



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica II Adventus

Romans 15:4-13; Psalms 49:2-3, 5; Matthew 11:2-10

6 December A.D. 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5 and 9-11; Psalms 85:9, 10, 11, 12, and 13-14; II Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

From the Pastor

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

The Lord claims for Himself the most important appointment in our life: when we meet Him at the end of it. With infinite love He calls us and warns us to prepare, the same love with which He sent His Son Jesus Christ.

We prepare after disobeying Him through sin by repenting in Confession, followed by sacramental absolution. Advent is an opportunity to revisit our method for examining our conscience. Do we honestly assess all the areas of our lives? Let us take off the blinders that may be preventing us from seeing ourselves more honestly as the Lord does. The false comfort of complacency must be replaced by the real and saving love of the Lord which lasts forever.

The Light is On For You



Make Advent count: prepare well for a Christmas of grace by joining us Wednesday evenings. Confession and quiet time for personal prayer begin at 6 pm.

Eucharistic adoration and opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation continues until Mass at 7 pm.

Give the Gift of Prayer: Christmas Novena of Masses

Our Christmas Novena of Masses is December 17th-25th. Offering envelopes and Christmas Novena cards are provided in church to enroll someone and to let them know of your gift of prayer.

Stewardship

To designate a gift that stays within the parish 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 designated expense on the memo line. Thank you.

- **Oct Physical Plant Maint/Labor: \$61.90***
- **Weekly catechetical insert/The Wanderer: PAID***
- **Pig slaughter Oysterfest \$35.00**
- **Gardening \$60.00**

(*Amount changed this week)

Sunday Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matt 11:2-10

In that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ: sending two of his disciples he said to him: Art thou he that art to come, or look we for another? And so on.

Homily by Pope St. Gregory **the Great**.

6th Homily on the Gospels

The sight of so many signs and so many mighty works should have been a source of wonder, and not a stumbling-block. And yet the unfaithful **Jer. xxxi. 5.** found these very works a rock of offence, when they afterwards saw Him Who had worked so many miracles dying on the Cross. Hence Paul saith: "We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block and unto the Gentiles foolishness." **1 Cor. i. 23.** It is indeed folly in the eyes of men to say that the Author of life died for men and thus men put as a stumbling-block to hinder them from coming to Jesus, the very thing that doth oblige them the most unto Him. For the more humbling God hath undergone for man's sake, the more worthy is He that man should worship Him.

Caroling - December 19th at 6 pm

Join us for an evening of caroling through Benedict, followed by hot cocoa and dinner at the hall. We will first gather at 6 pm by the parish Christmas tree (in front of the rectory) for the tree lighting and a visit from St. Nicholas. Festivities will continue from there.

Waldorf Pro-Life Prayers - December 12

Join other pro-lifers in prayer from 10 - 11 am at Planned Parenthood in Waldorf, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602, on the second Saturday of each month, next on December 12, to peacefully protest unjust, unlawful killings which take place there. We will be praying for the permanent closure of this and every Planned Parenthood in our nation.

Sanctuary Lamp in honor of Donald and Melania Trump

A \$25 contribution dedicates the lamp to the memory or intentions of a family member or loved one and helps defray the cost of altar and votive candles.

Prayer for Second Sunday of Advent

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the ways of thine Only-begotten Son, that by His coming our minds being purified, we may the more worthily give up ourselves to thy service: **W**ho with thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever..

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July (monthly) Budgeted Expenses
\$19,368.61

July 2020 Income
\$8,575.24

(Not including Poor Box and
\$1,932.00 for vestment donations)

Fiscal Year July 2019 - June 2020
transfer from savings to checking
\$19,003.76

*Thank you for your generous
support!*

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Robin Magnelli, Ray Stublarec, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Carolyn Parson, Ruth Anne Carr.

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, ill or hospitalized parishioners or family members.

Rite of Christian Initiation - Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for adults seeking to enter the Church are scheduled by our faith formation director Aaron Percich. Email him to start formation: aaron.percich@comcast.net. Pick up a copy of the weekly Wanderer Newspaper available in church and see the "B" section for a basic adult catechetical resource.

Children's Faith Formation

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 asked to contact Aaron Percich to enroll children in weekly home lesson support at aaron.percich@comcast.net.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before enrolling children.

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of November 29 and December 6

Scarlata Family

Holy Sweepers are the families and individuals who graciously keep our church clean and tidy. They clean once a week, for a two week period, on a rotating basis. The more Holy Sweepers in the rotation, the more time between each assignment. If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please email Caitlin Sanders at braun.cait@gmail.com.

We are currently in need of some additional Holy Sweepers. Please prayerfully consider joining in this service to our parish community.

UPCOMING:

December 12/13: Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	6 Dec	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Second Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am †Margaret Tippett	Dominica II Adventus
Monday	7 Dec	**	S Ambrose
Tuesday	8 Dec	9:00 am Intns BVM	Immaculate Conception of the BVM
		7:00 pm †Margaret Tippett	
Wednesday	9 Dec	6:00 pm Adoration	Feria
		7:00 pm Intns Francis Rodriguez	S Melchiades
Thursday	10 Dec	9:00 am Intns Doreen Proctor	S Damasus I
Friday	11 Dec	9:00 am Intns James P. Garland	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday	12 Dec	9:00 am Reparation to Hearts IHS/BVM	Vigil of Sunday
		Vigil *+ Military deployed/families	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	13 Dec	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Dominica Gaudete
		11:00 am †Quinton Fiora	

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email mcitl.blogspot.com@gmail.com, stop by the parish office during regular business hours, drop a note in the collection basket or see Father after Mass. The customary offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00.

Staff

Bookkeeper: Mr. Dennis Haspert

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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 (by appt)

Holy Day Masses: 8:00am, 6:00pm* & 7:00pm

Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

*Mass in English

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 to Father or drop it in the collection basket.