

## THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, as we approach so close to the joy of Our Savior's birth, to hear the glad tidings: "Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given!" Our hopeful words of today, "O come, o come, Emmanuel!", will be answered, for the Christ Child will have come, Emmanuel --God with us. As we prepare to rejoice so soon in the birth of Our Savior, Fr. Evaristus and I wish to assure you of our prayers, and to extend our heartfelt wishes for you and your families to enjoy a blessed, merry Christmas. May the good God bless you, and may the peace of the Infant Christ reign in your hearts and homes!

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20—26, 2015

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Doris H. Rowe+  
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY, December 21, St. Thomas, Apostle

7 am Doris H. Rowe+  
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

### TUESDAY, December 22, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am Doris H. Rowe+  
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

### WEDNESDAY, December 23, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am Jonathan W. Rowe+  
8 am (no confessions beforehand) Celebrant's Intention

### THURSDAY, December 24, Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

8 am Molly Ratigan+  
11:30 pm **Christmas Carols**

### FRIDAY, December 25, The Nativity of Our Lord

12 am (Sung, Mass at Midnight) *Pro Populo*  
8:30 am (Low, Mass at Dawn) Duncan Talbot  
10 am (Sung, Mass at Daytime) Kaleb McNeely

### SATURDAY, December 26, St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr

8 am Jonathan W. Rowe+

### SUNDAY December 27, Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 am Ted Kessler  
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.

**Thank you** to all who came to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas. May God reward you!

**Change in Mass Time:** On Christmas Eve, Mass will be offered at 8 am.

**Decoration of the Church for Christmas:** The church will be decorated following the morning Mass on Christmas Eve. All are invited to join in this happy work!

**Confessions on Christmas:** In addition to the times beginning one-half hour before the 8:30 and 10 o'clock Masses, confessions will be heard before the Midnight Mass, from 11:15-11:40 pm, Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Carols** will begin at 11:30 pm, Christmas Eve, followed by the Midnight Mass. Come hear this beautiful celebration of the birth of the Christ Child!

**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!

**The Blessing of Wine:** There is a blessing of wine on the feast of St. John the Evangelist, done in his memory and honor, who without harm drank poisoned wine offered by his enemies. The feast day gives place to the Sunday this year, but the blessing is not impeded. The blessing will be done after each mass next Sunday, December 27. Those wishing to have wine blessed, please place your bottles before St. Joseph's altar, before, or immediately after Mass.

**Mass Intentions for January** are willingly accepted; at the moment, there is no backlog of masses to be offered.

**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.

**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. Rather than the usual First Friday schedule, a Holy Hour and devotions will follow after the latter of the morning's masses. Details will follow in next week's bulletin.

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson, Br. Bernard Marie, O.S.B., and for all the sick of our congregation

## FINANCES

Collection for Sunday December 13:	<b>\$3291.11</b>
Collection for the Immaculate Conception:	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
Collection counters December 20:	Frank Feuerborn and Dan Fix
Collection counters December 27:	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.