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December 19, 2021



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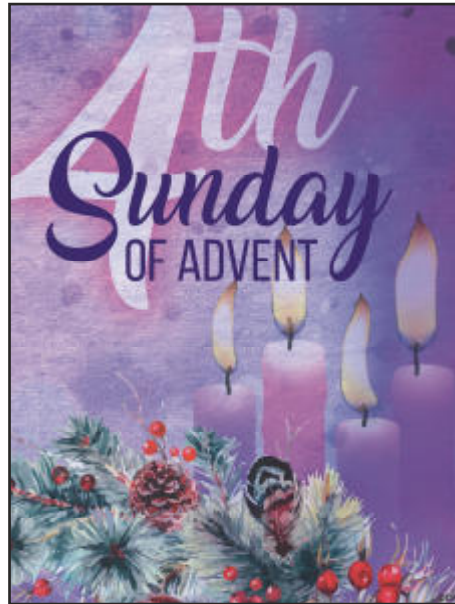
An Advent Descant

We have reached the last week of our Advent preparation. We still have a good week before the Solemnity of Christmas.

Today is Rorate Sunday. *Rorate caeli*—“drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just (Introit). This is the opening of the Advent hymn we have sung these past weeks. Last week was Ember Week in Advent. Three days of penance and preparation for the ordinations that in earlier centuries took place on the third Ember Day. Every important event calls for preparation on the part of the one holding the event and those called to participate in it. In this way, all of the faithful were called upon to pray and prepare for those called to particular service of the Lord in the Church.

Our preparations for Christmas ought not be excluded from this prayerful origin. Each of us have hopefully made the best possible use of this time of Advent to prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, but, in a greater sense, to make progress in holiness: love of God and love of neighbor as we await the Lord’s return in glory.

The Catechism teaches us, “The coming of God’s Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the “First Covenant.” He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel” (CCC 522).



The Church experiences a particular anticipation in these last days before Christmas. In each Holy Mass, we do not merely have a glimpse of heaven, but we are present at the eternal heavenly liturgy in a real way. “Heaven unites with earth,” as we are present to the Incarnation and “God is with us.”

The prayers in our last week of preparations change to a more joyful, expectant tone. The Church moves through these remaining days with greater joy to celebrate the birth of our Savior. We meditate on Sacred Scripture and see that God’s revelation of Himself was gradual and hidden in the words of the prophets. The Prayers and Readings at Mass this week will speak about our Lord and our Blessed Mother.

The mystery of the Incarnation has been the preeminent meditation during this holy Advent season. As our Blessed

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

Excerpt from the Liturgy of the Hours, 1988, 117-118

Mother would treasure all these things in her heart, we too, should prayerfully unite ourselves with her and the Church in contemplating these mysteries with joy and confidence in God’s grace.

When we meditate on the Child Jesus, we cannot help but consider the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph. And when we meditate on the Blessed Virgin Mary, we, in turn, meditate on Christ. Mary’s humility, her obedience to God’s will: “May it be done to me according to your word” brought about the fulfillment of God’s plan of salvation—a plan unfolded across centuries.

Let us continue to ask God to grant His mercy upon our country at this most critical time. Let us turn with great confidence to our Lady, under whose watchful care our country has been entrusted. May our nation and the people of all nations come to know, adore and serve the Lord Jesus Christ now and forever.

May this remaining week of Advent be a time of great prayer, great preparation and great graces for each of us, that we may fully celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas.



Monday, December 20, 2021

7:30 a.m. - David Joseph Klemmer (D)

Tuesday, - December 21, 2021

7:30 a.m. - Charles Chase (D)

Wednesday, - December 22, 2021

7:30 a.m. - The Berger & DeHenau Families (L&D)

Thursday December 23, 2021

7:30 a.m. - Aurelia Klemmer (L)

Friday, - December 24, 2021

7:30 a.m. - The Conversion & Salvation of Souls

4:00 p.m. - Fr. John Bustamante (L)

12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass

Saturday, -December 25, 2021

6:30 a.m. - Private Intention

9:30 p.m. - Private Intention

12:00 p.m. - Private Intention

Sunday, December 26, 2021

6:30 a.m. - Christmas Novena Mass

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. - Denise Daschke (D)

Holy Father's Intention for December:

Catechists

"Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit." - www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2021

Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).

