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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses at St. Benedict:

Tuesday-Friday 7:00am.

Divine Mercy Mass Saturday 8:00am

Weekday Mass at St. Michael:

Wednesday at 5:00pm

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

Sunday at 11:00am at St. Michael

Sunday Mass is also accessible through YouTube, Parish website, ParishApp, Facebook, and Parish email.

Confessions

Saturday 8:30-9:30am, 4:00pm and 40 minutes before every weekend Mass.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Pastoral Center at (719) 495-1426 to inform our priest of this need.

Adoration

Saturday 8:30-9:30am

Thursday 7:30am-7:00pm

Baptism

Baptismal classes are held on the third Sunday of the month, after the 8:00am Mass. To register, contact the Pastoral Center at (719) 495-1426.

Rosary recited 20 minutes prior to the Masses on the first Sunday of each month, led by the Knights of Columbus.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited at 7:40am on the last Sunday of the month.

Pastoral Center Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

AN ADVENT LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The opening prayer for the first Sunday of Advent asks Almighty God that we may “resolve to run forth to meet Christ.” Christmas preparation is normally characterized by a lot of running around from store to store, from party to party, but it is not always a “running forth to meet Christ.” In these times when we are experiencing the bleakness of COVID restrictions, we could spend more time “running forth” in meditation on the unfathomable mystery of God’s love in the incarnation. We could reflect on this Love growing in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As St. Faustina so beautifully puts it:

*“Your beauty so enthralled the Thrice-Holy One’s eye,
That He came down from heaven,
Forsaking th’eternal See’s throne,
And assumed from Your Heart Body and Blood,
Hiding for nine months in your Virginal Heart.
O Mother, Virgin, this will no one comprehend,
That the infinite God is becoming a man;
It’s only love’s and His inscrutable mercy’s purpose.”*

Each day of Advent, we should also be growing in our loving response to the Incarnation. Let us do this in the praying of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the lighting of our Advent Wreaths, in the adoring of Jesus in the monstrance, in words of encouragement and faith in these trying times, in offering a helping hand to our parish family, and so on.

Let us do all this remembering the beautiful words of St. John the Evangelist, “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.” Let us “run forth” in love to meet our Divine Savior!

With my prayers for a blessed Advent,
Fr. Michael

BLESSING OF ORANGES AT LESSONS & CAROLS

Many are familiar with the story of St. Nicholas and how he dropped three bags of gold through a window to help three daughters to save themselves. This led to the tradition of children leaving their shoes out in the hopes that St. Nicholas would come and fill them with gifts. One of the most common gifts that appeared were oranges, a delicious treat which were not always easy to find. St. Nicholas has often been depicted with three gold bags or three oranges. A custom developed around the feast of St. Nicholas to bless oranges to then be given to the children. We will use this blessing as part of our Lessons & Carols on December 4 at 6:00pm. That same evening, after we have reflected on the Lessons and sang the Carols, St. Nicholas will visit us with his gifts for the children.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

All make the sign of the Cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,

We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

He is the Savior of the nation.

Lord God,

Let your blessing come upon us

As we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of

Christ’s promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”:

O come, desire of nations, bind

In one the hearts of humankind;

Bid ev’ry sad division cease

And be thyself our Prince of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

CATECHESIS NEWS

Catechism for K—Confirmation is held
Sunday mornings, 9:15am—10:15am.

Dec 6—Catechism for K-Confirmation

Dec 13—Catechism for K-Confirmation

Dec 20—NO CLASSES—Christmas Break

Dec 27—NO CLASSES—Christmas Break

Jan 3—Catechism for K-Confirmation

DECEMBER 4 @ 6PM



Lessons & Carols

This beautiful liturgy walks through Sacred Scripture and recalls the advent of our Divine Savior.

Bring cookies to share and enjoy hot beverages as we await the arrival of St. Nicholas with goodies for the children.



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

YOUTH MINISTRY

High school youth ministry

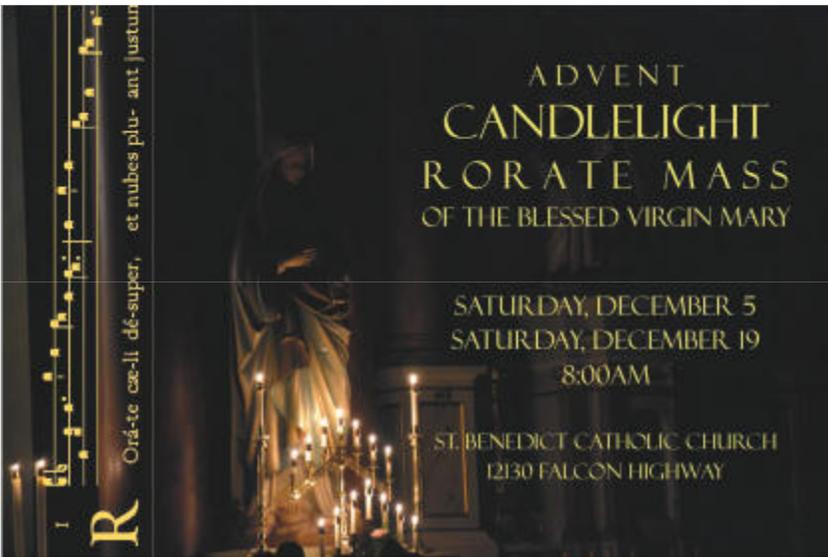
Our next meeting is Thursday, December 3,
from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Parents are encouraged to join us for Adoration in the church at 6:45pm.

Middle school youth ministry

Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 2,
from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Email CYM@StBenedictFalcon.org with any questions or to volunteer.



CHOIR

Our choir practices each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Church. If you are interested in knowing more about the choir, please contact Diane in the parish office or email her at dmartin@stbenedictfalcon.org.

QUILT DRAWING

Enter to Win!

St. Benedict quilting group has been hard at work sewing the 2nd annual quilt. You can win this striking quilt by entering the drawing which will be held



on December 5, 2020. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per entry. Donations for entries will be accepted after all weekend Masses. They will also be accepted by mailing a check made payable to "St. Benedict Catholic Church" with "quilts" on the memo line.

Thank you for your support!



Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered on December 7 at 6:30pm (Vigil) and December 8 at 7:00am.



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