

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, enjoying God's grace. In today's Gospel, Our Lord tells the crowd that His cousin, St. John the Baptist, is he about whom it was written: "Behold, I send my angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee." In today's Collect we pray: "Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son..." By this prayer, we ask that we, like St. John the Baptist, go as angels – literally, 'messengers' – before the face of Christ, to prepare His way. As the days until the feast of Our Lord's Nativity grow fewer, let us renew our intention to make a good Advent, one of penance and of longing expectation for Christ's coming, and as true witnesses and messengers of Him. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P



John sent two of his disciples to Christ.

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7—DECEMBER 13, 2014

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holyday of Obligation)

7 am Sofia Arango
 7 pm *Pro Populo*

TUESDAY, December 9, Feria of Advent (Mass of Second Sunday of Advent)

7 am Confraternity of St. Peter

WEDNESDAY, December 10, Feria of Advent (Mass of Second Sunday of Advent)

7 am Luke Attea

THURSDAY, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope & Martyr

7 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7 am Jaimie Iuranich

SATURDAY, December 13, Our Lady on Saturday in Advent (*Rorate*)

7:30 am Sung Mass Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

8:30 am Confraternity of St. Peter
 10:00 am *Pro Populo*

(For exceptions, see above, and the "Announcements" section.)

Regular Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday	7 am
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half hour before each mass in the Regular Mass Schedule, and on Fridays for the first half-hour of evening devotions. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am - 6:50 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 5:50 pm.

Other Fridays: 6 pm Holy Hour, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturdays: Simple exposition for fifteen minutes after mass.

Legio Mariae (Legion of Mary)

To be determined

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Adults

First and third Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm

Catechism for Children

Wednesday (September-May) 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month 7 pm

Altar Boys' Meeting

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:00 mass for our Coffee Social.

Holyday Of Obligation: Monday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a Holyday of Obligation. Low mass will be celebrated at 7:00 am and sung mass at 7:00 pm.

Associate Registration Forms: For improved recordkeeping, new parish management software has recently been bought for our church. To assist in this improvement, it is necessary that the head every household complete a new Associate Registration Form. These forms are in envelopes in the vestibule, filed by family name. Please return your completed form, in the envelope provided, to the locked mailbox outside the church office **by Sunday, December 21.** (Time is needed to set up the new database before the new year begins.) Thank you for your prompt assistance!

Advent Day of Recollection: On Saturday, December 20, there will be a **silent day of recollection** to prepare for Christmas. The day will begin with Mass at 8 am, and end with Benediction at 2 pm; the complete schedule is posted in the vestibule. All adults and teens of St. Francis are encouraged to come! There will be a \$5 fee to pay for meals. Please register using the list in the vestibule; envelopes are provided there for submitting the fee.

Sung Rorate Mass this Saturday: A Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday in Advent, the "*Rorate*" mass, will be sung this Saturday, December 13. As the mass is meant to be offered around sunrise, the mass time will be one half-hour earlier than normal, at 7:30 am. (Training for altar boys will be at its normal time of 9 am.)

2015 FSSP Liturgical Calendars and Ordos: There are samples in the vestibule of the 2015 liturgical calendars and ordos from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. To purchase, please use the order envelopes, also in the vestibule. **Please deposit orders, with payment, in the mailbox outside the church office, by December 21.**

Youth Group Coffee Sales: Youth Group members are now selling 'Mystic Monk' coffee. The coffee is discounted substantially from the retail price, and the sales benefit our youth! Please call Mr. or Mrs. Kohn for more information.

Christmas Flower Donations: The poinsettias decorating the sanctuary at Christmas will be placed for the sake of your intentions, for a donation of \$10 each. Envelopes for the purpose may be found in the vestibule. God bless you

Please Pray for the Sick: Fr. Denis Coiffet, FSSP, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Marvin Phelan, Carol Blasl, Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., Fr. Joseph Terra, FSSP.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday, November 30: **\$2188.00**

Collection for Thanksgiving Day: **\$ 278.00**

Collection counters December 7: **Frank Feuerborn and John Pepino**

Collection counters December 14: **Troy Butcher and John Quinto**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.