



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*

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020

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

**SUNDAY
LIVESTREAM**
9:30AM

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

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Being the second oldest of seven children, when I was growing up I spent a lot of time chauffeuring my younger brothers and sisters to various places for various activities. Since one of my grandmothers also did not drive, I often would have to drive her to various events and activities as well. Now I wish I could tell you my motives for being the family chauffeur were completely altruistic. The reality was, though, that it was simply the price I had to pay if I wanted to use the family car on weekends.

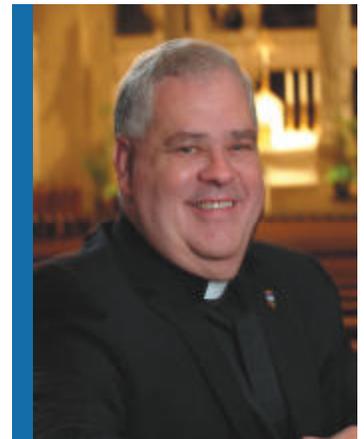
Now to be quite honest, chauffeuring my brothers and sisters around was no picnic. They were almost never ready to leave when they were supposed to be. There were often unplanned stops and/or detours on the way to our destination, and they were seldom ready and waiting when I arrived to pick them up. Worse, though, was that their gratitude was almost non-existent. Occasionally, I'd get a quick thank you, but those times were rare.

My grandmother, on the other hand, was different. She never failed to be ready when I stopped to pick her up and, in fact, was almost always waiting for me. This same thing was true when I returned to take her home from wherever she had been. Even in cold weather she would be standing either outside or close by the door waiting and watching for me so that I wouldn't be kept waiting. And she never failed to express her gratitude to me.

My grandmother was truly an Advent kind of person. She knew how to be prepared and how to wait expectantly. Even when her timetable had to be adjusted, she never complained. I think she realized, perhaps better than most, that time spent waiting does not have to be wasted time. It can be used for quiet reflection or interior preparation. Waiting can be a time when anticipation grows and expectations develop. Or, as in my grandmother's case, it could also be used for a decade or two of the rosary for some of her errant grandchildren.

Now I mention this today because in these waning days of the season of Advent, while the world around us seems to speed up and become busier than ever, this season calls us to slow down and wait—to wait in joyful hope and faith filled expectation. And even though we know

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Fr. John M. Bauer
*Pastor
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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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what it is we are waiting and preparing for, there is (or should be) a sense of newness and excitement about it. For the great miracle of the Incarnation did not happen once long ago only to exist now as a pleasant memory. Rather, it is an ongoing event. God continues to touch the world with God's grace and God's love. At times, though, we can become so busy that this most basic fact of our existence can recede into the background, or worse, be forgotten altogether.

As modern day believers, we need to be reminded on a regular basis that the Incarnation—the Word becoming flesh—is a wondrous and ongoing miracle. My prayer during these last days of Advent is that we might use these days as a time of remembering, a time of quiet preparation, a time of waiting in joyful expectation, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, that we might welcome him with love and be open to his grace.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT HOME KIT 2020

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 1, 14

Christmas will be very different this year. Many of our cherished traditions will not be able to happen. Nevertheless, we can and must make it meaningful and memorable, both in church and at home. Today, more than ever we need to be reminded of the profound message of Christmas that God is with us, always, even and especially in these difficult times.

We hope that the tools we are providing will be helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or suggestions.

Resources, ideas, and tools to help you celebrate at home at mary.org/adventhome.

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

Please register at the check-in point at the accessible doors on the East side of The Basilica, between The Basilica and Cowley Center.

NOON

Join us online or in-person. Pre-registration for Mass is required at mary.org.

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*

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, DECEMBER 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.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI AND HOME BLESSING KIT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 12:30PM (FOLLOWING 11:30AM MASS)

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 SCHEDULE

As we cautiously plan for Christmas during these extraordinary times, we welcome you to join us in-person or via livestream for Mass. Pre-registration is required for all Christmas liturgies. We would like you to be aware of the changes this Christmas at The Basilica. Visit mary.org/christmas for more details.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021, 10:30AM

There is no 7:00am or Noon Mass.

CHRISTMASTIDE MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 9:15AM

Please find the Zoom link at mary.org.

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 3:00PM

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 3:00PM

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

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.

CRÈCHE COLLECTION ONLINE

Visit The Basilica's collection of crèches from around the world at mary.org/crèche.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

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.

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.

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.

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.

IN GRATITUDE

This fall, Basilica parishioner and University of St. Thomas Professor Dr. Michael Hollerich provided a provocative and thoughtful series on The Theological Roots of Nationalism. Recordings of this six-part series can be found on our website, mary.org. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of Dr. Hollerich, as he shared his knowledge and insight. Indeed, history can teach us about challenges of today.

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.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Our parish community has given away over 1,200 prayer shawls as visible, tangible signs of love and support to those in need. Every person who receives one is prayed for by name each time we gather. If you would like to knit or crochet with us in this ministry, or request a shawl for yourself or a loved one, please contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries Office at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org. Our ministers are knitting at home and meeting virtually on Zoom twice each month. Intertwine with us!

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.

ZOOM: BASILICA BOOK CLUB

Join us the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am via Zoom for thoughtful and courageous conversation. Contact Karen for further details at 612.872.7535.

Here's what's up:

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| January 7 | Meeting to select books |
| February 4 | <i>Unless</i>
by Carol Shields |
| March 4 | <i>Say Nothing</i>
by Patrick Radden Keefe |

BYA

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

ZOOM: BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 7

6:45-8:15PM

BYA members, thanks for your continued support and participation in BYA activities though this difficult time. We will have our usual break in activities through the new year; our Bible study will resume on Thursday, January 7. We will update if that will be in person or virtual.

Our BYA leadership team will be planning some fun winter events for us in early January; please go to Mary.org/bya for updates or email bya@mary.org with questions. Christmas blessings to all of you wherever you celebrate this year.

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. Meeting ID 977 3492 1922 Passcode 718045

January 10	Second Vatican Council	Sister Catherine Michaud
January 17	Catholic Social Teaching	Janice Andersen
January 31	Virtual tour of The Basilica	Dr. Johan van Parys

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

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

MATERIALS PICK-UP DAYS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Faith Formation materials for Preschool-Grade 5 can be picked up:

Monday, December 21, 5:50-7:30pm

Saturday, January 2, 9:00-11:00am

Sunday, January 3, 10:30am-1:00pm

Registration is not required. Contact Christine Moore at cmoore@mary.org for more details.

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.

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.

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 thebasicalandmark.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

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year probably feels very different as we approach the Christmas season. As we have pivoted for much of this year already, our Christmas traditions carry on in new and different ways. We will still feel the warmth of our community as we connect with our brothers and sisters, far and wide with our livestreaming capabilities. No matter where we celebrate and prepare our hearts, our community remains connected.

We ask for your help to keep The Basilica the special place it is. Please consider a Christmas gift to The Basilica of Saint Mary. Gifts can be made online at mary.org/christmasgift or by contacting Stephanie at 612.317.3472.

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.

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY FISCAL YEAR -TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

Jul 1, 2020 - Nov 30, 2020

	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
Income	1,094,983	1,202,498	(107,516)	-9%
Expenses	1,184,036	1,352,598	168,562	12%
Net Income	(89,053)	(150,100)	61,046	

Income

- Basilica Fund
- Plate & Visitor
- Other (special collections, events, rental income)
- Program Fees/Tuition

Expenses

- Administration
- Building & Grounds
- Liturgy & Sacred Arts
- Christian Life
- Development

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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