Mass Servers

Saturday, December 25, 2021

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, December 26, 2021

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of 12-19-21

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

Requiescat in Pace

Margaret Theresa Calabrese

December 02, 2021

Eternal rest grant unto her O lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Christmas Novena Masses

Christmas Novena Mass cards are still available. Please call or visit the Rectory.

Gianna House

Gianna House Pregnancy and Parenting Residence in Eastpointe provides critical services and housing for young mothers in the community, including education, life-skills training, medical care, parenting classes and support and other vital resources for hundreds of young moms. We provide housing for up to one year after the baby's birth followed by assistance for a successful transition to independent living. Please consider making a tax deductible donation today at www.giannahouse.org.

Christmas Detroit Area Historic Churches Pilgrimage

On Tuesday, January 4, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we are planning to visit and tour, with informative talks, the following seven churches specially decorated during the Christmas Season: Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, St. Joseph Shrine, Holy Cross Hungarian Church, St. Florian Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, & Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit with Noon Healing Holy Mass. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local pickup departures & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights (8 AM departure, 6:30 PM return) & Our Lady of the Woods Church in Woodhaven (7 AM departure, 7:30 PM return). Total cost per person is \$40 (with lunch on your own in Mexicantown). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or <https://prayerpilgrimages.com/>.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help staff the St. Vincent de Paul office at St. Raymond's Church. If interested, please contact the office at: 313-372-0437. The

office runs Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am and Thursdays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Altar Boy Training

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. **The next training will be on Saturday, January 8 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.**

Grotto St. Vincent Helpers

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Our four groups renewed their prayer commitments of one Holy Hour a week for Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Fr. John Bustamante, Fr. Eduard Perrone and Fr. Aidan Logan on Friday, June 11th. After Mass the renewal of their prayer commitments for another year took place at the Grotto where we requested Our Lady's help to persevere in our commitments and placed the Archbishop and priests for whom we are praying into her protection. See the 2021 flyer on the side tables of the church for more information on our parish Seven Sisters Groups. We are in need of more women willing to commit an hour a week for one of our priests as a substitute or alternate. Please call and leave your name at the rectory if God is calling you to assist our priests. For more information see their website: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home>.

Morning Offering

"O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father" (from "Manual of Prayers," Midwest Theological Forum).

Prayer to the Holy Spirit (To Be Said Before Confession)

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly know my sins. Move my heart that I may be sincerely sorry for them, honestly confess them, and firmly resolve to amend my life. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Act of Resolution (After Confession)


My dear Jesus, how much I owe you! By the merits of Your precious blood I am confident that You have once again pardoned my sins. I thank You exceedingly and I hope to praise Your mercies forever in heaven. You deserve all my love; from now on I wish to love You in earnest. I promise to shun the occasions of sin, and to use this means (*here mention it*), for not falling again. But You know my weakness, O Jesus. Give me the grace to be faithful to You until death, and to have recourse to You in my temptations. Most holy Virgin Mary, assist me. You are the mother of perseverance. I place all my hope in your powerful intercession. Amen.





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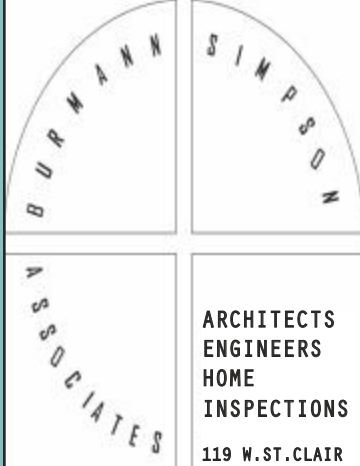
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