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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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M,T, Th, F 9:00am-3:00pm

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: T, W, TH, F - 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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Mass Intentions

DECEMBER 8

**+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ROSSMEISL FAMILY**

Joan Rossmeisl

+DORIS PRAGE

Mike Cordasco

+KELLEY HENSLEY

Mom & Dad

DECEMBER 9

**+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY**

Confraternity

DECEMBER 10

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Lydia

DECEMBER 11

+THERESA DUMAIS

Grandson Jackson

DECEMBER 12

+AL GRYBASH

Kay

DECEMBER 13

PARISHIONERS

SHARON SIEMION

Arlene Labell

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: For registered and active parishioners: Please contact the Church Office. Baptism instruction is required for Parents.

Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM in Adoration Chapel
Or by Appointment

Weddings: For registered and active parishioners: must be arranged with the pastor at least 6 months before the date desired. Please contact the Church Office for more details.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalms: 85:9-14

Second Reading: 2Pt 3:8-14

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:1-8

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Before Mass: T, W, Th, F with the Rosary
Adoration Friday's 9:00am-2:00pm in the main church, with social distancing and masks.



**Friday Mornings at 10:00
In the Cabrini Center**

**Come join us as we delve into the Book of
Maccabees as well as learning about the
sacrament Reconciliation/Confession**



**Come Join the St. Frances Cabrini
Faith Formation and Youth Group for
the celebration of "Las Posadas"
following the Saturday 4:00 Mass on
the December 12th, traditionally the
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings for the Week

Monday St. Ambrose

Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Wednesday St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Our Lady of Loreto

Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13b,Mt 11:11-15

Friday St Damasus I

Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19

December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Doctrine of Mary as the Immaculate Conception was officially promulgated by the Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854. He wrote, "From the very beginning, and before time began, the eternal Father chose and prepared for his only-begotten Son a Mother in whom the Son of God would become incarnate and from whom, in the blessed fullness of time, he would be born into this world. Above all creatures did God so love her that truly in her was the Father well pleased with singular delight. Therefore, far above all the angels and all the saints so wondrously did God endow her with the abundance of all heavenly gifts poured from the treasury of his divinity that this mother, ever absolutely free of all stain of sin, all fair and perfect, would possess that fullness of holy innocence and sanctity than which, under God, one cannot even imagine anything greater, and which, outside of God, no mind can succeed in comprehending fully."

This declaration was confirmation of a long-standing tradition in the Church. In the time of St. Augustine (354-430), the Holy Virgin was already considered free from sin. In 1546, the Council of Trent confirmed this teaching when they declared that all men (and women) were born with original sin, but they exempted Mary from that designation.

St. Francis Cabrini December 8th Mass Schedule

8:30 AM

6:30 PM

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

– Saint Maximilian Kolbe



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Silence in Advent Prepares Us for the Coming of Christmas: Constance T. Hull

The topic of silence has grown in popularity on social media in recent months. This is especially true in light of the various pieces written on Cardinal Sarah's brilliant book, *The Strength of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*. Silence is an important topic. We are inundated with noise. This noise is not only an assault on our auditory faculties, but on our senses as a whole. The world wants to keep us distracted, busy, and living with a constant din buzzing in our ears. Why? Noise is a tool that the world and Satan use to keep us from God. It is easy to drown Him out in our daily lives by remaining focused on the endless onslaught. In reality, we cannot make serious progress in the spiritual life without silence. Saints are made in silence. It is through silence before the great mystery of God that we enter more deeply into communion with the Most Holy Trinity. That communion is what we are moving closer towards in each moment of every single day. It is in that communion that we will find *beatitudo* (happiness) and Heaven. The Church understands our desperate need for silence. It is fitting that our liturgical year begins in a season of silence and waiting. As the late fall evenings lengthen towards the darkness of winter, we become more aware of the silence and stillness that are a part of the natural order of things. Creation seems to go into its own period of waiting. It is easy for us to miss what is going on around us in the busyness of the secular Christmas season. As we run around shopping for countless gifts—many of which, let's face it, are unnecessary—attend parties, write Christmas cards, decorate our homes, and move about with frenetic energy, we can miss not only what is going on around us in Creation, but what is going on in the Church.

Advent, as I have written before, it is an often missed, ignored, and over-looked liturgical season. In the Latin Rite it is still a penitential season, but not in a manner nearly as pronounced as with our Eastern Rite brothers and sisters. It can be easy for us to forget that Christmas is not upon us quite yet. Rather, we too are invited to enter into a period of waiting. This waiting requires regular periods of silence. In reality, we are always waiting for the *Parousia* (Second Coming), but Advent is the time when we are told to focus on silence and waiting. This is a difficult spiritual practice. Many of our cultures are already neck-deep in Christmas cheer and so it can be hard to live Advent, but in doing so, the joy of Christmas will be even greater.

