

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

I pray that you and your families are well, as we celebrate the joy of Our Savior's birth. We rejoice today at the glad tidings, from the *Introit* of the Christmas Mass at Daytime: "Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given!" Through Advent we have prayed the hopeful words, "O come, o come, Emmanuel!" Today they are answered; the Christ Child has come, Emmanuel --God with us. As we rejoice in the birth of Our Savior, let us remember in our prayers especially those of our fellow Catholics who suffer persecution for the sake of their love of Christ. 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

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 25—31, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, December 26, St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr

8 am Mary Beiriger+

TUESDAY, December 27, St. John the Evangelist, Apostle

7 am Ted Kessler, Special Intention
 12:10 pm Celebrant's Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 28, Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7 am Doris Rowe+
 8 am Celebrant's Intention

THURSDAY, December 29, Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, December 30, Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 am Jonathan Rowe+
 5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, December 31, Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 am Sr. Carmen Rose

SUNDAY, January 1, Octave Day of Christmas

8:30 am Arthur Dycus+
 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

There will be no Coffee Social today.

Mass Schedule Changes This Week: On Monday, December 26, there will be only one public mass, at 8 am; on Thursday, December 29, there will be only the 7 am mass.

Liturgical and Ordos Available: Calendars and Ordos are available in the vestibule for those who ordered and paid for them. Each order is in its own envelope, marked with the owner's last name.

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 blessing will be done after the 7 am mass on Tuesday, December 27. Those wishing to have wine blessed, please place your bottles before St. Joseph's altar, before, or immediately after Mass.

Plenary Indulgences are available for public recitation or singing of the *Te Deum* on December 31, and the *Veni Creator Spiritus* on January 1. Each of these will be sung after Mass on the day specified for its indulgence.

Epiphany House Blessing: Those desiring the House Blessing at Epiphany, please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Thank you to all who helped with the decoration of the church, making it beautiful for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord; may God bless you!

Thank you to all who made donations for the beautiful poinsettias adorning the sanctuary; your intentions will be remembered daily at mass.

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, Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday December 18:	\$1290.00
Collection counters December 25:	Volunteers requested
Collection counters January 1:	Philip McNeely and Dan Fix

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.