



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

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Dominica I Adventus

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First Sunday in Advent

From the Pastor

With the coming again of the season of Advent we have an opportunity for a new beginning spiritually. God gave the human race a new opportunity for salvation through the Incarnation of Our Lord. If we participate intentionally in this season of new graces, preparing also for meeting the Lord face to face one day, we will celebrate a truly joyful Christmas.

“Pray always.”

Advent Days of Recollection: Dec. 17 & 18

Join us at SFDS for days of recollection beginning with 5:30 Mass on Friday, December 17th and continuing with conferences, adoration, opportunity for confession and time for silent meditation through 4 pm on Saturday December 18th.

December 12: Retirement Fund for Religious

The second collection on Decembr 12th will be for the national Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your generous assistance to men and women who have spent their lives in service to the Lord and His Church.

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.

Mass Schedule for Dec. 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm in English and at 7:00 pm in Latin. There will be no Mass celebrated in the morning.

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Military KIA

Dedication of the sanctuary lamp each week to honor or recognize the living or deceased. Offering \$25 and proceeds help defray the cost of candles.

The Sunday Holy Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 21:25-33

In that time, Jesus said to his disciples: And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations. And so on.

Homily by Pope St. Gregory **the Great**,

1st on the Gospels

Our Lord and Saviour wisheth to find us ready at His second coming. Therefore He telleth us what will be the evils of the world as it groweth old, that He may wean our hearts from worldly affections. Here we read what great convulsions will go before the end, that, if we will not fear God in our prosperity, we may at least be scourged into fearing His judgment when it is at hand.

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

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, God, world without end.

R. Amen

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. But how should we be preparing for the Savior of the World?

The liturgical year is centered on the life of Our Lord while on earth. Two "peaks" emerge above the rest: Christmas and Easter, the first birth of Christ in mortal flesh and second "rebirth" in immortal flesh. And both are set with a special time of preparation and are prolonged with a greater manifestation of the same mystery: the feast of the Epiphany crowns the mystery of Christmas, and the Ascension is the apotheosis of Christ's life on earth. More next week,,,

Tree Lighting, Caroling, & Dinner: Dec. 18th

Please join us on Saturday, December 18, as we prepare for the celebration of Our Lord's birth with music of the season by Jessica Stecklein in church at 4 pm, followed by the tree lighting on the rectory lawn at 5 pm and caroling through Benedict to serenade our neighbors with the good news of the Incarnation. The hot chocolate and dinner at the hall will be ready by 6:30 pm.

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Stewardship

Last Sunday:

Offertory: \$1283.00
 Parish use/restricted:
 \$550.00
 Maintenance labor/supplies:
 \$140.00
 Fuel \$215.00

-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 November 21 and 28

Sara Buck

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 email Caitlin Sanders at braun.cait@gmail.com.

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, 10-11 am, at Waldorf Planned Parenthood, 3975 St. Charles Parkway, Gateway Plaza, 20602
- **December 12: Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

Mass Schedule and Intentions this Week

Sunday	28 Nov	8:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	Dominica I Adventus
		9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	First Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	
Monday	29 Nov	9:00 am	†Souls in Purgatory	S Saturninus
Tuesday	30 Nov	**	†Souls in Purgatory	S Andrew
Wednesday	1 Dec	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration/Confessions</i>	
		7:00 pm	Anonymous Benefactor	
Thursday	2 Dec	9:00 am	Ron Britton	S Bibiana
Friday	3 Dec	7:00 pm	Cole Family	S Francis Xavier
Saturday	4 Dec	9:00 am	†Madge Vaughan	S Peter Crysologus/S Barbara
Sunday	5 Dec	8:00 am	Baby McNeal	Dominica II Adventus
		9:00 am*	<i>Pro pópulo</i>	Second Sunday of Advent
		11:00 am	†Barbara M Perusse	

* 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.

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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.