form. Your cooperation in these extraordinary times embodies our vision to seek the well-being of our community. Archbishop Hebda's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass continues.

We will continue to livestream Mass Monday through Friday at Noon and Sunday at 9:30am at mary.org and Facebook live at [facebook.com/BasilicaMpls](https://www.facebook.com/BasilicaMpls).

Please note that check-in has moved indoors! Enter at the ground level doors off 17th Street and the circle driveway (except for the 7:00am weekday Mass).



WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00AM & NOON

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A PRAYER FOR OUR UNCERTAIN TIMES

All Mighty God,

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.
Amen.

- Written by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

PRAYER RESOURCES

Vespers and Prayer services recorded live are available on at mary.org/vespersandprayers.

Pray the Rosary together either in person or virtually with us; we have made a virtual Rosary available on our website at mary.org/rosary.

LITURGY & SACRED ARTS

PRE-REGISTRATION ON MARY.ORG IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE LITURGIES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH EXCEPTION OF THE 7:00AM WEEKDAY MASS.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 3:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 3:00PM, BASILICA

Join us online or in-person. Music by members of The Basilica Schola Cantorum.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS OF ADVENT, 9:15AM

Please find the Zoom link at mary.org or Facebook.

ADVENT TAIZÉ WITH RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5:30PM

Join us online or in-person for Advent Taizé Prayer. This service will be open to the public and will include General Absolution. As with our other liturgical services, pre-registration, check in, and masks are required. This service is characterized by mantra-like singing of simple, beautiful songs, following the Taizé community tradition of communal prayer focused on reconciliation and healing. Live on Facebook facebook.com/BasilicaMpls or mary.org.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00AM EUCHARIST, BASILICA (NOT LIVESTREAMED)

NOON: EUCHARIST, BASILICA

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, BI-LINGUAL MASS 4:30PM, BASILICA

Join us online or in-person. we will celebrate a bi-lingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI AND HOME BLESSING KIT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 12:30PM

You are invited to a drive-by blessing of the Christ Child from your home nativity. At that time you will also receive a Home Blessing Kit to be used on Epiphany.

The blessing of the Babinelli will take place in-front of the parish office building on 17th Street. Fr. Bauer will bless the baby Jesus from your Nativity set while you remain in your car. We will also give you a home blessing kit so that you can bless your home at the beginning of the New Year.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Please help us beautify The Basilica this Christmas and livestream our Masses.

Envelopes will be available or you can give online at mary.org/donate. For names to be listed in the Christmas leaflet, submissions must be made by end of day, December 18.

ART THAT SURROUNDS US

Johan van Parys, Ph.D., Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts, shares information each week about a piece from The Basilica of Saint Mary's art collection. Visit mary.org/artthatsurroundsus.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

ZOOM: ADVENT BLESSING AND SCIENCE OF HOPE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:30-7:30PM, ZOOM

The Annual Advent Blessing and Presentation will occur virtually this year and will address that we are living through a stressful, chaotic time. Maintaining a healthy mind, a steady mood and an open heart have never been more important. What can we do to restore resilience and serenity, and to protect ourselves from the many faces of stress? Blending neuroscience with wisdom traditions, we will explore what it takes to cultivate inner calm and joy, and to hold onto authentic hope through difficult times. Father John Bauer will preside at the Blessing followed by Dr. Henry Emmons, the author of *The Chemistry of Joy* and *The Chemistry of Calm*. Registration is required for this free event at mary.org/scienceofhope. For questions, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

PARTNERS IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS

“Did you know?” The Basilica is a member of Align Minneapolis, a group of 18 Minneapolis congregations working together to end homelessness in our community. One of the core programs of Align is emergency rental assistance to keep people housed before they could fall into homelessness; and, in October Align helped 13 local households with rent for a total of \$23,000—preventing homelessness before it starts! Keep the efforts of Align in your prayers as the work to end homelessness continues.

EMMAUS LISTENING MINISTRY: COMPASSIONATE PRESENCE

“The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing, and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares.” -Henri Nouwen, Out of Solitude

This captures the power of the Emmaus Listening Ministry. Those wanting to talk will be met with respect, confidentiality, and without paperwork or cost. Contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474 to meet with a trained listening minister or to learn how to become one.

