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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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December 11, 2022

ADVENT III • GAUDETE SUNDAY

WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. DAMASUS I, PC



¶ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is Gaudete, or Rejoice Sunday. The traditional **St. Lucia Procession** precedes the High Mass. Don't miss the **Christmas Bake Sale** in Helfta Hall. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM; Vespers with Benediction at 4:45.

¶ 2023 CALENDARS & ENVELOPES

2023 Calendars are available in the **bookstore!** Get yours today for \$12.00. Please pick up as well your Collection Envelopes from the vestibule. **If you don't see your name**, please contact the office to let us know.

¶ MASS REQUEST ENVELOPES

When submitting your Mass intentions, **please remember to use the Mass Request envelopes** provided for this purpose. These can be found just inside the main church doors to the left (on the rack with the rosaries), or in the bookstore. Using the appropriate envelopes will help to ensure your Masses are not misdirected or delayed. Your intentions are important, and we do not want them to get lost! Thank you for your cooperation.

¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the Church's winter **Ember Days**. All Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59, inclusive, are bound by the Church's laws of fast, and all who have attained their 7th year must keep the abstinence (meat once at the principal meal on Wednesday and Saturday.)



¶ 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 this week are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 AM.

Congratulations to **Christian Wright**, who made his First Holy Communion on Wednesday, December 7th; and to **LeeAnn Stacy**, who was Confirmed on Saturday, December 10th.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT IV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses next Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Advent IV, second collect of Our Lady in Advent, third Against the Persecutors of the Church. 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.

¶ CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Thursday, December 22nd**. Work will begin after the 8 AM Mass and continue until finished. If you are able to spare an hour or two, please come and help!



Congratulations

to Joseph & Jacinta Young on the baptism of their son, Jack Edward, on Sunday, December 4, 2022.

Collection Report

Sunday, December 4th\$8,554.00
Second Collection.....\$2,618.00
Alter Christus.....\$118.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember
St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

PRAYER AGAINST VAIN ANXIETY

Jesus, adorable Savior, may I ever be perfectly united with Thee in that complete trust and childlike confidence with which Thou didst ever rely on the help and protection of Thy Father in Heaven. May I realize to the full the infinite goodness, the boundless love, the endless power of Thee, my God. May nothing affright, nor any vain fears trouble me, upheld as I am in the loving arms of Thy omnipotence. In Thee, through Thee, and for Thee, I wish to live and to die. I ask this through the prayers and infinite merits of Mary our beautiful Mother, and of all God's friends, in time and eternity. For this intention, I believe in God, all truthful; I hope in Him, all faithful; I love Him, all lovable; and, therefore, I sorrow for all sin. Amen.



WHEN YOU LIGHT THE ADVENT
WREATH SATURDAY EVENING

Stir up Thy power and come, we pray Thee, O Lord, and with great might succor us; that our deliverance, which our sins impede, may be hastened by the help of Thy grace and the forgiveness of Thy mercy. Who livest and reignest forever and ever, Amen.



¶ CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

8:30 PM: The Office of Matins

10:30 PM: Carols

11:00 PM: Procession, Blessing of the Crib

11:15 PM: Midnight Mass followed by the Office of Lauds

Christmas Day

9:00 AM: Low Mass with string quartet, Benediction

11:00 AM: Low Mass with Carols

5:45 PM: Vespers of Christmas Day
No evening Mass



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The most beautiful image of Guadalupe [is] a pledge of the love and of the heart of God, sent for the conversion of America. The image [was] sent to establish the faith and the knowledge of God in America: *Ecce ego mitto ad vos* (Mt.23). God sent the adorable Face of the Lady to our America, in her image of Guadalupe. The most beautiful image of Guadalupe came forth from the heart of God; from there this most beautiful missionary was sent to us, *Ecce ego mitto ad vos* (Mt. 23). Such is the providence, such the love, such the care of God for this great part of the world, that He did not entrust this mission to other prophets, to other learned ones, to other scribes, but rather to that great Mother of His, whom He had within His very own heart. At the time preordained by His divine wisdom, He sent in that most beautiful image the Queen of the Prophets, the doctor of the learned, the teacher of scribes and experts of the law. The love of God was demonstrated as much in whom He did not send as in the one He did send; as much in not having sent Apostles before as in having sent this sacred image later on. [It was] as much a work of the love of God not having sent missionaries before as [it was] to have sent this missionary image later on. The mission to this new world was reserved for this sacred image of Guadalupe. Let us admire and praise the great wisdom of God in assigning and sending such a missionary to this America.

