



Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

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## Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM (High Mass)

Monday 7:00 PM

Tuesday 12:15 PM

Wednesday 12:15 PM

Thursday 12:15 PM

Friday 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Holydays 7:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:00 PM (High Mass)

*Unless otherwise noted.*

## Confessions

45 minutes before Sunday Masses

30 minutes before daily Masses

*Extended times on Sundays and First Fridays  
upon availability of the priests.*

December 1, 2019

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1st Sunday of Advent

### Baptism

Within the first month of birth. The Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing. Please contact the office to schedule.

### Marriage

Please arrange at least six months in advance of the anticipated date. Pre-Cana instruction with a priest. Available for registered and attending parishioners only.

### Sacramental Preparation

First Communion and Confirmation as announced. Available for registered and attending parishioners only.

### Exposition and Benediction

Fridays from 5:30-6:45 PM  
First Saturdays from 7:30-8:45 AM.

### Monthly Recollection

Third Saturday of the month from 10:00-11:30 AM.

### Perpetual Help Devotions

Women are invited to attend on the Third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

### Convert Instruction

On a rolling basis. Please contact the office to schedule an interview with a priest.

### St. Joseph's Men's Guild

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM, except for July and August.

### Choir and Schola Gregoriana

Jacob Flaherty, Director. For info call (612) 801-5467.

### Educational Co-op

Info at [www.allsaintscoop.com](http://www.allsaintscoop.com)

### Boys' Program

Wednesday afternoons (except second Wednesday) at 3:00 PM. Info at [allsaintsboysday@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsboysday@gmail.com)

*All Masses and Sacraments according to the Usus Antiquior of the Roman Rite*

# First Sunday of Advent

## ~ Masses and Intentions for the Week ~

**Sunday, December 1** Violet

First Sunday of Advent, *I Class*

8:00 AM Nicholas Conroy

10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

**Monday, December 2** Red

St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 PM Jacinta Schmitt

St. Bibiana (Vivian), together with SS. Agnes and Cecilia, is one of the virgin martyrs held in particular veneration in Rome. With unshakeable firmness she resisted the efforts made to pervert her; she was tied to a column and beaten to death with scourges loaded with lead adding thus the crown of martyrdom to that of virginity. She died in 363.

**Tuesday, December 3** White

St. Francis Xavier, Confessor *III Class*

12:15 PM Sylvia Hanek

One of St. Ignatius' companions in the foundation of the Jesuits, St. Francis would become the great apostle to India and Japan. He worked numerous miracles and converted great numbers of pagans during his missionary work. He is the patron of the Propagation of the Faith.

**Wednesday, December 4** White

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor, *III Class*

12:15 PM Dr. Derek Eagen Family

Made bishop of Ravenna as the result of St. Peter's appearing to Pope Sixtus III, he untiringly preached and defended Christian doctrine against the heresies of the time. His eloquence and soundness earned him the name Chrysologus, which means "Golden Word." He died in 450.

**Thursday, December 5** Violet

Feria of Advent, *III Class*

12:15 PM Bernice M. Pribnow +

**Friday, December 6** White

St. Nicholas, Bishop, *III Class*

12:15 PM Fr. Gerard Saguto

5:30 PM *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

7:00 PM Fr. Cassian DiRocco

Born in Asia Minor, when still a youth, he discreetly threw alms in a window to save the honor of three young girls, an act still commemorated nowadays in "Santa Claus", when children thank St. Nicholas for presents found on the hearth. God glorified him with endless miracles. He was made bishop of Myra, took part in the council of Nicea, and died in 324.

**Saturday, December 7** White

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

**7:00 AM Rorate Mass** (see 'Final Thought') Fr. Christopher Pelster

One of the four great doctors of the Latin Church, with St. Jerome, St. Gregory the Great, and St. Augustine, the last who converted to the Faith under St. Ambrose. He was bishop of Milan and died April 4, 397.

**Sunday, December 8** White

Immaculate Conception, *I Class*

8:00 AM Vocations to the FSSP

10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Almighty God, having decided from all eternity to make Mary the Mother of the Word Incarnate clothed her with the robe of holiness and made her soul a dwelling worthy of His Son. That complete Redemption which, from the moment of her conception, preserved our Lady from original sin, must not be considered apart from our own redemption by Christ. Occurring in Advent, this feast heralds the wonders of the Incarnation, by which Redemption came to the world. This feast was instituted by Bl. Pius IX when the dogma was defined on December 8, 1854; the solemn definition, spurred by our Lady's appearance at Lourdes, was an assertion of the constant faith of the Church and a statement of the Church's precise belief in this matter.

