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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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November 27, 2022


ADVENT I

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

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Today we begin a new liturgical year. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Advent Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45.

¶ RORATE MASSES

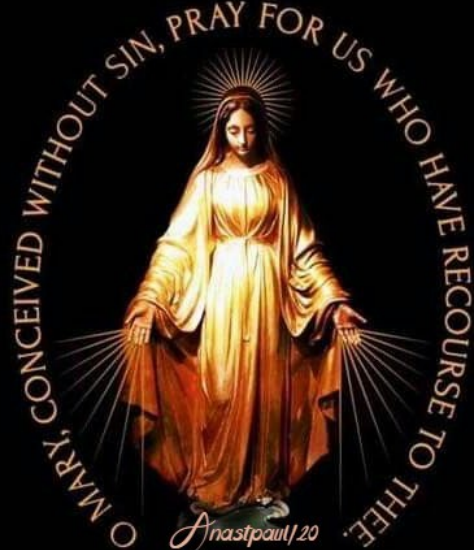
 A special Advent observance features the short votive Mass of Our Lady, sung in the early morning by candlelight as we await the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. Rorate Masses are on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 AM, and Saturday at 7:30 AM.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass, Devotions
All Night Adoration
First Friday Reparation Intention: To ask the Sacred Heart to prepare us for His coming.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary & Confessions
7:30 AM Rorate Mass, Devotions, Benediction, Meditation
8:30 AM Low Mass
First Saturday Intention: Reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.



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Excerpt from the Prayer in Honour of the Immaculate Conception written in 1854 in honour of the 25th anniversary of the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Pope Pius XII (1876-1958)


O crystal fountain of faith, bathe our minds with the eternal truths!
O fragrant lily of all holiness, captivate our hearts with your heavenly perfume!
O Conqueress of evil and death, inspire in us a deep horror of sin, which makes the soul detestable to God and a slave of hell!
O well-beloved of God, hear the ardent cry which rises up from every heart.
Bend tenderly over our aching wounds. Convert the wicked, dry the tears of the afflicted and oppressed, comfort the poor and humble, quench hatreds, sweeten harshness, safeguard the flower of purity in youth, protect the holy Church, make all men feel the attraction of Christian goodness.

Collection Report


Sunday, November 20th.....\$6,014.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT II

St. Nicholas will be visiting the children after the morning Masses next Sunday. The Blessing of Religious Articles will follow all Masses. The second collection will be taken up for our Oblates. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Advent Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

 **Set Your Missal:** Second Sunday of Advent. Second collect of St. Peter Chrysologus, third of St. Barbara. Trinity Preface.

¶ CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

 Envelopes are in the pews for Poinsettia Memorial Offerings (to be turned in to the office *no later* than December 20th) and for the Christmas Novena of Masses.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30TH

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear



my prayer and grant my petitions through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. **Amen.** (Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)

EMBLEMS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN



The dove in sacred art represents the Holy Spirit, and is generally seen flying toward Our Lady, or e-

merging from a cloud, in pictures of the Annunciation. Seven doves hover around her head in pictures which represent her as Mater Sapientiae—the Mother of Wisdom—and they represent the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In their ancient significance, birds were emblems of the soul. They are frequently represented in the Catacombs. In one very early fresco, our Blessed Mother is shown as a veiled figure feeding the birds at her feed, while Our Lord as the Good Shepherd feeds the sheep of His flock. One of the many titles of Our Lady is Mother of the Good Shepherd, and she is often represented with one or more lambs looking up at her.



RCOME
EMMANUEL

Man, destined to die, takes pains that he may not die; and yet man, destined to live forever, takes no pains that he may not sin! And when he takes pains that he may not die, he takes them to no purpose; for his aim is that death may be a long time deferred, not that it may be escaped from; whereas, if he refuse to sin, he will have no pains, and will live forever. Oh, that we could rouse men to be such lovers of the life that abideth as men are of the life that fleeth!

— St. Augustine



ADVENT

Advent, like Lent, is a time of preparation in thought and deed for a great event. Certainly if a king or a cardinal were to come to our home as a guest we would prepare for the advent. Should we not prepare, then, for the great King of the universe during these days? His Advent or “coming” into our hearts depends so much on how we pray and meditate during these preparatory days to Christmas.

In thinking of Christmas we always conjure up in our mind’s eye the happy days of childhood, the memory of our parents who may have passed on to God’s Judgment, and of our early home—all these are most joyous recollections. Certainly Advent should not be observed in a lugubrious or melancholy manner. Penance is a joy when it is performed for God. When imposed upon us for a selfish motive it is a drudgery.