— *From a sermon preached by Father Juan de Villa y Sánchez in 1733*

MARY IMMACULATE

Pure are the soft and wintry snows
That lie on hill and lea,
And pure the breeze that freshly blows
Across the deep blue sea;
And pure the fragrant lilies are
Amid their cool green leaves,
And pure the light of moon and star
That shines on frosty eves.
But purer far the angel train
That ever sweetly sing
In glorious and glad refrain
The praise of God, their King.

Oh, free from any stain of wrong
Are all the saints that hear
With joy untold the angels' song
Rise ever soft and clear;
And far more radiant than the gems
Won from some deep-delved mine
Are all the saintly diadems
In Paradise that shine.
But brighter diadem wears she
Who sits in royal state
By Him who died on Calvary,
Mary Immaculate!

For her radiant angel choir
Pours forth a ceaseless song,
On her the saints with souls afire
Gaze rapturously and long.
No rose or lily, howe'er fair,
No dewdrop on the sward,
For purity may once compare
With her who bore Our Lord.
How pure she is no pen can tell
No tongue her praise relate;
Beloved in heaven, feared in hell,
Mary Immaculate!

— M. R.



Already, it is the third week of Advent and St. John the Baptist comes into the picture. Last Sunday's Gospel portrayed him in prison, punished for defending the laws of matrimony, yet still pointing out to his own disciples the Messiah. Today he is being asked if he himself is the Messiah and confesses with the greatest humility that he is not. In fact, he admits that he is not even worthy of loosening the sandals of the Messiah. A good lesson in humility for each and every one of us. As has been said by many before us, if we wish to approach the cave of Bethlehem we must stoop low. Isn't this what the virtue of humility teaches us? It is our Advent virtue.

This Advent has already seen two baptisms with a third on the way. This, too, reminds us of the reason why Our Savior came. Since the sin of Adam and Eve, every child (with the exception of Our Lord, Our Lady, and a few who were cleansed miraculously in their mother's womb) has come into this world with the stain of Original Sin. We weep in a valley of tears and struggle against the effects of a fallen human nature. Ours is a fallen world, but the Christ Child came to raise us up. Baptism washes away Original Sin and makes us children of God and opens the gates of heaven to those who receive it. May these little children, freshly washed in the Blood of Christ, persevere in the baptismal innocence, and may the rest of us persevere in the path of penance.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception was a beautiful respite in the middle of a busy week. I hope you managed to find some quiet time and a chance to do some spiritual reading. It isn't always easy to find the time, but where there is a will, there is a way. On the Vigil of the feast, Christian Wright received his First Holy Communion at long last. It was done quietly at the school Mass, but what a celebration was had in heaven! The angels in heaven must have truly rejoiced at yet another soul receiving the true Bread of Angels.

The St. Lucia procession took place today before the High Mass. The Sodality of Charity has been working on this for quite a while now. Speaking of the Sodality, they meet once a month and do all sorts of fun and edifying things; everything from watching a movie, to making crafts. Last month, they made some nice shrines to put in their rooms, while yesterday they had an early Christmas gift exchange. I think they call it a White Elephant gift exchange.

I wish you all a grace filled third week of Advent. We are almost there. So don't cave in to the pressures

of the world to begin celebrating Christmas just yet. We've still got our Advent program to stick to so that we find ourselves truly ready for the feast day. Only after we have prepared ourselves—or rather, been prepared by Our Lord's grace—can we have that peaceful Christmas we all wish for.

