

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20th to December 27th, 2020

Saturday, Dec. 19th – Late Advent Weekday

3:00 p.m. – All Saints – Stations for Life
4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions
5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

Sunday, December 20th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions
8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For The People of our Parishes
10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions
10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – D'sed Members of the St. Anne Society by Its Members

Mon., Dec. 21st – St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Conversion of Loved Ones by JAN

Tues, Dec. 22nd – Late Advent Weekday

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Adoration with Confession
6:00 p.m. – All Saints – Clealand Blair by Anonymous

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd – St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:30 a.m. – All Saints – Danny Farrar by Amy Marcinko

Thurs., Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Roy & Jennie Lavery by Ann Lavery
8:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of Cliff & Barb Chagnon 69th Wedd. Anniversary

Friday, Dec. 25th – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For The People
10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

Saturday, Dec. 26th – St. Stephen, The First Martyr

4:15-4:30 p.m. – All Saints – Confessions
5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN

Sunday, December 27th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30-8:00 a.m. – All Saints – Confessions
8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Gloria Heter by The Heter Family
10:00-10:20 a.m. – St. Isidore – Confessions
10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – For The People of our Parishes

Please Pray For: Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Alice Kinney, Terry Kneen, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Joseph Adams III, Liza Farrar, Mary Parent, Jerry Tatro, Denise Brier, Scott Patterson, Jackey Garrow, Kelly Nuovo, Annie Button, Amber Kneen, Richard Ploof, Jessica Pomerleau-Honlon, Kaida, Father Jordan, a Parishioner, the recently deceased, Betsy Snider, Peter Fournier, Tara Stubbs, Special Intention, Gloria Weld, Lexi Booska, Steven Tracy, Ginger Desautels, Gerry Seewaldt, Alexander Walter, and all Soldiers.
To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

Receipts: December 13, 2020

All Saints Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$1,440.00

Immaculate Conception	170.00
Offertory	2,479.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	163.00
Christmas Flower Donations	10.00
Donations	185.00
Mac & Cheese 12/04/20: \$352 *** Mac & Cheese 12/11/20: \$352 ☺	

St. Isidore Amount needed in Sunday Offertory \$705.00

Immaculate Conception	180.00
Offertory	418.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	114.00
Christmas Flower Donation and Food Shelf	15.00
Donation	500.00

Thank you to all who are supporting our parishes with your monetary gifts and offerings. God bless you ever more!

Second Collection:

December 20: Energy *** December 27: No Second Collection



Merry Christmas
From Frs. Jordan & Calapan
and the Office Staff!

Calendar of Events:

~Sunday, Dec. 20th: Penance Service at SJB at 2:30pm
~Tuesday, Dec. 22nd: Advent Mission: Infancy narratives at All Saints at 6:30pm
~Friday, Dec. 25th: Rosary Cenacle at All Saints at 6pm
Please come. Our world needs our prayers
~Sunday Mornings @All Saints: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Christ Our Hope Campaign

To our *Christ Our Hope* campaign supporters, we offer a sincere thanks during this giving season. We cannot carry out our mission and realize our dreams without your help.

We are continuing our fundraising efforts as we try to reach our campaign goals. If you are still praying over your decision and discerning how you might help, please know that soon you will receive a follow-up mailing asking to consider a gift.

You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift. Your donation of any size will help address our needs at our parishes but also support fellow Catholics across the state.

Our Parish Goals and Progress: (updated 12/11/2020)

All Saints – \$13,300 raised toward goal of \$77,643 ~ 17%

St. Isidore – \$8,585 raised toward goal of 40,539 ~ 21%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Progress

Updated December 11th

Our Parish Progress for the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal:

All Saints – 102% of \$14K – \$230 over goal – Congratulations!

St. Isidore – 104% of \$4,656 – \$200 over goal – Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year. Both Churches have reached their goal.

!Good Work – Felicitations!

PENANCE SERVICE @St. John the Baptist Church

Sunday, December 20th

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM with two visiting priests

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24:

2:00PM ~ St. Anthony

4:00 PM & 9:00 PM ~ St. John the Baptist

5:00 PM & 8:00 PM ~ All Saints

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25:

8:00 AM ~ St. Anthony

8:15 AM ~ All Saints

10:00 AM ~ St. John the Baptist

10:30 AM ~ St. Isidore

To Reserve a seat at the Christmas Masses please call:

St. Anthony: Sarah Reed 933-7748

St. John the Baptist: Parish office 933-4464

All Saints & St. Isidore: Parish Office 848-7741

**New Year's Day Masses
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**

Thursday, December 31

6:00 PM ~ St. John the Baptist

4:00 PM – St. Isidore

6:30 PM All Saints

Friday, January 1

9:00 AM – All Saints

9:30 AM ~ St. Anthony

All Saints Church Christmas Flower Donations

In Memory of:

