

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, FSSP



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

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



St. Francis of Assisi Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4—10, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Elise Clarke
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, December 5, Feria of Advent

7 am Elise Clarke
8 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, December 6, St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor

7 am Arthur Dycus+
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

7 am Patrick Jacobsen+

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

7 am Gabriel Livingston
7 pm *Pro Populo*

FRIDAY, December 9, Feria of Advent

7:00 am Mary Beiriger+
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, December 10, Feria of Advent

8:00 am Larry & Donna Rauert

SUNDAY, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

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

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday & Wednesday	7 am, 8 am
Tuesday & Thursday	7 am, 12:10 pm
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:30 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass, except the 8 am masses on Monday and Wednesday, and the First Friday 5:15 pm mass (unless otherwise noted). 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: Holy Hour at 6 pm, 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 10:30 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

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome, Visitors to St. Francis Church! Please join us after the 10:30 mass for our Coffee Social.

Change to Mass Schedule on Wednesday: There will be no 8:00 am mass on Wednesday.

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.

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. Enrollment forms should be returned to the District Headquarters in the envelope included, by Friday, December 9th.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, January 6, 2017. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Elise Clarke, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Debra Bergfeld, Jennifer Wachter, Jerry Vilda, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Annetta Whitney (mother of Kristine Mulholland).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday November 27:	\$2225.50
Collection for Thanksgiving Day:	\$ 473.00
Collection counters December 4 :	Dan Fix and Rex Mulholland
Collection counters December 11:	John Pepino 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.