— Bishop McGuire



NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

Be sure and check out the bookstore for Christmas as well as some unusual gift items. We have calligraphy sets, journal books, crusader knives, and t-shirts to name a few.

The Sodality will be presenting pocket shrines perfect for stocking stuffers or for the sick or shut in on your list. They will have different devotion themes in a neat tin that will snap closed or stand open with medals, pictures, prayers and devotions. These are unique additions to the bookstore.

The *St. Gertrude History in Pictures* book is sure to be a hit with anyone familiar with Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada. This book spans many years, starting with Fr. Cekada's early life, Bishop Dolan since ordination, the parish since it was started. Our new Bishop McGuire, Fr. Lehtoranta, Fr. McKenna, missions and even our new priests that were ordained just this year are depicted in the book. It really is an extensive collection in a hardback book for \$95.

New items will be in weekly. Be sure and check out the Bookstore for Catholic gift giving.

MON 12/12/22 WITHIN THE OCTAVE • OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
8:00 AM Low Mass For Joseph Appelhans – 3rd ordination anniversary (*Keith & Mary Christensen*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Elizabeth L. Smith – 7th Anniversary (*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell*)
5:00 PM Low Mass In thanksgiving to Our Lady – favors received & special request (*Joe Druecker*)


TUE 12/13/22 ST. LUCY, VM • WITHIN THE OCTAVE
7:00 AM Rorate High Mass Agustin Bayer (*David Bayer*)
8:00 AM Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
11:25 AM High Mass Bishop Sanborn & his priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Jean Vetrano (*Darlene Rentschler*)

WED 12/14/22 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
 EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE
7:00 AM Rorate High Mass Bishop da Silva & his priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Fr. Cekada (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)
5:10 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)

THU 12/15/22 OCTAVE DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
7:00 AM Rorate High Mass Bishop McGuire & his priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Bishop Robert McKenna – 7th Anniversary 12/15 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
11:25 AM High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (*M.E.G.*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (*M.E.G.*)

FRI 12/16/22 ST. EUSEBIUS, BPM • EMBER FRIDAY FAST
8:00 AM Low Mass Richard Rentschler (*Darlene Rentschler*)
11:05 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass Full restoration of health of Marguerite J. Campbell (*Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Nina Krawczyk (*Krawczyk Family*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction

SAT 12/17/22 EMBER SATURDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE
 ST. LAZARUS, BPC
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Nina Krawczyk (*Krawczyk Family*)
8:10 AM Alma & Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Full restoration of health of Marguerite J. Campbell (*Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar*)

SUN 12/18/22 ADVENT IV  EXPECTATION OF OUR LADY
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Nina Krawczyk (*Krawczyk Family*)
9:00 AM High Mass †Kyle McGuire – First Anniversary of Death (*Bishop McGuire*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes

SEVEN DESIRES OF HIS INFANT MAJESTY

1. That we make a fervent Novena in preparation for His Birthday.
2. That we receive Him on Christmas morning in Holy Communion.
3. That we pray to Him, the Prince of Peace, for a just peace.
4. That we give alms to the poor.
5. That we be grateful for the blessings of our Faith and show our gratitude by our generosity to the Church.
6. That we remember we are another Christmas towards Eternity.
7. That we pray for detachment from earthly things while kneeling before His crib.



NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

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 His Blessed Mother. Amen. (Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)

SERVICES

FRI 12/16 5:45 PM LOW: Simpsons

SAT 12/17 7:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor
8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Brueggemanns

SUN 12/18 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: P. Omlor, N. McClorey **CROSS:** D. Hudson
TH: C. Arlinghaus **ACS:** T. England, N. Kolenich **TORCH:** B. Constantino, C. Van Der Putten, J. Hudson, M. & J. Kolenich, D. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian
5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian

11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Full restoration of health of Marguerite J. Campbell (*Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar*)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great