



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica IV Adventus

I Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalms 144:18 and 21; Luke 3:1-6

20 December A.D. 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

II Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

From the Pastor



Preparations are underway in our church for a fitting celebration of the Lord's birth at Christmas. These are symbols only of our reception of the Real Presence of Christ which continues in the Holy Eucharist so that He can reign where He was born to, in every human heart. Prepare well for a Christmas of grace and the gift of the Lord for you by a good confession.

As this year of Our Lord 2020 is drawing quickly to a close I want to thank each of you for your prayers, support, and love of the Lord and one another. It is my privilege to serve as your pastor. God love you,

New Sunday Schedule Begins December 27

As announced, 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.

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/Nov Physical Plant Maint/Labor: \$298.10*
- Gardening: PAID*
- Nov Maint Supplies \$67.25
- November Electric: \$208.41*

(*Amount changed this week)

Sunday Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea...

Homily by Pope St. Gregory (the Great)

20th on the Gospels

John said unto the multitude, that came forth to be baptised of him: O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? The wrath to come in one sense signifieth the great vengeance of the Latter Day the sinner that repenteth not of his sin now, will have no mean whereby to flee from punishment then. Let us remark that addressing evil children copying the example of evil parents, the Baptist calleth them a generation of vipers in that they were envious at the righteous, and persecuted them; that they repaid evil for evil; that they hunted out ways of harming their neighbours, in all these things following the pattern of carnal parents, the prophet likeneth them to a venomous brood hatched from a venomous stock.

Prayer for Fourth Sunday of Advent

Let us pray.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power, and come; make haste to our aid with thy great might; that, by the help of thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by thy merciful forgiveness.

Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

R. Amen

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!

Monthly Budgeted Expenses

Monthly Income

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: Jan 1st: Feast of the Circumcision/Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 9 am English, 11 am TLM

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	20 Dec	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>
		11:00 am	Christmas Novena
Monday	21 Dec	9:00 am	Christmas Novena
Tuesday	22 Dec	**	Christmas Novena
Wednesday	23 Dec	6:00 pm	Adoration
		7:00 pm	Christmas Novena
Thursday	24 Dec	5:30 pm*	Christmas Novena
Friday	25 Dec	Midnight	Christmas Novena
		9:00 am*	†Dusty Welch
		11:00 am	†Margaret Welch
Saturday	26 Dec	9:00 am	†Margaret Tippett
Sunday	27 Dec	9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>
		11:00 am	Christmas Novena
		5:30 pm*	†A Lois Joyce

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dominica IV Adventus

S Thomas

S Frances Xavier Cabrini

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

In Nativitatis Domini

The Nativity of Our Lord

In Nativitatis Domini

S Stephen

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Sunday within the Octave of Christmas**



* Mass in English ** Father away; no public Mass.

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.