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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — Noon
The office will be closed Mon—Thurs 12:10—12:40 pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm
Tuesday at 7:30 am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am — Noon
Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:15 pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday Of Advent

Praised be Jesus Christ!

With the feast of the Immaculate Conception approaching this week (see inside the bulletin for Mass times), I thought I would write my column on a Marian theme.

Occasionally (though rarely) you may hear Mary referred to by the title “daughter Zion” or “daughter Jerusalem.” It’s a deeply Biblical title that comes from the prophet Zephaniah:

*Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!*

The name “Zion” is generally used as a synonym for the Israelite capital of Jerusalem. In this case, the phrase “Daughter Zion” refers to a custom in ancient cultures of using the image of a woman or virgin as a means of symbolizing an entire city. Thus “Daughter Zion” is a stylized way of referring to the city of Jerusalem itself.

But there is something much deeper going on with this Biblical terminology. Remember that way back in Genesis, immediately after Adam and Eve’s fall into sin, God promised redemption and deliverance from Satan’s power. He speaks to the serpent and says:

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. (Genesis 3:15)

It will be through the woman and “her seed” that the head of the serpent will be “crushed” (Ibid). We know that this “woman” foretold here can’t be Eve herself, since she has literally just fallen into sin and submission to the temptation of the serpent. It must be one of her descendants yet to come.

So in a sense, the rest of the history of the Old Testament is a time of waiting and preparation for the appearance of this woman and her seed who will definitely deliver God’s people from our ancient enemy, who is the devil.

What’s fascinating about a thorough study of the Old Testament is that throughout Israel’s history, we see a whole series of strong women who play an important role in defending, nurturing, and protecting the whole people of Israel. Figures like Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Queen Ester and many others are not just important feminine figures but, in a sense, stand as representatives of the whole of the people. They are like an actual “daughter Zion” or “daughter Jerusalem” in the flesh.

In some very interesting cases, such as that of the woman named Jael in the book of Judges and the figure of Judith, these women deliver the people of Israel by literally “crushing the head” of the main antagonist against Israel at that time in history (see Judges 5 and Judith 13 for these accounts which are too complicated to explain in full here).

The point is this: the Old Testament presents a whole series of women who through their lives and actions foreshadow that definitive “woman” promised by God back in Genesis. It is almost as if God is saying, “***See these important women throughout Old Testament history...just wait until the definitive one that I promised finally appears!***”

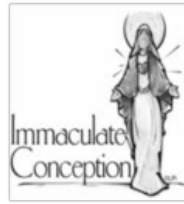
Obviously, we know this woman to be the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through her, the true and most ancient of Israel’s foes is defeated (Satan), and we have in her the greatest personification of all the hopes and desires of Israel’s history.

That’s why the Church sees Zephaniah’s phrase “Daughter Zion” as representing not only ancient Jerusalem and its Messianic hopes, but also the New Jerusalem and New Zion which is Christ’s Church here on earth—and by extension, Mary herself, who represents the whole Church as spiritual mother and protector.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



There will be a Solemn Vigil of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm and masses on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30am, 12:10 pm and 5:20 pm.

Propers of the Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

INTROIT (Isaiah 30: 30) • People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. Vs. (Ps. 79: 2) Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Vs. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFERTORY (Ps. 89: 7-8) • Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life, and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee: show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

COMMUNION (Baruch 5: 5; 4: 36) • Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that cometh to thee from Thy God.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

Intentions Of — Dana Gentile
Requested by — Dan & Margaret Gentile

In Memory Of — Marilyn M. Hare
Requested by — Richard Hare

In Memory Of — Dale Cummings
Requested by — Nina & Joe Lombardo



Saturday, December 3, 2022—Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1 5a, 6-3

2:30—3:30 pm Confessions
3:00—3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Dina Carfagna—Ann O'Connor

Sunday, December 4, 2022—Second Sunday Of Advent

Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am Paul L. Conley—Ethel Conley
11:15 am Marco Gallelli—Mother, Sandra & brother, Gianluca
8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Monday, December 5, 2022

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm Laverne Bloss—Family

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

7:30 am Theresa Gordinier —Bequest

Wednesday, December 7, 2022—Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm John & Mary Frances Mastrella—Family
7:00 pm Solemn Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8, 2022—The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

7:30 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community
5:20 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community

Friday, December 9, 2022

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

11:30—Noon Confessions
12:10 pm Priests of our Diocese Past & Present—Parishioner
4:45—5:15 pm Confessions

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

2:30—3:30 pm Confessions
3:00—3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Intentions of Carole & Irv Magin—Scopa Family

Sunday, December 11, 2022—Third Sunday Of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am Gianna Medical of Central & Western NY—Angela Kristan
11:15 am Giuseppe & Domenica Morana—Family
8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout



Gianna Marie Ransom

We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community

Advent Giving Tree

The Social ministry committee invites you to participate in Catholic Charities “Share the Joy” program which provides gifts for families and individuals who request help. Choose a tag from the tree, purchase the item indicated, and return it unwrapped, labeled with the tag by December 11 to the Cathedral Office. If you would like to volunteer to help sort the gifts, please call the office at 254-3221 by December 15.



DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES

Due to the Christmas holiday, bulletins will need to be submitted early to LPI for printing. If you have an article for the December 18 bulletin, please submit your article by **Wednesday, December 7**. If you have an article for the December 25 bulletin, please submit your article by **Tuesday, December 13**. Please submit your articles to michele.kelly@dor.org
 ~ Please note: Articles may be edited due to space constraints.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for Gilbert Biancucci and all of our deceased.



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
 and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*

Parish Offertory November 26 & 27, 2022

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$7,543	\$8,300	\$-757

Thank you for your contribution.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Phillip Batchelor Jr, Bishop Matthew Clark, Dcn. John Giugno, Jackie Goldfarb, Dan Gentile, Karen Hyland, Lucille Ilii, Jerry Mastodanato, Lucas Marone, Soe (So) Meh, Marcia Mendola, Patti Stets, Karen Stevens, Bentley Vega, Helen Walters

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Mom's Prayer Group

The Cathedral Community has started a Mom's prayer group! This group is geared toward Mom's with young children but all women are welcome. We meet at the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 10:30 am for prayer and fellowship while our little ones play. This will take place in the hospitality room.. If interested please contact Sarah Mullen Mullen.SarahL@gmail.com

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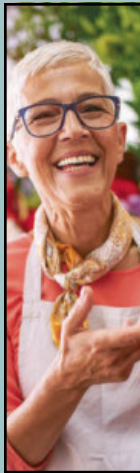
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