



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass Parish of Southern Maryland

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Dominica IV Adventus

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

From the Pastor

"In this mass we meet once again with the three great figures that are before the mind of the Church throughout Advent: Isaias, St. John the Baptist, and our Lady. The prophet Isaias foretells of St. John the Baptist that he will be "A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths ... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." And "the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the Baptism of penance for the remission of sins" (Gospel).

"John," St. Gregory explains, "told those who hurried in crowds to be baptized: 'Ye brood of vipers, who hath told you to flee from the wrath to come?' Now the wrath to come is the final chastisement, which the sinner will not be able to escape unless he have recourse now to the lamentations of penance. The friend of the Bridegroom warns us to bring forth not fruits merely of penance but worthy fruits. These words are a call to each man's conscience, bidding him to lay up by means of penance a treasure of good works, the greater in proportions to the ravage of sin which caused it". And St. Leo says, "God Himself teaches us by the prophet Isaias: I will lead the blind in a way that they know not, and I will turn the darkness before them into light and I will not forsake them." Come, Lord Jesus, and tarry not. (Dom Gaspar LaFebvre, OSB)

Prepare well: confess your sins, receive our Lord in Communion with fervent love and offer yourself to Him at Christmas as His most desired gift.

Give the Perfect Christmas Gift of Prayer

There is still time to enroll family members or loved ones in the Christmas Novena of Masses using the envelopes placed in the pew pockets which you can drop in the collection basket. Cards are available in church for sending to let them know of your gift.

Traditional Men's Confraternity

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, a bi-monthly men's confraternity formed along Traditional Catholic lines, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month following the 9 am Mass. Please contact

Jamieson Scarlata if interested. His email is always on the back of the bulletin.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Memory of Aborted Children

Dedication of the sanctuary lamp each week to honor or recognize the living or deceased. Offering \$25

The Sunday Holy Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

Luke 3, 16

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 the Fourth Week of Advent

Collect

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

*L*et us pray.

Put forth Your power, O Lord, we beseech You, and delay not: and with Your great might come to our aid, so that what is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Your merciful goodness.

*W*ho livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.



Advent: We are in a time of hunger

In the bleak background of a godless world rushing headlong into full blown materialism—better named spiritual nihilism—we raise our hearts, *Sursum corda*, to the light which gives us eternal joy. If, for the bodily food to be properly absorbed, the stomach needs to feel the hunger, how much more with the soul?

God will not grant his graces on those who are satiated: "He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away." This is one of the laws of the Kingdom. And during four weeks, a recounting of the 4,000 years mankind was deprived of the Messiah, the Church's liturgy gives us the feel of spiritual hunger, of the need for redemption so that we may be ready for Him.

Maran Athan--Veni Domine

Come o Lord Jesus!

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

**Stewardship
Last Sunday:**

Offertory: \$1220.00
 Parish use/restricted:
 \$1295.00
 Website Paypal portal avg:
 \$200
 Maintenance labor/supplies:
 \$300.00
 Fuel \$355.00
 Christmas Flowers \$115.00

-Thank you for your generosity

Pray for our ill, hospitalized, those undergoing medical care and homebound: Irving Chappellear, Dorothy Hume, Ray Stublarec, Neal Sullivan, Miles and Elizabeth Torreyson, Eleanor Vaughn, Daniel Rodriguez, Paul Custer, and Jerome and Jean Malsack.

Please call the rectory at 301-274-3416 or contact Father Cusick at cusickk@adw.org 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 in our lives through the Church. Those parents who wish to augment home school with parish faith formation are asked to contact the parish office.

Families must be attending Sunday Mass throughout the year before children can receive first sacraments.

Holy Sweepers for the weeks of December 19 and 26

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. If you would like to be a Holy Sweeper, please contact the parish office.

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:

- ProLife prayers every second Saturday of the month from 10-11 am at Waldorf Planned Parenthood, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

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| Sunday | 19 Dec | 8:00 am | Christmas Novena | Dominica IV Adventus |  |
| | | 9:00 am* | <i>Pro pópulo</i> | Fourth Sunday of Advent | |
| | | 11:00 am | †Joyce Family | | |
| Monday | 20 Dec | 9:00 am | Christmas Novena | | |
| Tuesday | 21 Dec | ** | Christmas Novena | S Thomas | |
| Wednesday | 22 Dec | 6:00 pm | <i>Adoration/Confessions</i> | | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Christmas Novena | S Frances Xavier Cabrini | |
| Thursday | 23 Dec | 9:00 am | Christmas Novena | | |
| Friday | 24 Dec | 9:00 am | Christmas Novena | Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord | |
| Saturday | 25 Dec | 12:00 am | Christmas Novena | In Nativitatis Domini | |
| | | 9:00 am* | †Touhey/Kuhn Family | Nativity of Our Lord | |
| | | 11:00 am | †Margaret & Dusty Welch | | |
| Sunday | 26 Dec | 8:00 am | †Wilson J Goldsmith | Dominica Infra Octavam Nativitatis | |
| | | 9:00 am* | <i>Pro pópulo</i> | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph | |
| | | 11:00 am | †A Lois Joyce | | |

* Mass in English **Father away - no public Mass

If you would like to have a Mass offered, you may email meitl.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

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Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 8 am & 11 am

Weekdays: Mon 9 am, Wed 7 pm, Thurs-Sat 9 am

Holy Days: 8 am, 7 pm

English: Sundays 9 am, **Holy Days** 6 pm

Confessions offered prior to all weekend Masses

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 also at <https://www.stfrancisbenedict.org/registration-form/>. You may email it, return it to Father, or drop it in the collection basket.