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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 1st 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i> Intentions of Leonard and Mary Tabone <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Dec. 2nd 7:45 a.m.	St. Bibiana, <i>Virgin & Martyr, III Class</i> † George Emig - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Tues. Dec. 3rd 7:45 a.m.	St. Francis Xavier, <i>Confessor, I Class</i> † Patrick Ferraro - <i>Judy Ferraro</i>
Wed. Dec. 4th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter Chrysologus, <i>Bp, Conf. & Doc., III Class</i> † Gerard Asselin - <i>Cilia Family</i>
Thur. Dec. 5th 7:45 a.m.	Jesus Christ the High Priest, <i>III Class</i> Fr. Jose Zepeda, FSSP - <i>Sica Family</i>
Fri. Dec. 6th 6:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i> † Angela Bonavoglia - <i>Elaine Guzek</i>
Sat. Dec. 7th 9:00 a.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i> † Walter Heisler - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Geffert</i>
Sun. Dec. 8th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Immac. Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>I Class</i> Mr. Stephen Pendrak <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

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

o 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...

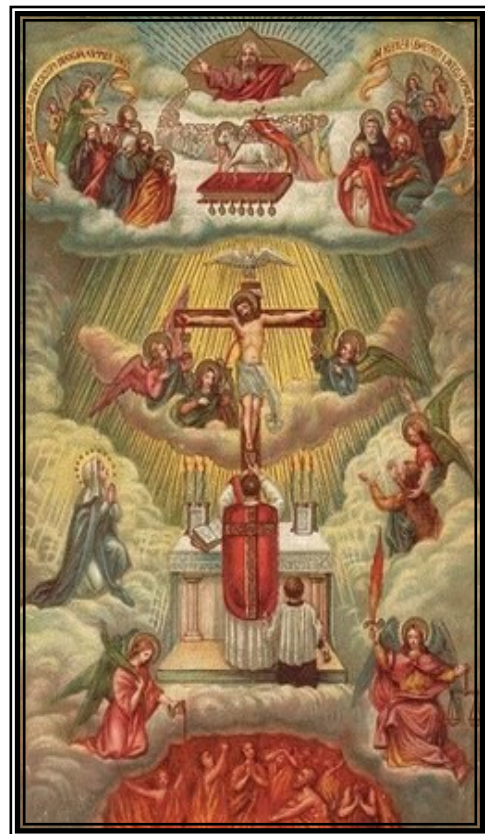
COMMUNION

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...



First Sunday of Advent

At Christmas Jesus will be born in our hearts, for at that time the anniversary of His birth will be celebrated. He refuses nothing to the prayer of the Church, His spouse, and thus He will grant to our souls the same grace which he gave the shepherds and the wise Kings.

Christ will come again also, at the end of time, to “condemn the guilty to the flames, and to call the just with a loving voice to heaven.”

The whole of today’s Mass is a preparation for this double Advent of mercy and justice. Some parts of it can be applied equally to either (e.g., the Introit, Collect, Gradual, Alleluia), while others refer to our Divine redeemer’s lowly birth, and others again, (e.g., the Epistle and Gospel), to His coming in the splendor of His power and majesty. The same welcome will be given to us by our Lord when He comes to judge us, as we give to Him now when coming to redeem us. Let us prepare for the Christmas feast by holy prayers and aspirations and by reforming our lives, that we may be ready for the last great assize upon which depends the fate of our souls for all eternity. And all this with confidence, for those “who wait upon the Lord will never be confounded” (Introit; Gradual; offertory).

In former times, on this first Sunday of Advent, all the people of Rome made the station at the Basilica of St. Mary major, to assist at the solemn Mass which the pope celebrated, surrounded by his clergy. This particular church was chosen because it is Mary who gave us Jesus and because relics of the crib in which the Blessed Mother placed her divine child are preserved in the Church.

If we read the liturgical texts which the Church uses in the course of the four weeks of Advent, we see clearly that it is her intention to make us share the attitude of mind of the Patriarchs and seers of Israel who looked forward to the Advent of the Messiah in His twofold coming of Grace and Glory.