- ~Ben & Aline Lavoie, Henri & Janet Tringle, Claudette & Henri Tringle by Bruce & Marlene Mercy
- ~The Heter & Cangelosi Families by Dan & Karen Heter
- ~Edmond Ploof, Clifford & Theresa D. Snider, Oscar & Margaret Ploof by Fredda Ploof
- ~Mark Choquette by Lisa Choquette
- ~Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Domina, Aline Godin, Gail Kinney, Deceased Members of Domina, Couture, Godin & Jacques Families, Irena Boudreau by Richard & Janice Godin
- ~The Ploof & Snider Families by Cedric & Theresa Snider
- ~Jesse Wetherby, Gerard & Therese Paquette, Ed & Barbara Tidd by Don & Madeline Wetherby
- ~The Doe & Rainville Families by Terry & Diane Doe
- ~The Doe and Lemieux Families by Hib & Claire Doe
- ~The Snider & Ploof Families by Therese & Cedric Snider
- ~Raymond & Dorothy Lavery, Ray Lavery, Harold & Timothy Spicer, Madeline Donlon by Margaret Spicer
- ~Germain & Rejéanne Desautels, Patrick Desautels, Marjolaine Longe, Edith Greene and Elaine Sorrell by Renée & Larry Patterson
- ~The Krieg & Doe Families by Loren & Sylvia Doe
- ~The Krieg, Funk and Olio Families & David DiPerna by The Olio Family
- ~Donations received by: Paul & Ann Adamczak, Roselyne Marie Larivière, Johannes & Gertraud Waibel, Joanne Brown, Walter Marte, Sally & Gilbert Desautels



IN HONOR of:

- ~Our Study Group, Staff at OLM & Ave, and our Children by Hib & Claire Doe

St. Isidore Christmas Flower Donations

In Memory of:

- ~Armand & Therese Chauvin by Laurette Chauvin
- ~Deceased Members of the Locher & Barnaby Families by Lynn & Peter Locher
- ~Harlan & Evelyn Mercy, Roger Mercy by Bruce & Marlene Mercy
- ~Donations received by: John & Nancy Kneen, Esther & Julio Varela, Andre & Rosalia Labier, and Colin Wood



Sincere gratitude for all of the donations received this year towards the Christmas Flowers. To beautify the church for Christmas is important as it helps us to lift our hearts and minds to God and to ponder on His immense love for us as. Thank you very much!

December 25th: Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas, first of all, is a fact of history. In a point of time and at a definable place the God of heaven and earth was born of a woman, and came to live among us as man. It is a fact that the infinite God became, unexplainably, a finite creature. It is a fact to which historians attest but which we know is no mere statistic of history; it is, rather, a fact planned by God from all eternity.

This is the fact of Christmas: the Word actually became Flesh.

What is the fact of the Eucharist? It is that the same Jesus Who was born on earth not only became man but remains man. He not only came into the world, He is in the world. In a word, He came to stay. *The Eucharist is*

Christmas prolonged, because faith tells us that once God became man, He decided to remain man. From all the reaches of past eternity, God had only been God. But having once taken on human flesh, into now the future reaches of eternity, God will always remain man. And this God-Man is here; Bethlehem is wherever there is a Catholic Church or chapel in which Christ is present. These are the two facts that we commemorate on Christmas day. But Christmas and the Eucharist are not only facts, they are also mysteries. What is the mystery of Christmas? The mystery is the humanly incredible reality of why God became man. He did not have to. God did not even have to make the world, and within the world, He did not have to make us. Except for the love of God, we are all empty unoccupied spaces on earth. But, having decided to make the world and to make us, God also decided that once man had sinned, He would redeem man. God might have redeemed man by an act of His divine Will; He chose not to do so. He chose, rather, to become man, so that as man He might not only, by some *fiat* of His human freedom redeem us, but might have a mortal flesh and a soul capable of suffering. In a word, the mystery of Christmas is the mystery of God's love that chose to take on our human form in order to show His love for us by suffering ... That is the mystery of Christmas, the mystery of God's love, in order that loving, He might endure the Cross.

What is the mystery of the Eucharist? It is the same. You would think that God's love would have been satisfied with His becoming man and as man living, suffering and dying for our sins. And having once died, rising from the dead and returning as man to the Father from whom He came. But no, the mystery of God's love is that He invented a way of showing His love for us not only by being with us and near us but God even invented a way of being inside of us. All of this tells us a lot about what love means.

