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Second Sunday of Advent

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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the Pastor

Advent is upon us again and it begins with the end: we look to the final and second coming of the Lord at the end of time and to our own particular judgment.

Share with your family members that God alone is good. If we do not keep the Commandments, sharing in the graces of Mass each week on the

Stewardship

Current needs:

Rectory oil tank balance	\$365.00
Lights and ballasts for hall	\$66.00

To designate a gift please place your check or cash in a plain envelope labeled with your offertory number or your name, the amount enclosed, and which expense you are designating. If using a check, please also include your offertory number and the

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Bernadette Cusick Tabernacle Lamp Dedication

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp each

Sanctuary Beautification Update Statuistica Annual Statistical Report

Highlights: 105 families registered, 94 men, 89 women, 77 children. Numbers do not reflect unregistered weekly attendees.

Fall Oyster Fest Fundraiser

Prayers at Planned Parenthood, December 14th

Waldorf ProLife Prayer December 14

Join other pro-lifers in prayer from 10 am until 11 am at Planned Parenthood in Waldorf, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602, on the second Saturday of each month, and next on December 14, to peacefully protest unjust, unlawful,

Lent Penance Service TODAY

Eucharist, Sin & Public Scandal

“It is a fairly straightforward matter to determine that a person has entered into an invalid heterosexual marriage or a same-sex “marriage.” It is less clear what constitutes not caring for the environment, whether it is a sin, and whether it is a mortal sin. If I throw a plastic bottle into the trash rather than the recycle bin, have I committed a sin? What if I throw a thousand plastic bottles away rather than recycling them? Is that a sin? Is it a mortal sin? ...

“However, the wider charge that the Church singles out individuals or groups in denying Holy Communion is likely to persist unless bishops, individually and collectively, teach in a comprehensive manner of the need for the worthy reception of Holy Communion. Priests, led and supported by their bishops, must do so as well.

“On any given Sunday there are likely many who should not approach for Holy Communion due to mortal sin on their soul. Such sins may involve unchastity but might also include telling lies that seriously harm the reputation of another or willfully missing Mass on Sunday. The point remains that there are many sins that rise to the level of mortal sin and which therefore must be confessed prior to receiving Holy Communion licitly.

“Priests should teach this to the faithful and provide ample opportunity for Confession, including prior to Sunday Mass. If one in a state of mortal sin has not confessed and been absolved through the sacrament of Confession, he should not approach for Holy Communion.

The best response to those who say we single out persons (e.g., pro-abortion politicians) or groups (e.g., those acting on same-sex attraction) is to teach comprehensively on the worthy reception of Holy Communion.

“It is sad that worthy reception of Holy Communion is so unevenly taught to or understood by the faithful. Many see the Holy Eucharist as an entitlement — something they are owed without the need to meet any obligations. The loud protests when anyone is denied Holy Communion bespeaks this lack of formation.

“Because the problem is so widespread, it requires a national solution. The bishops of this country ought to issue a teaching, a pastoral letter of some sort, and every diocese should then implement its directives and counsels. I wrote a two-part article on the worthy reception of Holy Communion in 2018 — my own modest attempt to set forth a fuller teaching on the whys and wherefores of worthy reception.

“I realize that my hopes for a national initiative are unlikely to emerge from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) any time soon. They are a rather divided body these days, and it might take many years of delicate negotiation to accomplish such a task. That doesn’t mean, however, that individual bishops or regional gatherings of bishops couldn’t undertake it. The main goal is to give a comprehensive and faithful teaching rather than to engage in the current habit of

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REGULAR MONTHLY BILL AND OFFERTORY COMPARISON

OCTOBER 2019

ASSESSMENTS \$926.53
 HEALTH CARE \$3460.00
 PROPERTY INS/CATH STANDARD \$769
 FUEL OIL \$719.00
 WIFI HOTSPOT \$114.16
 INTERNET/PHONES \$248.92
 ELECTRIC STREETLIGHT \$20.31
 ELECT/AC HALL \$152.13
 ELECT/AC CHURCH \$121.20
 ELECT/AC RECTORY \$134.58
 SECURITY SYSTEM \$164.92
 PAYROLL \$3077.05
 PAYROLL TAXES \$1289.80
 RETIREMENT ADW MATCHING \$312.60
 PENSION/LIFE INS \$1901.78
 PRIEST FOOD \$379.56
 PASTOR RETREAT \$400
 ADW PRIEST CONVOCATION \$700
 MISC. PARISH/RECTORY EXP \$1262.22
 BANK FEES \$74.17
 WATER BILL \$70.26

EXPENSE TOTAL \$16,298.19

OFFERTORY TOTAL
\$13,304.00

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Betsy Behne, Irving Chappellear, Mary Douglas, Harold Gardiner, Dorothy Hume, Linda Javorski, Ray Stublarec, Miles & Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn & Rosemary Vendemia.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com to arrange for him to visit any homebound,

**Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation
Adult Convert Classes**

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church at Easter or be confirmed next Spring will be offered at the rectory on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-5:45 and from 7:30-8:45 pm.

**Children's Faith Formation
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Our Church teaches that parents are the first teachers in the ways of Faith for all of our young people. No one has more power or responsibility before God for witnessing to our children of the fact of the Lord's Resurrection and His presence through the Church in our lives. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are welcome to enroll children for classes at the hall on Sundays at 10 am.

Holy Sweepers for the Weeks of December 8 and 15

Stephen Krautle

UPCOMING:

December 14: Tree lighting at rectory and caroling in Benedict followed by hot chocolate and pizza at the hall, 6:30 pm

December 24: Vigil of Nativity, 5:30 pm (EN); Midnight Mass

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sunday	8 Dec	9:00 am**	<i>Pro populo</i>	Second Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	†A Lois Joyce	Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Monday	9 Dec	9:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday	10 Dec	NP*	Intns Fr Cusick	
Wednesday	11 Dec	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confessions	S Damasus
		7:00 pm	Intn Gavin girls return to Faith	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday	12 Dec	9:00 am	Intns SFDS Altar Servers	S Lucy
Friday	13 Dec	9:00 am	†Frances Higgs	
Saturday	14 Dec	9:00 am	Intns SFDS choir/schola	Vigil
		5:30 pm**	Deployed military/families	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	15 Dec	9:00 am**	<i>Pro populo</i>	Dominica III Adventus
		11:00 am	†SSgt Nathan Cortes-Peck USMC	

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MASS AND SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday... 9:00am ** Traditional Latin 11:00am
Weekday Masses in Latin: See schedule in bulletin.
Saturday.... 9:00am and Vigil of Sunday 5:30pm**
Holy Day Masses: 8:00am and 6:00pm**, 7:00pm

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment 6 months in advance.
Bulletin Deadline: Two Thursdays prior to the date of publication. Send to braun.cait@gmail.com or call the rectory 301-274-3416. **New Parishioners: Welcome!** Please complete a registration form, available in the back of the church, and return it