

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 18—24, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Debra Bergfeld
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, December 19, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am Alicia Arango
8 am Celebrant's Intention

TUESDAY, December 20, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am Elise Clarke
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 21, St. Thomas, Apostle

7 am Arthur Dycus+
8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, December 22, Greater Feria of Advent

7 am Patrick Jacobsen+
12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, December 23, Greater Feria of Advent

7:00 am Celebrant's Intention
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, December 24, Vigil of Christmas

8:00 am Fr. Gordon J. MacRae
11:30 pm Christmas Carols

SUNDAY, December 25, The Nativity of Our Lord

12 am (Sung, Mass at Midnight) *Pro Populo*
8:30 am (Low, Mass at Dawn) Debra Bergfeld
10:30 am (Sung, Mass at Daytime) Confraternity of St. Peter

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.

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

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 10:30 am Masses, confessions will be heard before the Midnight Mass, from 11:15-11:45 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!

Collection Counters for Christmas Day: From among those who will attend the 10:30 mass on Christmas, two volunteers are requested to count the collection. Please speak with Fr. McCambridge. Thank you; God bless you!

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!

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!

Mass Requests: There is currently a four-month backlog of mass intentions. All are requested to always kindly use the envelopes provided in the vestibule for this purpose, and to observe the limits given thereon to the number of masses requested. Thank you for your kind consideration!

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 December 11: **\$3916.00**

Collection for the Immaculate Conception: **\$3210.00**

Collection counters December 18: Frank Feuerborn and Troy Butcher

Collection counters December 25: Volunteers requested

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.