

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

Fr. José Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

### Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 27th	First Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Alexandra Skuba - <i>Her Parents</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Nov. 28th	Votive Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Special Intention - Mike Gillenkirk
Tues. Nov. 29th	St. Saturninus, <i>Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	John & Rosita Bellington
Wed. Nov. 30th	St. Andrew, <i>Apostle, II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Andrew Smith/Evelyn Tereshko - <i>Chris/Joyce Keifer</i>
Thu. Dec. 1st	Jesus Christ the High Priest, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Eileen Emig - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Fri. Dec. 2nd	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Sr. Marie-Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Parents</i>
Sat. Dec. 3rd	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Sanchez - <i>Her Children</i>
Sun. Dec. 4th	Second Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Sherrick - <i>His Parents</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### **CONFESSIONS**

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

### **DEVOTIONS**

#### **Exposition-Benediction**

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

#### **DAILY ROSARY**

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Friday 9 am – 4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am - Noon

# First Sunday of Advent

## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 24, 1-3*

To these, O Lord have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. Neither let my enemies laugh at me; for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me, and teach me Thy paths. *V.* Glory...

## **COLLECT**

Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, we pray Thee and come; That, defended by Thee, we may deserve rescue from approaching dangers brought on by our sins, and being set free by Thee, obtain our salvation. Who livest...

## **EPISTLE**

*Rom. 13, 11-14*

Brethren, knowing the time, that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is past, and the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy; but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **GRADUAL**

*Ps. 24, 3, 4*

None of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. *V.* Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me, and teach me Thy paths.

## **ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy: and grant us Thy salvation. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 21, 25-33*

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves, men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved; and then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a similitude: See the fig tree, and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh; so you also, when you shall

see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen I say to you, this generation shall not pass away, till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

## **OFFERTORY**

*Ps. 24, 1-3*

To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

## **SECRET**

Cleansing us by their mighty power, may these Holy Mysteries, O Lord, make us come more pure before Thee who art their author. Through our Lord...

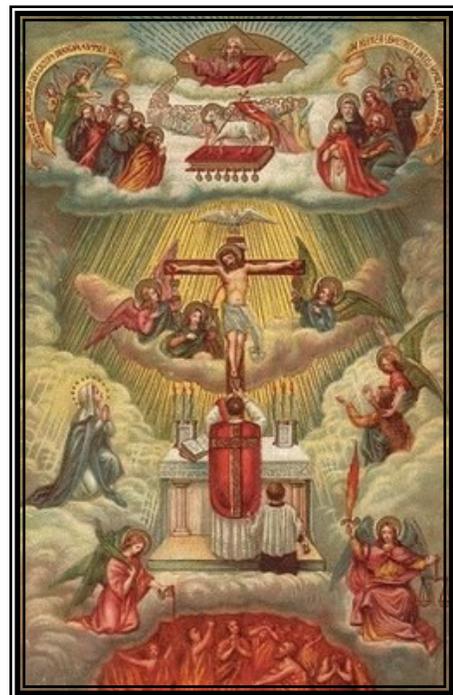
## **COMMUNION**

*Ps. 84, 13*

The Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

## **POSTCOMMUNION**

May we receive Thy mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple, that with due reverence we may prepare for the coming festival of our redemption. Through...



# Introduction to the Devout Life

## Tenth Meditation - On How the Soul Chooses the Devout Life

### *Part I, Chapter 18*

#### *Preparation*

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God.
2. Humble yourself before Him, and ask His Aid.

#### *Considerations*

1. Once more imagine yourself in an open plain, alone with your guardian Angel, and represent to yourself on the left hand the Devil sitting on a high and mighty throne, surrounded by a vast troop of worldly men, who bow bareheaded before him, doing homage to him by the various sins they commit. Study the countenances of the miserable courtiers of that most abominable king:--some raging with fury, envy and passion, some murderous in their hatred;--others pale and haggard in their craving after wealth, or madly pursuing every vain and profitless pleasure;--others sunk and lost in vile, impure affections. See how all alike are hateful, restless, wild: see how they despise one another, and only pretend to an unreal self-seeking love. Such is the miserable reign of the abhorred Tyrant.

2. On the other hand, behold Jesus Christ Crucified, calling these unhappy wretches to come to Him, and interceding for them with all the Love of His Precious Heart. Behold the company of devout souls and their guardian Angels, contemplate the beauty of this religious Kingdom. What lovelier than the troop of virgin souls, men and women, pure as lilies:-- widows in their holy desolation and humility; husbands and wives living in all tender love and mutual cherishing. See how such pious souls know how to combine their exterior and interior duties;--to love the earthly spouse without diminishing their devotion to the Heavenly Bridegroom. Look around--one and all you will see them with loving, holy, gentle countenances listening to the Voice of their Lord, all seeking to enthrone Him more and more within their hearts.

They rejoice, but it is with a peaceful, loving, sober joy; they love, but their love is altogether holy and pure. Such among these devout ones as have sorrows to bear, are not disheartened thereby, and do not grieve overmuch, for their Saviour's Eye is upon them to comfort them, and they all seek Him only.

3. Surely you have altogether renounced Satan with his weary miserable troop, by the good resolutions you have made;--but nevertheless you have not yet wholly attained to the King Jesus, or altogether joined His blessed company of devout ones:--you have hovered betwixt the two.

4. The Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph, Saint Louis, Saint Monica, and hundreds of thousands more who were once like you, living in the world, call upon you and encourage you.

5. The Crucified King Himself calls you by your own name: "Come, O my beloved, come, and let Me crown thee!"

#### *The Choice*

1. O world, O vile company, never will I enlist beneath thy banner; for ever I have forsaken thy flatteries and deceptions. O proud king, monarch of evil, infernal spirit, I renounce thee and all thy hollow pomp, I detest thee and all thy works.

2. And turning to Thee, O Sweet Jesus, King of blessedness and of eternal glory, I cleave to Thee with all the powers of my soul, I adore Thee with all my heart, I choose Thee now and ever for my King, and with inviolable fidelity I would offer my irrevocable service, and submit myself to Thy holy laws and ordinances.

3. O Blessed Virgin Mother of God, you shall be my example, I will follow you with all reverence and respect.

O my good Angel, bring me to this heavenly company, leave me not until I have reached them, with whom I will sing for ever, in testimony of my choice, "Glory be to Jesus, my Lord!"

**SILENCE PLEASE:** Please be careful of the noise in the vestibule when socializing after the Masses.

**ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:** Our Parish Goal is \$10,000. As of today, we have reached 38 percent of our pledged goal. Envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. Please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** All children ages 5-16 years old are invited to sing in the Children’s Christmas Choir which will perform with the Adult Choir before the Midnight Mass. Practices will be on the first Sundays in Advent after the 10:15 High Mass. The first practice will be Sunday, **November 27th at 12:15 pm.** Please see Mrs. Hanisch at the first rehearsal.

**ALTAR PRACTICE:** There will be altar boy practice Saturday, December 3rd at the usual time.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is December 2nd. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is waiting for you.

**FIRST SATURDAY** is December 3rd. Our Lady requests that we pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

**UPCOMING MASSES**

**Immaculate Conception:** Dec. 8th, High Mass 9:00 a.m., Low Mass 6:00 p.m. **TEAM B** is scheduled to serve both masses.

**Rorate Mass** in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on Dec. 10th at 6:30 a.m.

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY:** We will be having a Church Cleaning day on Saturday, December 3, 2016, following the 9:00am Mass. Anyone who is able to help give back to our beloved Parish, please come! We need as many helpers as possible! For questions or information, please contact: [juventutemscrannton@gmail.com](mailto:juventutemscrannton@gmail.com)

**2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Envelopes for 2017 year are now available in the vestibule of the church.

**FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP:** Will give his next class on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be **“Observations and Comments on the Creed.”** Instruction on how to present the faith and counter modern criticism will be covered. Everyone is welcome!

**Please Note:** Our new Sacramental emergency number is 570-780-0910.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**November 27th  
8:00 a.m. Mass**

- ACI Francis LaFata
- AC2 Stephen LaFata
- TEAM D**
- MC Andrew Pheasant
- TH Joshua Sica
- AC1 Timothy Sica
- AC2 Jack Gardner
- C Mathew Gillenkirk
- S1 Michael Gardner
- S2 Peter Sica

**WEEK ONE**

- Monday** Patrick Schneider  
7:45 a.m.
- Tuesday**  
7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday** Andrew Pheasant  
7:45 a.m.
- Thursday**  
7:45 a.m.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 4th  
8:00 a.m. Mass**

- ACI Joshua Sica
- AC2 Timothy Sica
- TEAM A**
- MC Matthew Gillenkirk
- TH Patrick Seeley
- AC1 Andrew Pheasant
- AC2 Joseph Seeley
- C Brendan Seeley
- S1 Sean Michelin
- S2 Mathias Morris