Love wants to show that it loves. It is not satisfied with sentiments or words. Love wants to prove its love in deeds; better, it wants to show its love in pain. Love wants to be near the one it loves, to be united with the one it loves. All of this is hidden behind the mystery of the Eucharist, made possible by the mystery of Christmas, because these two mysteries are really one. The Eucharist is merely an extension, a continuation, of what happened 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Because Mary gave birth to the Son of God, we now have the Flesh of the Son of God near us, with us, and when we receive Him in Communion, within us.

... The lesson of Christmas and the Eucharist must be obvious by now. God does nothing in vain. He did not choose to become man nor does He remain man in our midst except that He wants to evoke from us something of the same kind of love that He showed during His life on earth and still shows us in His life in the Eucharist. Jesus Christ gives us His Flesh and Blood to adore, worship and nourish our souls on, so that we might live with His life. What He wants us to do therefore, and this is the lesson, is to love Him as He has been loving us.

How has He been loving us? First of all, He loves us in simplicity. Is there anything more simple than a child, or anything more simple than the round wafer of the Eucharist? God wants us to love Him in simplicity. Above all, we must have no duplicity with God. He wants our whole heart, not just part of it. We are to love Him, therefore, simply, unqualifyingly, totally.

God wants us to love Him humbly. Is there anything more lowly than a baby? They are speechless, helpless; they must be fed and carried from place to place. And is there anything more unpretentious than what seems to be a piece of bread and a sip of wine? Yet as we know, real humility is always greatness hiding itself out of love. What a hard lesson for us to learn, to love this God of ours humbly.

We are to love God and, allowing Him to do with us as He pleases, we are to love God obediently. When God came into the world, He came as Scripture tells us, obedient first of all to His Father's Will; then, as a Child and through His growing manhood, He was obedient to His mother Mary and to Joseph. In the Eucharist, too, He is totally submissive. The moment a duly ordained priest pronounces the words of Consecration, Jesus Christ comes down on the altar, He obeys. This is our faith. And perhaps this is the hardest lesson to learn, to love God obediently. It means, as we know, obeying God not only interiorly or according to our own understanding or interpretation of God's Will, it means obeying God as that divine Will is explained and interpreted for us by His fallible and weak human creatures.

~ Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

THE NATIVITY

When I was at, the crib of Bethlehem, I beheld a most beautiful Virgin with child, in a white mantle and tunic, evidently soon about to be delivered. With her was a most venerable old man, and they had an ox and an ass. When they entered the cave, the old man tied the ox and the ass to the crib, going out he brought the Virgin a lighted torch, and set it in the wall. Then he again withdrew so as not to be personally present at the birth. Then the Virgin loosed her shoes from off her feet, and laid aside her white mantle, and took off her veil from her head, and laid it beside her, remaining in her tunic, her long hair, as beautiful as gold, falling down over her shoulders. Then she drew out two fine, clean linen cloths, and two of wool, which she had brought to wrap the new-born child in, and two smaller linen ones to cover and tie his head. These she laid beside her to use in due time. When all these things were ready, then the Virgin, kneeling with great reverence, placed herself in prayer, with her back to the crib, her face eastward, raised to heaven. She stood with uplifted hands, and eyes fixed on heaven, rapt as it were, in an ecstasy of contemplation, inebriated with the divine sweetness. And while she thus stood in prayer, I beheld her child move in her womb, and at once in a moment, and in the twinkling of an eye, she brought forth her Son, from whom such ineffable light and splendor radiated, that the sun could not be compared to it; nor did the torch which the old man had set, in any manner give light, because that divine splendor had totally annihilated the material splendor of the torch, and so sudden and momentary was that mode of bearing, that I could not perceive or discern how, or in what part she brought forth. Nevertheless, I immediately beheld that glorious babe lying naked and most pure on the ground, his flesh most clean from all filth or impurity I then also heard angelic chants of wonderful suavity and great sweetness. When the Virgin perceived that she had been delivered, she immediately bowed her head, and joining her hands, adored her Son with great respect and reverence, saying: "Welcome, my God, and my Lord, and my Son." Then the child crying, and, as it were, shivering with cold and the hard floor where he lay, turned a little, and stretched out his limbs, seeking to find a mother's favor and caress. Then his mother took him in her hands and clasped him to her heart, and with her cheek and breast warmed him with great joy, and a mother's tender compassion. Then sitting on the ground, she laid her son in her lap, and began diligently to wrap him up ... When this was done, the old man entered, and prostrating himself on his knees on the ground, he adored him, weeping for joy. Nor did the Virgin on this occasion lose color or strength, as befalls other women who are delivered, except that her size was diminished. Then she arose with the child in her arms, and both together, that is, she and Joseph, laid him in the manger, and kneeling, adored him with immense joy and gladness. ~ Revelations of Saint Bridget