As we follow the Masses and Office of Advent, we are impressed by these urgent and pressing appeals to the Messiah. “Come, Lord, nor tarry longer.” “The Lord is nigh, come, let us adore Him.” “Come, Lord, and save us.” “The King Who is to come; O come let us adore Him.” “Show forth Thy power, O Lord, and come.” “O Wisdom, come and teach us the way of Prudence.” “O God, guide of the House of Israel, come,

stretch forth Thy hand and redeem us.” “O King and Desire of nations, come and save man whom Thou hast made from the slime of the earth.” “O Emmanuel (God with us), Our King and Our Lawgiver, O Lord, Our God.”

The longed for Messiah is the Son of God Himself, the Great Royal Deliverer Who is to conquer Satan and reign over His people for ever, Whom all nations shall serve. The very reason why we should utter our “Come”, crying to Our Lord, “O, Thou corner stone, uniting in Thyself the two peoples, come,” is that the divine mercy extends, not only to Israel, but to all the Gentiles as well.

This coming of Christ which the Prophets foretold and to which God’s people looked forward is twofold in character; it is, at the same time the coming of mercy in which the Divine Redeemer appeared on earth in the lowly state of His human life, and the coming to Judgment when He will appear full of glory and majesty at the end of the world as Judge and Supreme rewarder of men. The seers of the Old Testament did not distinguish between these two comings, therefore the Liturgy at Advent which repeats their words to us speaks in turn of one and the other. Our Lord Himself, in the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent passes without transition from His First to His Second Coming and, in his homily on the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Advent, Saint Gregory the Great explains that Saint John the Baptist, the Forerunner of the Redeemer, is in spirit and power Elias, the Forerunner of the Judge.

These two comings, moreover, have the same end in view, since if the Son of God has descended to our level in becoming man (the First Coming), it is in order to enable us to ascend to His Father by bringing us into His heavenly kingdom (the Second Coming). And the sentence which will be passed by the Son of Man, to whom will be committed all judgment, when He comes a second time into the world will depend on the welcome which awaited Him when He came the first.

Helpful indeed is the liturgy of the season, since it prepares us to celebrate the First Coming of Our Lord in its relation to the Second Coming, that profiting by His graces as Redeemer, we need not fear His punishments as Judge.

(The Saint Andrew Daily Missal)

VISIT: The Very Rev. John Berg, Superior General of the Fraternity of St. Peter, will be with us the weekend of December 8th. Fr. Berg will celebrate the Solemn High Mass. A potluck and a talk by Father Berg will follow the Mass. Everyone is welcome.

SPECIAL THANKS: Thank you for your generosity for the special collection for the Philippines and Vietnam disaster victims. May God reward you.

LITURGICAL ANNOUNCEMENT: In churches where the faithful are accustomed to stand for the Collects and Postcommunion prayers at Mass, they are to kneel for these prayers on the ferias, of Advent (not however, on Sundays, feast days, or the Vigil of Christmas).

FIRST FRIDAY is **December 6th**. 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 7th**. 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.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES: 2014 Sunday envelopes will be available on December 8th in the vestibule of the church.

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE: Altar Boy practice will be Saturday Dec. 7th. The next practice will be in February.

ST. MICHAEL'S VESTMENT GUILD: The Guild will meet December 7th 1/2 hour after the 9:00 Mass.

UPCOMING MASSES: Please note the following Sung Mass in December:

Dec. 14th - 6 a.m. Rorate Mass

All children ages 5-16 years old are invited to sing in the St. Michael's Children's Christmas Choir, which will sing with the Adult Choir before Midnight Mass for about 50 minutes. Practices will be on Sundays after the 10:15 Mass and will begin next Sunday, **December 1st**. Red binders with the music are in the choir loft for interested children (**One binder per family please**). The taped music will be sent to your parents email.

COLLECTION: November 24th - \$1,722.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION: \$1,056.00

Altar Boy Schedule

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1st

8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Justin LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC William Skuba
TH Chris Shanahan
AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2 Joseph Schneider
C Patrick Schneider
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba
S3 Joseph Seeley
S4 Brendan Seeley

WEEK THREE

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

Tuesday Robert Seeley
7:45 a.m. Patrick Seeley

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

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

December 8th

8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC James McWhirter
TH John Gillenkirk
AC1 Joseph McWhirter
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Robert Seeley
S1 John Pheasant
S2 Andrew Pheasant
S3 Matthew Gillenkirk
S4 Timothy Emig