



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Mass

SUNDAY

8:30 am Extraordinary Form (Latin)
11:00 am Novus Ordo (English)
4:30 pm Syro-Malabar Rite (Malayalam)

MONDAY

12:00 pm Extraordinary Form (Latin)

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

6:00 pm Novus Ordo (English)

SATURDAY

9:00 am Extraordinary Form (Latin)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

6:00pm Novus Ordo (English)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10:00am-11am
before Mass and by appointment

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 23, 2018

THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS

Monday Dec 24th:

12 Noon Mass in the Extraordinary Form
4.00pm - 5.00pm: Confessions
6.00pm First Mass of Christmas (English)
11.00-11.30pm Confessions

Tuesday Dec 25th - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Midnight Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin)
8.30am - Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form
11.00am - Sung Mass in English
Father William leaves for St. Michael's Abbey in CA.

Wednesday Dec 26th - Feast of St. Stephen the First Martyr

No Adoration
English Mass at 6.00pm - Fr. Ben Butler from the Cathedral

Thursday Dec 27th - Feast of St. John, Apostle

English Mass at 6.00pm - Fr. Ben Butler from the Cathedral

Friday Dec 28th - Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

English Mass at 6.00pm - Fr. Ben Butler

Saturday Dec 29th - 5th Day in the Christmas Octave (Commemoration of St. Thomas Becket, Martyr, Archbishop of Canterbury)

Extraordinary Form Latin Mass 9.00am - Fr. William.will be back from CA.
Confessions 10.00-11.00am.

Fr. William Writes

Where has Advent gone? Such a beautiful but short season. I stand in awe of the Angel Tree generosity which is a great credit to our Parish, and coming soon after the effort put out by so many of you at the Searcy Memorial Thanksgiving Meal. It is moving to see faith in action! I am also humbled by the cards and kind good wishes from Parishioners of Assumption both for my recent 39th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination and for Christmas.

As I mentioned before, I will leave Christmas afternoon for 3 days at my monastic home, St. Michael's Abbey, in Orange County, CA. I will be back for the Latin EF Mass and Confessions on Saturday 29th December. Fr. Butler from the Cathedral will offer the evening Masses at 6pm on Dec 26,27, and 28 and he will be available for Confession at 5.30pm on those days. There will not be Adoration on Wednesday the 26th.

I have had a lot of discomfort with my right thigh from the break of the femur bone in September, 2017. X-Rays at the Orthopedic Surgeon's Office this week revealed that the bone was not growing back properly and one of the screws had come loose which causes considerable pain when I stand for longer periods. The doctor advised me to use the walker more and keep strain off the right leg. Surgery for a hip replacement which is now necessary will probably be in late January. I will be out of action to some extent for a few weeks - we'll see how that goes.

Christmas Midnight Mass will be a unique experience for us this year. It will be a Solemn High Mass in the Latin Extraordinary Form with the Vicar General of the Diocese, Very Reverend Fr. John Hammond as Celebrant. The deacon will be the Rev. Rhodes Bolster, who will be Ordained priest in 2019. The Subdeacon will be Fr. Austin Gilstrap, the Diocesan Vocations Director. I will preach the Homily. There will be sung Masses in English on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm and Christmas Day at 11.00am. The 8.30am Mass Christmas Day will be Low Mass in Latin.

Church Of Assumption Office Hours: The office will be closed until Wednesday January 2, 2019. (Regular office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.)

ANGEL TREE: Gifts were delivered Wednesday December 19th. Thanks to Theresa & Tim Brady, Marilyn Cox, Kay & Rich Bulzachelli for helping to sort & deliver the gifts. Thanks also, to the generous individuals who shopped for the gifts requested & delivered them to the church—God Bless You!

Catechism Study Group will not meet this week. Join Father William next week, Wednesday January 2nd in Buddeke House as the study resumes.

Seeking Missionary Team Members 2019 Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program Diocese of Nashville:

We are eagerly preparing for another year of Totus Tuus and currently in the process of accepting applications for Totus Tuus Missionary. If you know anyone who might be interested, please send them the following link to find the application. The first round of applications will end Dec. 31. <http://www.dioceseofnashville.com/totus-tuus>

Nashville Catholic Business League Prayer Breakfast, 2nd Thursday of each month at the Cathedral, 2015 West End Ave., Nashville. Mass begins at 7 a.m. and the breakfast and program are from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the Fleming Center. Info: www.catholicbusinessleague.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministry: Assumption is at 97% of our BAAM goal which is \$14,600.00, to date we have given \$14,215. **We are only \$385 away from meeting our goal!**

Natural Family Planning Class (Feb. 11, March 11; April 8), 7 pm, St. Phillip, 113 2nd Ave. S. Franklin. Info/

Last Week's Contributions
Regular Collection: - \$5585.95
Electronic Giving: \$995.00
 Don't fret about the envelope you left on the table at home! Set up online contributions today

SUN 12/23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am **Mass –Extraordinary Form** *Pro Populo*
 9:45am Religious Education **CAMPUS**
 11:00am **Mass** *Poor Souls in Purgatory*
 4:30pm Syro Malabar (in Malayalam)
 6:00pm Syro Malabar Supper

MON 12/24 Vigil of Christmas

12 Noon **Mass– Extraordinary Form** *John Durrett's Intentions*
 4:30-5:15pm **Confessions**
 5:40pm Prelude to 6:00 Mass
 6:00pm **Solemn Mass** *Celebrant's Intentions*
 11-11:30pm **Confessions**

TUES 12/25 The Nativity of Our Lord

12:00 **Midnight Mass – Extraordinary Form**
 Midnight *Celebrant's Intentions*
 8:30am **Mass –Extraordinary Form** *Pro Populo*
 11:00am **Mass** *Celebrant's Intentions*

WED 12/26 St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr

No Adoration
 6:00pm **Mass** *Celebrant's Intentions*

THU 12/27 St. John the Evangelist, Apostle

6:00pm **Mass** *Celebrant's Intentions*

FRI 12/28 Holy Innocents Martyrs

4:30pm Klabunde/Murphy Rehearsal
 6:00pm **Mass** *Celebrant's Intentions*
 7:00pm Davis/Sparks Rehearsal

**SAT 12/29 Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
 Commemoration of St. Thomas Beckett**

9:00am **Mass– Extraordinary Form** *+ Charlie Hartzel*
 10-11:00am **Confessions**
 12:30pm Klabunde/Murphy Wedding
 6:30pm Davis/Sparks Wedding
 7:00pm Davis/Sparks Reception **BUDDKE HOUSE**

Nashville Diocese Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands

(2019: Sept. 30-Oct. 13). Join as we visit the holy sites of Jordan, Israel, and Palestine. After praying in places you've only read about in Scripture (including Mount Nebo, where Moses looked out over the Promised Land, the baptismal site of Jesus, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and more) life, prayer, and liturgy will never be the same for you. Our chaplain is Fr. John Hammond. Itinerary: <https://thecatholictraveler.com/catholic-pilgrimages/2019-09-30/>. Info: joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com or 615-783-0263.