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Basilica Immigrant Support Ministry assists refugees, asylum seekers and those facing deportation by partnering with community organizations, fostering long-term relationships, offering financial assistance and other support. It provides education and advocacy on behalf of those we serve. Consider joining teams to accompany families who are migrants in our community. If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Betsy at eframsey@comcast.net.

PRAYER LINE

Prayer is powerful. About 90 people pray each week for the intentions of others, on their own time. Names and intentions are emailed out weekly (or mailed through USPS upon request). If you have the gift of praying for the needs of others and want to join the prayer ministry, please contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org to be added to the ministry. You can also go to mary.org/prayerrequests to ask for prayer or call the reception desk at 612.333.1381.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Are you or is someone you know struggling with mental health issues? The Basilica has resources to help you. The Basilica is a collaborative partner with Mental Health Connect and Westminster Counseling Center. Both organizations are actively working with people during the Covid-19 pandemic and this time of deep social unrest. Contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org to talk with someone.

COMMON GOOD

ZOOM: CENTERING PRAYER

FRIDAYS, 10:00AM, ZOOM

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be a pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer. Consider joining Basilica parishioners each week as they seek to grow in their relationship with God. For more information, contact Colleen at colleenmaiers@yahoo.com or go to mary.org.

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS: MENTORING, ACHIEVING, GROWING

Consider being part of the one-on-one mentoring ministry with students at Minneapolis College. The students we match are working hard to complete their education while they struggle with issues of homelessness and poverty. Partnering with a student experiencing homelessness and poverty invites us to bridge a cultural divide and transforms both the student and the mentor. This year, we are starting a mentor/student cohort for the spring semester of the school year. Making necessary adjustments required for living through a global pandemic, we seek to support the students as fully as possible. If you would like to learn more or discuss becoming a mentor for the spring semester, please contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT

If you have lost a loved one to death recently, please let Wendy know at wcaduff@mary.org or by calling 612.317.3474. Our Emmaus Grief Ministers would like to offer gentle, prayerful support to you as you grieve your loss. If you have interest in writing notes of support from home to those grieving, please contact Wendy for information in becoming an Emmaus Grief Minister. In addition, the *Downtown Coalition for Grief Support* offers weekly meetings on Saturday mornings via Zoom for those who are grieving. Go to: mplsgriefsupport.com for more info and fill out the contact form to receive a call back with Zoom log-in credentials.

BYA

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS 6:45-8:15PM

TERESA OF CALUCTTA HALL

Join us for our weekly Bible study during the season of Advent to prepare for Mass with the upcoming Sunday readings.

For the month of December, we are going to be meeting virtually on Zoom out of an abundance of caution with COVID-19.

We are hoping to gather again in person in January. Zoom log in is 963 3171 2269, Passcode is 305441.

BYA BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00-11:00AM

LUNDS & BYERLYS WAYZATA

Sign up to help those in need this Advent with other young adults bell ringing for the Salvation Army. We can go in 30 minute shifts (or longer!) Email bya@mary.org for COVID-19 safety regulations and/or to take a shift. Bring a friend!

YES

BASILICA YES (YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE)

We will be meeting virtually this year. All youth in grades 11-12 who would like to join us are welcome. We focus on making the world a better place. We believe that small acts of kindness DO make a difference in our world. If you are interested in being part of this social and service group, please contact Christine Moore at cmoore@mary.org. Our group meets a few times a quarter on Sunday nights.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING

ZOOM: RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

SUNDAYS, 11:00AM-12:00PM

We are meeting on Zoom on Sundays. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend these lectures.

December 6	Dr. Johan van Parys	Liturgical Year
December 13	Dr. Johan van Parys	Theology of Sacraments
January 10	Sr. Catherine Michaud	Second Vatican Council

If you are considering Baptism or have questions about becoming Catholic, please contact Cathy cedwards@mary.org.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

God of hope and love,
we praise you for sending Jesus, your Son,
to save us from our sins
and to be the light in our darkness.
Bless us as we gather in his name,
and bless this wreath as a sign of your unending love
and of Jesus' presence among us.
Keep us watchful in prayer
as we await his return in glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
in eternal glory,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
—*Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

ZOOM: BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 6:30-8:30PM

If you are expecting, or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes currently online. We offer classes approximately nine times a year for parents who are registered members of The Basilica and plan on having their child baptized here. Godparents are welcome too. For more information call the Learning office at 612.317.3439. Please register online at mary.org.

