



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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Dominica Gaudete

Philippians 4:4-7; Psalms 79:2-3; John 1:19-23

13 December A.D. 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2A and 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8 and 19-28

From the Pastor

“Gaudete in Domino semper, iterum dico, Gaudete.” “Rejoicing in the Lord will be your strength”, and that joy is found in repentance for sin. When was the last time you examined your conscience or confessed your sins? Make room for the Lord and rejoicing at Christmas by returning to regular Confession.

New Sunday Schedule Begins December 27

As announced last week the anticipatory Mass on Saturday evenings, otherwise known as the “vigil”, will be available by appointment only as of December 26th.

Those who, for whatever reasons, prefer to go to Mass at night will be able to keep the Lord’s Day holy with us at our new 5:30 pm Sunday Masses beginning December 27th.

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: Bal \$423.10*
- Pig slaughter Oysterfest PAID*
- Gardening \$40.00*
- November Electric \$313.41

(*Amount changed this week)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Retirement Fund for Religious

Sunday Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to John

John 1:19-28

In that time were sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And so on.

Homily by Pope St. Gregory (the Great)

7th on the Gospels

Dearly beloved brethren, the first thing which striketh us in today's Gospel is the lowly-mindedness of John. He was so great that it was thought he might be the Christ; yet he soberly chose rather to seem only what he really was, than to let the belief of men invest him with a dignity which did not belong to him; for he confessed, and denied not, but confessed, I am not the Christ, at the same time he would not deny what he was in reality; and thus his very truth-speaking made him a member of Him Whose title he would not by falsehood take. In that he arrogated not to himself the name of Christ, he became a member of Christ. While he humbly strove to confess his own weakness, he earned by his simplicity a part in the grandeur of his Master.

Prayer for Third Sunday of Advent

Let us pray.

We entreat You, merciful Lord, that these divine helps may cleanse us from our sins and prepare us for the coming festal season.

Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Caroling - Saturday December 19th at 6 pm

Join us for an evening of caroling through Benedict, followed by dinner at the hall. Festivities begin at 6 pm by the parish Christmas tree at the intersection of Benedict and Mill Creek for the tree lighting and a visit from St. Nicholas. Join us and bring your little ones.

Pope Francis announces Year of St. Joseph

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021 in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The decree, authorized by the Pope, said that Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that “every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God’s will.”

Source: Catholic News Agency

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.

“Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church” is now on Facebook. “Like” us today!

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 Chappelle, 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 December 13 and 20

Long 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.

Service on the Altar

Training for all current and prospective members of the Society of Saints Aloysius and Alphonsus (SSAA) altar boy society will be held on the first Saturday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass.

All interested boys and men are invited to please contact Jamieson Scarlata at 1619surfer@gmail.com

UPCOMING:

Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24th - 5:30pm Mass in English

December 25th - Midnight High Mass; 9am Mass in English; 11am Low Mass

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	13 Dec	9:00 am* <i>Pro populo</i>		Third Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am †Quinton Fiora		Dominica Gaudete
Monday	14 Dec	9:00 am †Rosa Valle		Feria
Tuesday	15 Dec	** †Souls in Purgatory		Feria
Wednesday	16 Dec	6:00 pm Adoration		
		7:00 pm Integrity of US Elections		S Eusevius of Vercelli/Ember Wednesday
Thursday	17 Dec	9:00 am Christmas Novena		Feria
Friday	18 Dec	9:00 am Christmas Novena		Ember Friday
Saturday	19 Dec	9:00 am Christmas Novena		Ember Saturday
		Vigil*+ Military deployed/families		Vigil of Sunday
Sunday	20 Dec	9:00 am* <i>Pro populo</i>		Fourth Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am Christmas Novena		Dominica IV Adventus

* Mass in English ** Father away; no public Mass. +By appt only after Christmas

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.