The Parish Office is now officially located in the front of the rectory building. All visitors to the office, and envelopes or items to be dropped off should use the front door, not the side. (Confirmation students having class in the rectory as well as choir members may continue to use the side-door.) The office will be manned by Mr. Jacob Flaherty and/or Mrs. Elizabeth Miller during the following hours (at a minimum) unless stated otherwise in the bulletin:

Wednesdays: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Thursdays: 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturdays: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

A *Rorate* Mass will be offered on Saturday, December 7 at **7:00 AM**. (See the 'Final Thought' for more information on this traditional Marian devotion of Advent.) There will be no 9:00 AM Mass offered that day.

Mass Intentions are no longer being received at the present time due to a large backlog extending over a year. You will be informed via the bulletin when reception of Mass Intentions will resume.

Parish registration forms are available in the vestibule. Registration is encouraged as it assists the pastor to know to whom he is bound to provide pastoral care, enables him to baptize and witness marriages, as well as provide sacramental preparation for his parishioners. For this reason, and in justice and charity to the respective pastors, an individual or family should not be registered at two or more parishes, and should be attending their registered parish regularly. If address or status changes, please kindly inform the parish office.

Enrollment in Direct Deposit can be done by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on the parish website and creating an account to enable automatic recurring gifts; one-time gifts are also possible through this link without creating an account. Check and cash donations are still welcome, but as the envelope system has been discontinued, for cash donations to be credited for tax purposes, please be sure to put your name and address on the envelope that is used so it can be identified and recorded. Thank you!

Contributions May God reward your generosity!

November 24 To be included in next week's bulletin...



## Calendar of Events

December 6/7 First Friday/First Saturday

December 7 Rorate Mass

December 14 Confirmation

(Cathedral of St. Paul)

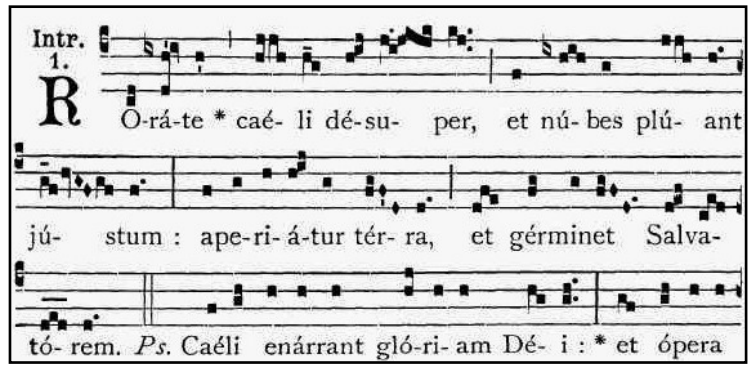
December 25 Christmas Mass Schedule:

+ 12:00 AM High Midnight Mass w/ Men's Schola

(Matins at 10:00 PM prior)

+ 8:00 AM High Mass

+ 10:30 AM High Mass w/ full choir and orchestra  
(Carols begin at 10:00 AM prior)



## A Final Thought

The *Rorate Caeli* Mass, celebrated here at All Saints this Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 AM as a High Mass, is a traditional Advent devotion honoring Our Lady offered just before dawn. The Mass takes its name from the opening words of the Introit, which comes to us from Isaiah 45:8:

*“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes plurant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.”*  
*“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior.”*

The *Rorate* Mass, also known as the *Golden Mass*, is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in the Blessed Virgin Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun, just as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter: asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

The *Rorate* Mass has a long tradition in the Church, especially in German-speaking countries. In Austria, Switzerland, and Germany, families walked in the dark of the early morning, carrying lamps and candles to the church, where Mass was celebrated and favorite Advent hymns were sung. The custom exists of singing the antiphon *Ecce, Dominus Veniet* three times at the conclusion of the Last Gospel. The priest goes to the center of the altar and intones the antiphon three times, each time progressively higher than the previous one, mirroring the practice of the three-fold *Ecce Lignum Crucis* on Good Friday and the three-fold *Alleluia* at the Easter Vigil. The text of the antiphon reads: *“Ecce Dominus veniet, et omnes sancti ejus cum eo: et erit in die illa lux magna, Alleluia. (Behold, the Lord will come, and with Him all His saints; and on that day there shall be a great light, Alleluia.)*

In Advent we live spiritually between the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Our Blessed Mother teaches us the spirit of Advent in that, during the nine months of pregnancy, Our Lady lived a hidden life, in the spirit of silence and in intense intimacy with Christ, Whom she carried in her womb. This spirit of intimacy with God is what the faithful are called to cultivate during the season of Advent with great intensity by listening attentively to God's message and by obedience to His word.

With regards to the use of candles, what we see often in Church history is true here: candles originally had a practical purpose but over the course of time took on an added spiritual dimension and meaning, too. The symbolism of the candle matches very well with the spirit of Advent. Advent is dawn. It is still not the bright light of Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for something exceedingly joyful that is going to happen. The Church and the soul are still struggling through the darkness toward the Light. There is longing and expectancy of Advent. The light of our candles is a symbol for our longing for the coming of our Savior whose light is already dawning.