JOIN US FOR CHILD FRIENDLY SERVICES!

Each week of Advent and Christmas, we will post a new prayer service for children on The Basilica website. Families will need a Bible and a reader to participate fully.

SACRAMENTS

The Basilica is happy to celebrate with the children who received The Sacrament of Baptism on November 8:

Lennox Baird Swanson • Beckham James Foster • Olivia Jean Pruitt
Isaac James O'Shea • Liam Mitchell Schuler • Callan Matthew Novaczyk
Thomas William Hamilton • Ethan John Broz • Graham Kiet-Van Nyberg
Matthew Ryan Erickson • Leon Michael Arsene Compaore
Treyvn David Adamek

LANDMARK

THE BASILICA LANDMARK



The Basilica Landmark funds essential restoration projects that would be difficult for the parish to undertake from its own operating budget. This partnership empowers The Basilica's ability to serve its more than 12,000 parishioners as well as the greater community.

This year, The Basilica Landmark has funded the following projects:

- Tuck-pointing the exterior façade on the upper western side of the Church
- Performing the necessary maintenance and the installation of a new blower unit for our organ
- Installation of two needlepoint bipolar ionizations units to remove viruses (including SARS and COVID-19), allergens and mold from the air of Church, lower level, and choir room
- Acquire equipment, cameras, lighting, computers, software and training for livestreaming

We invite you to join our efforts by making a gift to The Basilica Landmark's Annual Fund today at thebasilicalandmark.org/give or by contacting Stephanie at 612.317.3472.

GIFT DEADLINES FOR 2020 TAX CREDIT

In order to receive a tax deductible credit for 2020, checks must be postmarked **by Thursday, December 31**. Online gifts need to be received by midnight on December 31. The Basilica's offices are closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.

DEVELOPMENT



BASILICA FUND

We welcome you wherever you are

The Basilica Fund represents 79% of our operating budget. Our ministries, along with the daily work of this parish, are not possible without you and your support of The Basilica Fund. We invite you to sustain our mission and renew or establish your recurring gift today. To set up your gift, please visit mary.org/give or contact Stephanie at 612.317.3472. Secure online giving is simple; no need to remember cash or a check. It also means less paper and lower administrative costs, enabling your contribution to go further.

No matter what brings you to The Basilica, virtually or in-person, and wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & LIVESTREAMING

At The Basilica, we have been planning for an extraordinary Christmas season during these extraordinary times. We have rethought our Christmas décor, reimagined our musical offerings, and will introduce some new initiatives that hope to lift us up as we contemplate the promise of better world brought to us by the Christ Child. We thank you for your generosity in the past and we hope you will support our Christmas efforts again this year. Your donation will not only help to create a lovely Christmas atmosphere, but will also support all our livestreaming efforts. Please consider making a gift for our extraordinary Christmas season at mary.org/give.

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT (JULY 1, 2020 - OCTOBER 31, 2020)

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Variance %	Annual Budget
Income	\$819,823	\$926,958	(\$107,135)	-12%	\$3,490,115
Expenses	\$946,365	\$1,076,999	(\$130,634)	-12%	\$3,794,438
	(\$126,542)	(\$150,041)	\$23,499		(\$304,323)

Notes: Year-to-date income and expenses are down by 12%. The annual budget includes a year-end deficit that will be funded by The Basilica cash reserve and/or the forgivable portion of our Payroll Protection Loan.

For questions regarding parish financials contact Audra Johnson, Director of Finance and Human Resources, at ajohnson@mary.org or 612.317.3422.



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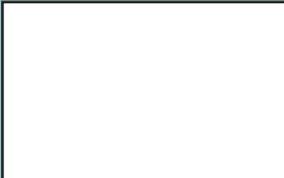
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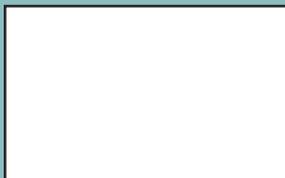


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