



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas

Galatians 4:1-7; Psalms 44:3 and 2; Luke 2:33-40

27 December A.D. 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6 and 12-14; Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

From the Pastor



One of our parishioners has made me aware that no collection was taken up at the midnight Mass this year. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses today to attempt to recoup the loss of this financial mainstay of the parish which, together with Easter, is one of the two biggest holy days of the year.

I will be training additional ushers so that we can avoid this mishap in future.

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,

- Father Cusick

The Sunday Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to John

John 21:19-24

In that time Jesus said to Peter: Follow me. Peter turning about, saw that disciple whom Jesus loved following...

Homily on this passage by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo,

124 on the Tract on John

The Church knoweth of two different lives which God hath revealed and blessed one is the life of faith, the other the life of knowledge one the life of this pilgrimage, the other the life of the eternal mansions; one the life of work, the other the life of rest one the life of the journey, the other the life of home; one the life of action, the other the life of contemplation. The one escheweth evil and doeth good; the other hath no evil to eschew, and only an exceeding good to enjoy. The one striveth with the enemy, the other hath no enemies, and reigneth.

On Christmas

From the Sermons of Pope St. Leo the Great.

7th for Christmas

Dearly beloved brethren, whosoever will keep truly and honour piously this day's festival, it is necessary for him neither to think falsely of the Lord's Incarnation, nor meanly of the Lord's Godhead. For as there is danger, on the one hand, of denying the truth of Christ's participation of our nature, so is there no less danger, on the other, of doing despite to the equality of His glory with the glory of the Father. Wherefore, when we draw near to understand the mystery of Christ's Birth, wherein He was born of the Virgin Mary, we must leave the clouds of earthly imagination behind and pierce the fog of human wisdom with the eye of enlightened faith.

2021 Annual ADW Appeal

Announcement Weekend: January 30 and 31

Commitment Weekend: February 6 and 7

Follow-Up Weekend: February 13 and 14

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

New Sunday Schedule

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 Mass beginning this weekend on December 27th.**

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:** \$33.10*
- **Nov Maint Supplies:** \$67.25
- **November Electric:** +\$86.59*
- CR-6/Blue Rock for parking lot \$561.87

(*Amount changed this week)

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 27 and January 3

Futrell 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:

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	27 Dec	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
		11:00 am †Joyce Family	Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
		5:30 pm* †A Lois Joyce	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Monday	28 Dec	9:00 am †Kevin Tettimer	The Holy Innocents
Tuesday	29 Dec	** Intns David Ponton	S Thomas Becket
Wednesday	30 Dec	** Intns Joanne Ptak	Feria
Thursday	31 Dec	** †Margaret Tippett	S Sylvester I
Friday	1 Jan	9:00 am †Jerome Schablein	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
		11:00 am †Souls in Purgatory	Feast of the Circumcision
Saturday	2 Jan	9:00 am †Margaret Tippett	Octave of S Stephen, First Martyr
Sunday	3 Jan	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	The Epiphany of the Lord
		11:00 am †David Welch	Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
		5:30 pm* †Souls in Purgatory	The Epiphany of the Lord

* 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.