These Advent days, then, can be most joyful, our recollection of former years can be most happy if we dedicate them to God. In simple terms, we can be happiest when all things are in harmony and in their proper place. This is the definition of health. This is the understanding of peace—the “tranquility of order.” It is our aim here to put Christ back into Christmas—to enjoy the Godliness of having Christ’s Mass at Christmas.

Merry Christmas to you! May Christ and His Mother bless you by their presence because of your goodness in giving to them your will and understanding during these Advent days.

ST. ANDREW, ONCE A FISHERMAN

Saint Andrew, who once cast your nets

Upon the lake of Galilee,
Show now your skill in catching souls,
And save us from the world’s wild sea.

Saint Peter’s brother during life,
Not even death your souls could part,
Since both endured the bitter cross
With patient and courageous heart.

True brothers in your work on earth,
Your crown of glory is the same,
Both fathers of the infant Church,
Both crucified for Jesus’ Name.

You were the first to find Our Lord,
And led your brother to His feet,
So help us on life’s weary way,
Befriend us in its dust and heat.

Companion of your brother’s toil,
Preserve the Church in charity,
That with Saint Peter, shepherd true,
We may serve God in unity.

Beloved Saint, so dear to Christ,
Help us to run the path of love,
That we may all God’s praises sing,
United in full joy above. Amen.

— Attributed to St. Peter Damian
(1007–1072), Doctor of the Church



I've noticed that our Fall animals are starting to come back. We had a skunk on the property all summer. He's been around since he was a tiny thing and would often be seen patrolling the property. I haven't seen him for a good while. I hope nothing happened to him. The pack of coyotes that usually comes around this time of year is in the area. I saw a lone one just down the road. Last winter we had eight deer who would graze up behind the rectory—it was neat seeing the little spotted fawn exchange his spots for a set of stubby little antlers. This year I've only seen one buck on the property. I wonder if it's the same one.

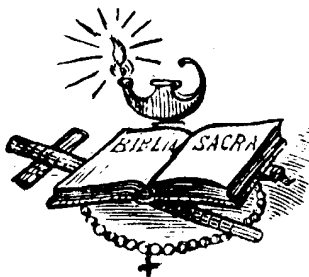


On Tuesday, a few Simpsons and a couple of Lawrences cleaned out and tidied up the garage and the little storage shed beside it. It was quite the daunting task, but they managed to finish it in about four and a half hours or so. I am very thankful to them for their help.

Advent starts today. It's a proper one, too. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday we have a full four weeks of Advent. That leaves us four weeks to prepare for Our Lord's coming. No, I'm not talking about preparing the Christmas trees and decorating the house and planning the meals. Too many people, concentrating so hard on all that, never really get around to the fervent preparation of their hearts wherein the Infant Savior Who was given no place on the first Christmas wishes to dwell. If you want a truly peaceful Christmas, it isn't the Christmas music and all the gifts that will help, rather it is making Advent a season of prayer, penance and the works of mercy that will prepare the way for peace and the Prince of Peace.

I hope you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving, and now I pray that you have a profitable Advent.

— Bishop McGuire



We seek the Lord's coming in hope not by gazing into some imaginary future, but by learning to live by His light and walk in His ways here and now. Christ, our Teacher now and our Judge at His coming in glory,

climbed Mount Calvary. That is the pathway for us who would climb God's holy mountain in search of His promised peace.

PRAYER IN OUR OWN WORDS

There are wrong notions about prayer which keep us from being as much at home in it as we ought to be. Some people seem to think that prayer is a sort of “second course,” a mere dessert; whereas it is breakfast, lunch, dinner, and supper. Nay, more: it is not only the food we eat, but the very breath we draw. Therefore prayer does not suppose moments of inspiration, or anything approaching ecstasy, or even sensible devotion; though a little of this is desirable now and then. Our want of the feeling of fervor is often our own fault. But we are advised to call in the time of temptation on the Name of Jesus, even if we have not a particle of fervor.

Then, it would be very well, in our prayers and meditations, to express our feelings in our own words and sentiments. While we must do this carefully and reverently, we must also do it with simplicity. *Sermocinatio ejus cum simplicibus.* (Prov., iii, 32.) That “proverb” is translated in the Douay Bible: “His communication is with the simple.” But the word *sermocinatio*, which occurs nowhere else in the Sacred Scriptures, may be supposed to contrast very strongly with the more common word, *sermo*.

