



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica I Adventus

Romans 13:11-14; Psalms 24:3-4; Luke 21:25-33

29 November A.D. 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B and 64:2-7; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

From the Pastor

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”

Divine Love Himself warns us that we can lose salvation. We reflect His love most fully in the Church when we remain faithful to His urgent commands and teach others to do likewise.

For many, Christianity is a label. For us it cannot be that way. We must live as Christians to be authentic and to love God in return. The commandments spell out for us what this means in practical terms.

When we break the Commandments we act in repentance through 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 as the Lord does. The false comfort of complacency must be replaced by the real and saving love of the Lord which lasts forever, beyond the beautiful yet temporary gifts of this life.

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: \$296.90*
- Weekly catechetical insert/The Wanderer: \$90*
- Physical Plant Materials PAID*

(*Amount changed this week)

Advent in Tradition

“Catholic apologist Jacob Michael wrote something very interesting about how secular America sees "Christmas" as beginning after Thanksgiving and ending on 25 December, and then makes "New Years Resolutions" at the beginning of the secular year:

“...what Christians do (or should be doing!) during Advent and leading up to Christmas is a foreshadowing of what they will do during the days of their lives that lead up to the Second Coming; what non-Christians refuse to do during Advent, and put off until after Christmas, is precisely a foreshadowing of what they will experience at the Second Coming.

“We Christians are to prepare for the Coming of Christ before He actually comes -- and that Coming is symbolized and recalled at Christmas. Non-Christians miss this season of preparation, and then scramble for six days after the 25th to make their resolutions. By then, however, it's too late -- Christmas has come and gone, Our Lord has already made His visitation to the earth, and He has found them unprepared. This is precisely what will take place at the Second Coming, when those who have put off for their entire lives the necessary preparations will suddenly be scrambling to put their affairs in order. Unfortunately, by then it will have been too late, and there will be no time for repentance. The Second Coming will be less forgiving than the Incarnation. There will be no four-week warning period before the Second Coming, like we get during Advent. There will be no six-day period of grace after the Second Coming during which to make resolutions and self-examination, like the secular world does from Dec. 26 until Jan. 1.”

(fisheaters.com)

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, we pray thee, thy strength, and come among us, that whereas through our sins and wickedness we do justly apprehend thy wrathful judgments hanging over us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;

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

Sanctuary Lamp for the intentions of Donald J. 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.

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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.

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:

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	29 Nov	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	First Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am †All Souls	Dominica I Adventus
Monday	30 Nov	9:00 am †All Souls	S Andrew
Tuesday	1 Dec	** Donald J Trump	Feria
Wednesday	2 Dec	6:00 pm Adoration	
		7:00 pm Intns M Srowdowski	S Bibiana
Thursday	3 Dec	9:00 am Intns M Srowdowski	S Francis Xavier
Friday	4 Dec	9:00 am †Irene Obermeyer	S Peter Chrysologus/ S Barbara
Saturday	5 Dec	9:00 am †Sr Marta Ricciardi, POSC	S Sabbas
		Vigil + Military deployed/families	Vigil of Sunday
Sunday	6 Dec	9:00 am* <i>Pro pópulo</i>	Second Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am Intns Rose Carter	Dominica II 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
Choir: Miss Jenni Scarlata
Director of Liturgy/Secretary: Mr. Stephen Krautle
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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.