

Saint Aidan ☩ Saint Patrick Parish

December 6, 2020



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5

4:00 PM - John J. Rielly, Nesamiah and Ibriham Chammat

Sunday, December 6, 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM - Rev. Stanley T. Nakowicz

11:00 AM - Elizabeth and Joseph Dziok by daughter

Monday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

8:00 AM - Rev. Edward J. McGovern

6:00 PM - People of the parish

Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM - Steven Silva by the Donovan Family

Wednesday, December 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00 AM - Rev. David A. Piacentini

Thursday, December 10

8:00 AM - Leonilda Alves by family

Friday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00 AM - James Porter by wife

Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00 PM - All people of the parish

Sunday, December 13, 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM - Rose Gilmore by family

11:00 AM - Jacques Pare by mother and father

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 (Is 35:4f)/Lk 5: 17-26

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4(1)/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 (1)/Mt 11:11-15

St. Jaun Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab (8)/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48: 17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 (cf. Jn 8:12)/Mt 11:16-19

St. Damasus I, Pope

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 (15:9d)/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday: Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

3rd Sunday of Advent

INCOME REPORT NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Weekly Offering:	\$ 2,802
Annual:	\$ 1,325
Thanksgiving:	\$ 198
November Online Giving	\$ 7,160

MASSES OF CRISTIAN BURIAL



Henry Vivier

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open the gates of everlasting life to those who believe.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help assist with cleaning our church after masses on the weekends. This is to ensure the cleanliness of our church during this time of the pandemic. Help is especially needed for the 11am mass as there is a larger number of parishioners that attend. Anyone interested should call the parish office at 401-333-5897. Thank you to our volunteers for your dedication to our parish community.

Christmas Giving Tree



Our Parish will be sponsoring the "Giving Tree" program again this year to provide assistance to the needy in our area for Christmas. Tags for gifts may be taken from the tree from November 21 through December 16. Please purchase the gift listed on the tag and bring the wrapped gift with the tag attached to church. Gifts should be placed in front of the altar. If you are not able to take a tag from the tree, we welcome Stop & Shop, Walmart, or Target gift cards. These may be mailed to the parish or dropped off at the office, whichever is more convenient. The deadline for all gifts is Sunday, December 20. Gifts will be picked up on December 21 to reach the families in time for Christmas. Once again, thank you for your continued generosity!

We all know of the tradition of making a New Year's Resolution on January 1st. Yet for us as Catholics who observe the Liturgical Year, the time to make New Year's Resolutions is during this season of Advent. This is a penitential season, a time for us to look over our past deeds and behaviors and see what we need to change. In essence, as we prepare for the birth of Christ at Christmas, this season is a time for us to prepare for a new birth in ourselves that we may be more Christ—like.

Recently, a new book has been published titled, "Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future." It is the product of several extensive interviews that a British writer had with Pope Francis. The book addresses many of the social concerns that we have seen over the past year. In speaking of the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Holy Father made a comment, "There is one thing that is true of all crises; that things will not be the same afterward." In every Advent as in every Lent, we want to see a change in ourselves. No one of us can change the world, but each one of us can change his or her self.

For a Christian, all change must be aimed toward a future goal: The Kingdom of God. While we are used to thinking of a Kingdom as only a place, in the preaching of Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God is more of a relationship than an actual place. That is why the Gospels often refer to the 'Reign of God.' Even in earthly terms, kingdoms are all affected by whoever is the reigning monarch. Our desire to live in the Kingdom is a desire to live in an eternal relationship with God. It is God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, who defines the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, the pursuit of the Kingdom of God is striving for the future and not an attempt to return to the past. Our personal embrace of the Kingdom of God is about who and what we are becoming. The questions we ask ourselves in this penitential season are all contained in one question, "Does our behavior reflect our relationship with Christ?" This is why scholars have described the kingdom of God as the basis for all Christian morality. The moral teaching of the Church is much more than just a list of rules or commandments, do's or don't's. Morality is more about our choices. As Moses states to the Chosen People before they enter the Promised Land:

"If you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God,...loving the Lord, and walking in his ways, ...God, will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. If, however, your heart turns away and you do not obey, but are led astray and bow down to other gods and serve them,...you will certainly perish; ...have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you may live," (Deut. 30:16-19).

In this season, we are called to reflect on who we are in the eyes of God and who we want to become as Children of God. It is in the hope of who we wish to be that we make our resolutions in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. As Christ the Son of God becomes flesh and blood in the womb of the Virgin, we who are flesh and blood are called to the hope that we may all become true and eternal children of God.

December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A reminder that Tuesday, December 8th is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In observance of this day, we will be having a 6:00pm mass on December 7th and a mass at 8:00am on December 8th.

There will be no evening mass on December 8th.



Missalettes are Available for Home Use



If you are staying at home during this pandemic and watching the Mass on television, we want you to know that we will be distributing copies of the missalettes for the upcoming Liturgical Year. If you would like a copy or copies of the missalette mailed to you or delivered to your door, please call the parish office at 401-333-5897 and we will make sure you get one. The new Liturgical Year begins on the Weekend of November 28/29—the last weekend of November.

We are also looking for volunteers to help deliver missalettes to homes of those that are not coming to mass. If you are able, please contact the office. If you know of anyone that would like a missalette, feel free to grab an extra to bring to them.

If you bring your missalette to and from mass make sure to add your name and phone number in the front cover. Any blank missalettes that are left in the church will be thrown out.

Check out our new website!

St. Aidan-St. Patrick has a new website!
Visit www.staidan-patrick.org to find the latest parish news, bulletins and more.

Want to stay in touch?

Sign up for our (occasional) emails by clicking on the “Contact us” tab or visiting: www.staidan-patrick.org/contact (scroll down to “subscribe” to enter your email).

Our office is here to support you. Please don't hesitate to call our office at 401.333.5897 or email our office at office@aidan-patrick.org during this difficult time.

Make sure to check out our Facebook page St. Aidan—St. Patrick Church, as well as our YouTube channel, St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish, Cumberland for our live streamed masses.

Faith Formation Corner

Kindergarten and 1st grade will not be meeting in person on December 6.

2nd and 3rd grade will not be meeting in person on December 13th.

During the state's two week pause period, faith formation will be virtual. Please check your emails for information from your catechists.

There is still time to register! Please call our office at 401-333-5897 or email faithformation@aidan-patrick.org for more information.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OUR PARISH OFFICES

Starting Monday, November 30th, our office will be closed and our staff will be working remotely in compliance with the governor's two week pause period. If you call our office, you will still be able to contact us. If you drop off envelopes, please mail them in to our office or bring them to church with you. Church services will continue, however with limited seating. Starting next week if the Church reaches its capacity, we will have to turn people away.

Please stay healthy and safe. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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Rev. Donald L. Depatie, *St. Aidan Pastor Emeritus*

Rev. Lawrence E. Toole, *St. Patrick Pastor Emeritus*

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St. Patrick and Mt. Calvary Cemeteries

Superintendent: John Namaka

Liturgical Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00AM (livestream only), 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday - Friday)

Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 6:00 PM

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