

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well! 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, and grant you His peace!

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

Fr. McCambridge, F.S.S.P



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



## St. Francis of Assisi Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6—12, 2015

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Patrick Hornback  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Gene Coleman  
8am Celebrant's Intention

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

7 am Gene Coleman  
7 pm *Pro Populo*

### WEDNESDAY, December 9, Feria of Advent (Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent)

7 am Anika Coleman  
8 am Celebrant's intention

### THURSDAY, December 10, Feria of Advent (Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent)

7 am The Carter Family  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### FRIDAY, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope & Martyr

7 am Flor de Maria Fix  
5:15 pm Celebrant's intention

### SATURDAY, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

### SUNDAY December 13, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

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

#### Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

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

**Confessions** are heard one half-hour before each Mass (unless otherwise noted), 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—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 pm.

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

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

#### Altar Guild

As announced

**Coffee Social:** After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

#### Catechism for Children (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

#### Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

#### St. John Bosco Youth Group

Not yet organized for this year.

#### Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

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

**St. Nicholas Day Party** will be held today after the 10:00 am Mass with a potluck dinner.

**Holyday of Obligation:** This Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. There will be Masses at 7:00am and 7:00pm.

**Free Books:** Copies of St. Alphonsus Liguori's *The Incarnation, Birth, and Infancy of Jesus Christ* are available for free in the vestibule, as a good assistance to your preparation for Christmas.

**Christmas Caroling:** On Sunday December 13th at noon, we will be going to Lancaster Manor to sing Christmas Carols. All are welcome to join in. We will gather for treats at St. Francis after caroling. Please bring cookies or snacks to share.

**2016 FSSP Liturgical Calendars and Ordos:** There is a sample in the vestibule of the 2016 liturgical calendar from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. To purchase calendars or ordos, please use the order envelopes provided in the vestibule. **Please deposit orders, with payment, in the mailbox outside the church office today, December 13.**

**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 this purpose may be found in the vestibule. God bless you!

**Christmas Cards** from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter are available in sample packets in the vestibule. Each packet contains four cards, and each card tells the recipient of his remembrance in a novena of Masses to be offered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. Information on ordering additional cards is included in the packet.

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration:** The next First Friday will be January 1, the Feast of the Circumcision, and a holyday of obligation. It is also, of course, New Year's Day. Regular adorers are requested to please call Fr. McCambridge, or email him, <rector@stfrancislincoln.org>, telling him of your availability that day, before a plan is made for adoration. Thank you!

**Youth Group Coffee Sales Drive:** The Youth Group coffee fundraiser runs through today. Coffee orders will be taken after both masses, downstairs in the social hall. Jingle Bell Java and the Christmas blends are available. Orders will be placed so that they are received in time for Christmas. Coffee is available in five-pound (5-lb.) or twelve-ounce (12-oz.) bags, and as ground or whole bean. If you would like to order, but can't stay after mass, please contact Annette and Jeff Kohn at (402) 805-4155 or (402) 805-7230.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Sr. Angela, O.C.D., Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B.

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday November 29:	<b>\$2020.00</b>
Collection counters December 6 :	Philip McNeely and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters December 13:	Jeff Kohn and John Pepino

## 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.