Lack of silence is evident in the agitation of our culture: A good many of us loathe shopping this time of year. I am not much of a shopper in general, but I will admit that I dislike it even more in late-November and December. The reason being is that people are supposed to be filled with Christmas cheer and joy — at least that's what Christmas specials keep telling us — but instead are rude, angry, and unpleasant. I worked retail at Christmas and it is miserable. I go out of my way to be kind to the retail workers I encounter on my limited holiday shopping trips. I know how hard it is this time of year. The question is: Where does this general unpleasant moodiness come from? Much of the problem is the lack of silence and overall busyness of the season. We've replaced authentic joy and anticipation with materialist expectations on a colossal scale. The focus for far too many of us is on buying things and getting the perfect gift. In doing so, we forget Who we are preparing for during the Advent season. Gifts are fine and good within reason, but they are in no way the emphasis of Christmas. Advent would be much more peaceful, still, and beautiful if we focused on the fact that we are waiting for the King in the manger and we are waiting for Our King to return. We need to enter into that waiting by spending time in silence with Him daily, or our souls will inevitably become disordered and we will be agitated and miserable by the time Christmas Eve Mass begins.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI discussed the struggle with tension in our culture on a visit to the Carthusians back in 2011: "The lack of silence in contemporary society is making many people's lives "more agitated and at times convulsed." If we do not have moments of ordering ourselves to God each day and if we do not spend time in silence before God, then our lives quickly become directed by the occurrences of our day or the demands that either we place upon ourselves or others place upon us. This is a very real problem, especially during this time of year. Our society has certain expectations of the Christmas season, which by-in-large are goods in themselves. There are aspects that are opposed to our Catholic faith, especially consumerism and materialism. If we allow these expectations to rule our lives rather than enter into the silent presence of God, then we will become dissatisfied, find false expectations, and miss out on the joy

God wants us to receive on Christmas. If you are burned out by December 24th, it could be eased by living out Advent and then Christmas properly. Without periods of silent waiting for Christ, we will rob ourselves of the true joy of Christmas. Gifts, trees, lights, cookies, delicious dinners, and even time with friends and family are fleeting. Our joy comes from Christ alone. Periods of silence in our daily lives allow us to see more clearly how God is working in our daily lives. God woos us daily whether it be through beauty, other people, the Mass, or many other ways. Silence allows us to be attuned to God's love. When we enter into the period of waiting and silence in Advent, we are able to prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Savior at Christmas, as well as in our daily lives. If we are so focused on the trimmings and the material aspects of Christmas, then we will miss out on the real gift given to us on Christmas. Jesus Christ is that gift and we will find Him waiting for us on the altar at Mass on Christmas. It is through the silence of this Advent season that we will be truly ready to receive the joy of Christmas. Make silence a daily part of Advent. (Catholicexchange.com)



DECEMBER 6, 2020



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 20, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King and Advent approaches, please accept my pastoral greetings and concern for you, the good Faithful in the Diocese of Venice. My prayer is that the preparation for the Lord's coming in the Advent Season will enliven our hope in the promises of Christ.

Allow me to update you regarding Masses as the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to impact the Diocese and all of us. In my October 9, 2020 letter, it was said that the General Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass would remain in effect until November 28, 2020, and perhaps longer. Considering the present circumstances of the virus spread, the General Dispensation is extended into the New Year and I will advise regarding its conclusion at a future date.

There are some optimistic signs and there are increasing numbers of the Faithful returning to Church for Sunday Mass. Also, there is greater weekday attendance. Please continue to make every reasonable effort to return to in-person worship if you are able. With gratitude, I acknowledge all who have returned and commend those who continue to join the live streaming of Mass due to vulnerabilities and those who care for them. Further, let us all keep in prayer our brothers and sisters who have had the virus and their families.

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As Christmas and the New Year approach, it is crucial to maintain vigilance regarding safety precautions in Parishes. This will necessitate scaling back special Feast Day celebrations and holiday related events. Unfortunately, it cannot be as it was in the past. Particularly, I underscore the need for the wearing of masks, maintaining appropriate distances, as well as cleaning and sanitizing measures. Parishes have been encouraged to schedule more Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day than is customary. Having additional Masses, perhaps at different times or in different locations (Parish hall or gymnasium), will safely accommodate the potential numbers of Faithful who may attend Mass for Christmas.

At this challenging time, let us be united in prayer as we journey through the Advent Season in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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Please purchase the items needed listed on the Angel and return it to the office or under the tree, with the Angel attached to the wrapped gift by December 14th..

If you would like to give a wrapped toy as well; please list the toy on the Angel attached to the clothing items.

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*For it is in giving that we receive.
-Francis of Assisi*



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