We may be too prone to imagine prayer to be more a *sermo* than a *sermocinatio*—formal discourse, serious conversation, instead of familiar talk—nay, affectionate prattle. God expects us to be simple and to converse freely with Him as His children. A false idea of the dignity of prayer has often made us shrink from putting our thoughts and feelings into words of our own. We have either left them vaguely felt and unexpressed, or we have sought forms for their expression in printed pages. We have thought that our words ought to fall into some such sonorous order as the prayers in our prayer-books. But no; even as a matter of mere style, simpler and more conversational forms would be better.

— *The Ave Maria*

COLLECT OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His advent we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds; Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen. (*Say this prayer Saturday evening, as you light two purple candles on your Advent wreath.*)



✠ *As Advent dawns, St. Paul calls us to awake and prepare to greet the Lord at His coming. Let us always live our lives in such a way that we may not dread this coming but await it in joy.* ✠

✠ CALENDAR

MON	11/28/22	FERIAL DAY • ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ 8:00 AM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Rest in peace †Lucy Vernile – 1 month anniversary (<i>Kathy & Joe Bayer</i>)
TUE	11/29/22	VIGIL OF ST. ANDREW • ST. SATURNINUS, M 7:00 AM Rorate High Mass Anna Gardner (<i>Thomas Gardner</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
WED	11/30/22	ST. ANDREW, AP (BEGIN CHRISTMAS NOVENA) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Bishop Daniel Dolan (<i>Janice Lobo</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass For the repose of the soul of our beloved †Bishop Daniel L. Dolan (<i>Sebastien Renault</i>)
THU	12/1/22	FIRST THURSDAY • FERIAL DAY 7:00 AM Rorate High Mass Mary-Kate Ellis (<i>Thomas Gardner</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Rick Smith – successful surgery (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Purgatorial Society
FRI	12/2/22	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. BIBIANA, VM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mr. Louis Omer Pelletier (<i>Jean M. Konieczka</i>) (Requiem) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass In honor of Our Lady of Sorrows for †Bishop Dolan (<i>Deborah Lieb</i>) Benediction 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Shane Robinson (<i>Matthew Arthur</i>) 6:30 PM First Friday Devotions, Sacred Heart Novena All Night Adoration
SAT	12/3/22	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C 7:10 AM Rosary, Confessions 7:30 AM Rorate High Mass Damian Arthur (<i>Matthew Arthur</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, First Saturday Devotions, Benediction 8:20 AM Meditation 8:30 AM Low Mass Brian Rentschler (<i>Darlene Rentschler</i>)
SUN	12/4/22	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ☩ ☩ ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BPCD • ST. BARBARA, VM ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE VISITING THE CHILDREN AFTER THE MORNING MASSES 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Anne Marie Omlor</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Elizabeth Prell – Happy Birthday (<i>Joseph Prell</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

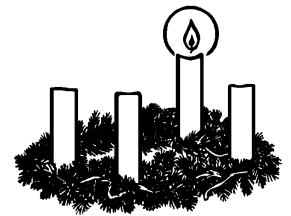
NOVENA RECORD – IN THANKSGIVING: NOVEMBER

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48 ²⁷	49 ²⁸	50 ²⁹	51 ³⁰	52 ¹	53 ²	54 ³
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SUNDAY SEVEN:

Seven Ways to Prepare Your Heart for His Coming

1. Silence it. (Quit complaining, no one listens anyway.)
2. Mortify it. (Give up some pleasure you can't live without.)
3. Enlarge it. (Look around and notice someone else's needs.)
4. Purify it. (What's your favorite sin? Give it up for Advent.)
5. Offer it (to Jesus through Mary at Holy Mass).
6. Weigh it (every day in the balance of God's benefits).
7. Sanctify it. (What, me, a saint? Yes, you. Why do you think He's coming such a long way if not to seek you out for Heaven?)



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor December 2022

- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** David Swinney, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Nick McClorey, Alfonso Capetillo
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Zachary Doyle
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

☞ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

☞ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*

SERVERS

FRI 12/2	5:45 PM LOW: T. Lawrence
SAT 12/3	7:30 AM RORATE: M. Simpson, Seminarian 8:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
SUN 12/4	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: C. Richesson TH: S. Richesson ACS: D. Hudson, A. Capetillo TORCH: A. Constantino, I. Smith, C. Van Der Putten, J. Hudson, J. Stewart, C. Arlinghaus 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian 5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian