

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 29th	First Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Andrew & Margaret Toth - <i>Mr. /Mrs. Gene DeAngelis</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Nov. 30th	St. Andrew, <i>Apostle, II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Patrick James Ferraro - <i>His Wife</i>
Tues. Dec. 1st	Feria of Advent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Bishop Joseph Bambara - <i>Anon.</i>
Wed. Dec. 2nd	St. Vivian, <i>Virgin &amp; Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† George Emig - <i>Mike and Nancy Emig</i>
Thu. Dec. 3rd	St. Francis Xavier, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
9:45 a.m.	Patricia Sanchez - <i>Her Children</i>
Fri. Dec. 4th	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Confraternity of St. Peter - <i>Cynthia Bruer</i>
Sat. Dec. 5th	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Zepeda, FSSP - <i>Skuba Family</i>
Sun. Dec. 6th	Second Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Angela Bonavoglia - <i>Her Niece</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

& 9:15-10:05

### 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

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## **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...



## Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

The Lord is coming; I place myself in His presence and go to meet Him with all the energy of my will.

“The Name of the Lord cometh from afar... I look from afar, and behold I see the power of God coming... Go out to meet Him, and say, ‘Tell us if You are He who shall rule...’” These words are taken from today’s liturgy, and in reply, it invites us, “Come, let us adore the King, the Lord who is coming!...”

This coming was expected for long ages; it was foretold by the prophets, and desired by all the just who were not granted to see its dawn. The Church commemorates and renews this expectation with each recurring Advent, expressing this longing to the Savior who is to come. The desire of old was sustained solely by hope, but it is now a confident desire, founded on the consoling reality of the Redemption already accomplished. Although historically completed nineteen centuries ago, this longing should be actualized daily, renewed in ever deeper and fuller reality in every Christian soul. The spirit of the Advent liturgy, commemorating the age-long expectation of the Redeemer, will prepare us to celebrate the mystery of the Word made Flesh by arousing in each one of us an intimate, personal expectation of the renewed coming of Christ to our soul. This coming is accomplished by grace; to the degree in which grace develops and matures in us, it becomes more copious, more penetrating, until it transforms the soul into an *alter Christus* (*another Christ*). Advent is a season of waiting and of fervent longing for the Redeemer: “Drop down dew, ye heavens, and let the clouds rain the Just One!”

In today’s Epistle (*Rom 13,11-14*), St. Paul exhorts us, “Brethren, it is now the hour... to rise from sleep.” During Advent, the “springtime” of the Church, we must arouse ourselves and bring forth new fruits of sanctity. Even now, the Apostle shows us the great fruits of Advent: “Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.” If we have been somewhat drowsy and languid in Our Lord’s service, now is the time to arouse ourselves to a

new life, to strip ourselves generously of our meanness and weakness, and to “put on Jesus Christ,” that is, His holiness. In order to help us attain this end, Jesus encourages us by reminding us of His love in coming as our Redeemer: He comes to meet us with His grace; it is infinite mercy that inclines to us.

On the other hand, the Church, in today’s Gospel (*Lk 21,25-33*), puts before us the last coming of Jesus as supreme Judge, “and then they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with great power and majesty.” He came with love to Bethlehem; He comes with grace into our souls; He will come with justice at the end of the world: Christ’s triple coming, the synthesis of Christianity, an invitation to a vigilant, trusting expectation, “Lift up your heads, for your redemption is at hand!”

O my God, Word of the Father, Word made flesh for love of us, You assumed a mortal body in order to suffer and be immolated for us. I wish to prepare for Your coming with the burning desires of the prophets and the just who in the Old Testament sighed after You, the one Savior and Redeemer. “O Lord, send Him whom You are going to send... As You have promised, come and deliver us!” I want to keep Advent in my soul, that is, a continual longing and waiting for this great Mystery wherein You, O Word, became flesh to show me the abyss of Your redeeming, sanctifying mercy.

O Lord, do not, I beseech You, permit that this exceeding great love which led You to become incarnate for my salvation, be given in vain! My poor soul needs You so much! It sighs for You as for a compassionate physician, who alone can heal its wounds, draw it out of its languor and tepidity, and infuse into it new vigor, new enthusiasm, new life. Come, Lord, come! I am ready to welcome Your work with a docile, humble heart, ready to let myself be healed, purified, and strengthened by You. Yes, with Your help, I will make any sacrifice, renounce everything that might hinder Your redeeming work in me. Show Your power, O Lord, and come! Come, delay no longer!

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH**

extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

**2016 FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available in the vestibule. More cards can be ordered with the form enclosed in the envelope. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary operating expenses in Denton, Nebraska.

**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 four Sundays in Advent after the 10:15 High Mass. The first practice will be Sunday, **November 29th at 12:15 pm.** Each family is allowed to take one music binder with a cd to aid their children in learning the music. Please see Mrs. Hanisch at the first rehearsal.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE MASS INTENTIONS BOOK FOR 2016 IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**ALTAR BOY PRACTICE:** We will have altar boy practice on Saturday December 5th.

**COLLECTION:** November 22nd - \$4,927.00

**UPCOMING MASSES:**

**Immaculate Conception:** Dec. 8th, High Mass 9:00 a.m., Low Mass 7:00 p.m. **TEAM A** is scheduled to serve both masses.

**Rorate Mass** in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on Dec. 12th at 6:00 a.m.

**In preparation for Christmas:**

Advent begins today. During this time it is good for us to reflect and to prepare for the great feast of Christmas. Pray and take every opportunity to attend Mass, daily if possible.

**Prayer to the Divine Christ Child**

Divine Child Jesus! May Thy sublime majesty fill me with holy fear. May Thy power strengthen me in my weakness. May Thy wisdom enlighten me in my ignorance. May Thy goodness heal me of my malice. May Thy mercy make me happy in my misery. May Thy innocence purify me from all stain of sin. May Thy purity destroy within me all sensuality. May Thy simplicity direct all my thoughts toward God alone. O spirit of the Holy Infant Jesus! Be thou my strength, my wisdom and my love! Be Thou my light, my life and my all! Teach me and convert me, lead me and direct me, now and for all eternity. Amen.

*Altar Boy Schedule*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Nov. 29th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Collin Chidester

**TEAM C**

**MC** Dominic Gardner  
**TH** Robert Seeley  
**AC1** Timothy Emig  
**AC2** Patrick Seeley  
**C** Jack Gardner  
**S1** Michael Gardner  
**S2** Sean Michelin

**WEEK ONE**

**Monday** Patrick Schneider  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** Colin Chidester  
**7:45 a.m.** Ian McGuirk

**Wednesday** Andrew Pheasant  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Thursday** John Skuba  
**7:45 a.m.** Joseph Skuba

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Dec. 6th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Stephen LaFata  
**AC2** Francis LaFata

**TEAM D**

**MC** Joshua Sica  
**TH** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC1** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Timothy Sica  
**C** John Skuba  
**S1** Joseph Skuba  
**S2** Peter Sica