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PARISH



4<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY OF ADVENT

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

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**CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday 10:00 am—11:00 am

Thursday 7:00 am—7:45 am

Saturday 3:00 pm— 4:00 pm

**MASS TIMES**

WEEKDAY

Tuesday 6:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 6:30 am

8:00 am

10:30 am



I know that every Advent, especially with the way in which the world treats Christmas, we can be ready to “get on with the party!” I know this year people are ready for a break and have entered into the Christmas celebration already, which can be ok. This is a weird season where the Church encourages us to make sure we save something for Christmas, even if we start moving that direction a little early, but we also need to remember that Advent is not yet over.

God works in His wonderful and mysterious ways, and sometimes He sees it most appropriate to wait to give us a grace until the end of a season. So, while we are getting closer to Christmas, keep your eyes open for the graces that God may be trying to give you. We do not want to miss a gift from the Big Guy.

As we have been saying over and over this season, the best way to be made ready to receive these gifts is to be in prayer. Those moments of silence is when we can most easily encounter the eternal. As we continue in this Advent season and prepare for Christmas, please know of my prayers, and please keep me in yours!

*Father Adam*

**SAT DECEMBER 19**

4:30pm † Carol J. Moritz

**SUN DECEMBER 20**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Mary Guenther

10:30am † Sandra Wichman

**TUES DECEMBER 22**

6:00pm † Dorothy Jesberg

**WED DECEMBER 23**

8:00am † Patricia Struchtemeyer

**THURS DECEMBER 24**

5:00pm † Galen Ouellette

7:00pm † Rikki Betts

9:00pm † Albert Ficker

**FRI DECEMBER 25**

12:00am Mary Ann Markovich

Jim Tank

8:00am † Brian Scott

† William & Rosemary Rettele

10:00am Tom & Nan Cooper Family

**SAT DECEMBER 26**

4:30pm † Louis & † Edith Soetaert

**SUN DECEMBER 27**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Bryan Robertson

10:30am Collective Intention

**Parish Support**

**Collections for December 6, 2020**

**Regular Offertory**

Budgeted	\$23,289
Collection	\$16,951
Difference	-\$6,339

**Towards Christ**

Budgeted	\$3,913
Collection	\$2,782
Difference	-\$1,131

**Budget Year to Date**

**Income**

Budget July 1 - Dec 6	\$426,809
Actual July 1 - Dec 6	\$445,712
Difference **	\$18,903

**Expenses**

Budget July 1 - Dec 6	\$443,335
Actual July 1 - Dec 6	\$416,547
Difference	\$26,787

**50 / 50**

There was NOT a winner for the week of December 6, 2020. # 1052 was drawn. The balance was \$2,136.60.

\*\* includes PPP forgiveness approved from last fiscal year

# PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR HOLY MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Isaiah 45:8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Confiteor (Optional)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

R: Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.

R: Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

R: Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

### COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16*

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' " "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 25, 29*



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The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

**R.**

**SECOND READING**

*Romans 16:25-27*

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Luke 1:38*

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**GOSPEL**

*Luke 1:26-38*

The Lord be with you

**R: And with your Spirit**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"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, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold,

Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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, (*All bow through "became man"*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**R: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**R: Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

STAND

**R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**R: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R: It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

HOLY

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**R: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

AGNUS DEI

LAMB OF GOD

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Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Isaiah 7:14*

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever**

**R: Amen**

**CONCLUDING RITES**

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Saint Joseph Terror of Demons

**R: Pray for us**

Mary Refuge of Sinners

**R: Pray for us**

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**PARISH EVENTS**

- 22 Tues- 5-5:45pm Confession
- 22 Tues- 6:00pm Mass
- 23 Wed- 8:00 am Mass
- 23 Wed- 10:00 am - 11:00 am Confession
- 23 Wed- 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
- 23 Wed- 6:30 pm- Bible Study
- 24 Thurs- 5pm Christmas Eve Mass MUST sign up
- 24 Thurs-7pm Christmas Eve Mass MUST sign up
- 24 Thurs-9pm Christmas Eve Mass MUST sign up
- 25 Fri- 12am Christmas Eve Mass MUST sign up
- 25 Fri- 8:00am Christmas Mass MUST sign up
- 25 Fri-10:00am Christmas Mass MUST sign up
- 26 Sat- 3:00pm-4:00 pm Confession
- 26 Sat- 4:30pm Mass
- 27 Sun-6:30am Mass
- 27 Sun- 8am Mass (Live Stream) Must sign up
- 27 Sun-10:30am-Mass



*Memorare*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but, in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.

**ADORATION  
OF THE EUCHARIST**



**Every Wednesday**

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Family Holy Hour

*Spend time with our Lord*

**ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are so fortunate to offer the amazing gift of Adoration at Divine Mercy every **Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM**. This is a precious time to worship and devote ourselves to the Lord. We are still in need of at least two unrelated people to sign-up to be in attendance. This allows one person to never be alone in the church, as well as ensuring someone is always present. We would also like to create a substitute volunteer list for Adoration. To be placed on our substitute list, please contact **Brenda Robinson at [bb.robinson@yahoo.com](mailto:bb.robinson@yahoo.com) or (913)485-5609** with your name and availability.



Catholic Charities of continues to develop programming that removes barriers, and supports people on the road to self-sufficiency. This past fiscal year we provided skills training, employment and financial education to 8914 people. Your donation to the **Christmas** Collection will help Catholic Charities provide programs and services to people in need throughout all 21 Counties of our Archdiocese. Use the extra envelope provided for December.

**ANNUAL DONATION STATEMENT**

This year we will be sending all year-end giving donation statements electronically. Please make sure that the parish office has an updated email address on file. The best way to ensure we have up to date contact information is to fill out our 2021 stewardship form.



**Fall Festival - Filled with Gratitude!**

We would like to thank everyone who generously participated in the Family Fall Festival online! We greatly appreciate those who donated, participated in the 50/50 and placed orders for Bierocks.

Special thanks go to Kathy Henehan and Maureen Kratzer for their commitment to making this event successful even during a pandemic! Additional thanks goes to Maureen Kratzer, Rosemary Bergeron, and Tom Bergeron for your tremendous leadership and professional direction in preparing the Bierocks! We also want to recognize Rhonda Honas, Janet Dressman, Margie Jones, Suzanne Crain, Annette Lane, Lori James, Shirley Hill, Jeana Reid and Cathy Johnson for their help with the bierocks. A total of 34 dozen were made, baked and wrapped in less than 7 hours, under sterile and social distance measures! Great job to all our volunteers who served! Thank You So Much!

Below is a summary of donations for Fall Festival:

Devotional Tree: \$2,410.78

Bierocks: \$ 990.00

50/50 Raffle: \$1,599.22 (Winner # 1908)

Grand Total: \$5,000.00

Your support in participating, during this challenging year, is sincerely appreciated and truly reflects everyone's dedication to our parish - THANK YOU ALL!



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