

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 30th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i> † Irene Roach - <i>John & Trish McGovern</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Dec. 1st 7:45 a.m.	Feria of Advent, <i>III Class</i> Elizabeth Menegalli - <i>Evelyn Tereshko</i>
Tues. Dec. 2nd 7:45 a.m.	St. Vivian, <i>Virgin & Martyr, III Class</i> Sica Family - <i>Tim and Mary Morris</i>
Wed. Dec. 3rd 7:45 a.m.	St. Francis Xavier, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Patricia Sanchez - <i>Her Children</i>
Thu. Dec. 4th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter Chrysologus, <i>Bp., Conf. & Doc., III Class</i> † Alice G. Micone - <i>Robert S. McHale</i>
Fri. Dec. 5th 6:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i> Fr. Jose Zepeda, FSSP - <i>Sica Family</i>
Sat. Dec. 6th 9:00 a.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i> † Angelia Bonajoglia - <i>Niece</i>
Sun. Dec. 7th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Second Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i> † George Emig - <i>Mike and Nancy Emig</i> <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

First Sunday of Advent

INTROIT

Jer. 29, 11, 12, 14

The Lord saith, I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction; you shall call upon Me and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

Arouse, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful, that, by more earnestly following after the fruit of the divine work, they may the more abundantly partake of Thy mercies. Through our Lord...

LESSON

Col. 1, 9-14

Brethren, We cease not to pray for you, and to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of the will of God, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to the power of His glory, in all patience and long-suffering with joy; giving thanks to God the Father, Who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins.

GRADUAL

Ps. 43, 8, 9

Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. *V.* In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy name we will give praise for ever.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 129, 1, 2

Alleluia, alleluia. From the depths I have cried to Thee, Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 24, 15-35

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, When you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place; he that readeth, let him understand: then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains; and he that is on the house-top, let him not come down to take anything out of his house; and he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat. And woe to them that are with child, and that give suck, in those days, But pray that your flight be not in the winter, or on the sabbath: for there shall be then great tribulation, such as has not been found from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be: and unless those days had been shortened, no flesh should be saved; but for

the sake of the elect, those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; do not believe Him: for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect. Behold I have told it to you beforehand: if they therefore shall say to you, Behold, He is in the desert, go ye not out; behold, He is in the closets, believe it not. For as lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Whosoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty: and He shall send His angels with a trumpet and a great voice and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of them. And from the fig-tree learn a parable: when the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh even at the doors. Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 129, 1, 2

From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

Be propitious, O Lord, to our supplications, and accept the offerings and prayers of Thy people: turn all our hearts unto Thee, that, being delivered from earthly desires, we may pass on to the enjoyments of heaven. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Mark 11, 24

Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done unto you.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that, through this sacrament which we have received, whatever is evil in our hearts may be restored by the gift of healing. Through our Lord.

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.

FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the vestibule. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary **operating expenses** in Denton, Nebraska. May God reward you.

2015 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Are available in the church vestibule. A donation of \$12 is appreciated. Donations may be placed in an envelope marked 'calendar' and deposited in the collection basket.

FIRST FRIDAY is **December 5th**. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Please don't leave Our Lord alone. God bless you.

FIRST SATURDAY is **December 6th**. 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.

ATTENTION ALTAR BOYS: There will be altar boy practice on Saturday, December 6th.

VESTMENT GUILD: The Vestment Guild will meet on Saturday December 6th.

UPCOMING MASSES:

Immaculate Conception - Dec. 8th, High Mass 9:00am, Low Mass 7:00p.m. **Team A** is scheduled to serve both masses. **Rorate Mass** in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on Dec. 13th at 6:00a.m.

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 30th at 12:15 pm. Each family is allowed to take one music binder with a cd to aid the children in learning the music. Please remember that the binders, sheet music and cds are the property of St. Michael's Church and should be returned to the parish in good condition after Christmas. Please see Mrs. Hanisch at the first rehearsal.

VACATION: Fr. Stinson is away on Vacation and will return on Tuesday December 16.

COLLECTION: November 30th - \$1,926.50

Altar Boy Schedule

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Robert Seeley
TH Dominic Gardner
AC1
AC2 Francis LaFata
C Timothy Emig
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata

WEEK THREE

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

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Stephen LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC John Gillenkirk
TH Matthew Gillenkirk
AC1 Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider
C Collin Chidester
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba
S3 Joseph Seeley
S4 Brendan Seeley