THIRD SUNDAY
OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11

DECEMBER 13, 2020

  Pastor
• Rev. Marcin S. Wiktor
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• Rev. John Noone
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• Deacon Brian Klause
• Deacon Doug McNair

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday: 10:40 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Misa en Español
Spanish Mass in Parish Hall
5:00 p.m. Youth Mass
Weekday Masses: 8:10 a.m. on
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., and
6:30 pm Mass on Mon., Tues.,
and Thurs. evenings.
Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet:
After weekday Masses
**Baptisms**
Baptism classes are held quarterly (January, April, July, & October) on the 3rd Monday of the month. All paperwork must be received at the office no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled baptism.

**Confessions**
Confessions are 30 minutes before Mass on weekends and by appointment.

**Funerals**
Arrangements may be made by calling the office. Pre-funeral arrangements may also be made.

**Weddings**
Weddings are to be scheduled 6 months prior to the ceremony. Any information you need regarding any of the sacraments or events listed above, may be obtained by calling the office.

**Communion Calls**
Please notify the church office of the names of those who desire to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital.

**Anointing Of The Sick**
Communal Anointing periodically or anytime upon request.

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**Mass Intentions**

**December 12th – December 18th**

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**The Sanctuary Light Burns**
In Memory of Louis & Philomena Paschall

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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This Is Your Parish!
For anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or anyone who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation through RCIA, please contact the parish office. RCIA will be held on Mondays at 6:00PM in the parish hall. For anyone interested in helping with RCIA or would just like to come for continuous religious instruction, please also contact the church office. Due to COVID-19, attendance MAY be limited, so for those wishing to participate in RCIA for any reason, you must first contact the church office and speak with the RCIA coordinator before attending.
FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Luke 1)
R. My soul rejoices in my God.
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING
A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians
1Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.
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GOSPEL OF THE MASS
A reading from the holy Gospel According to John
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,” as Isaiah the prophet said.” Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Saturday December 12th—6:30pm in Spanish:
(no 11:30am Hispanic Mass on Sunday December 13th)
* this is in addition to our regular weekend Masses

**Christmas Masses**
Thursday December 24th
2:00pm
4:00pm (live-streamed)
6:00pm
Midnight

Friday December 25th 9:00am and 11:00am (Hispanic Mass)

**Solemnity of Mary-New Year’s Eve**
Thursday December 31st—4:00pm and 6:00pm

Friday January 1st — 9:00am

Mass Book is open for your Mass Intentions
$10.00 Mass stipend
$40.00 Flowers on the Altar
$9.00 For the Sanctuary Candle
Profession Of Faith
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son
of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all
things were made. For us men and for our salvation he
came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our
sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered
death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I
believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I
confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

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PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS
EACH DAY
December 13th—December 19th
Sunday- Fr. Mark Ropel
Monday- Frs. Alwin Samy H.G.N. &
         Augustinus Seran, S.V.D
Tuesday- Fr. Jacob M. Smith OFM
Wednesday- Fr. James Smith
Thursday- Frs. Michael Snyder &
          Colten Symmes
Friday- Fr. Emmanuel Subaar
Saturday- Fr. Sebastian Thekkedath CMI

JOHN THE BAPTIST
At a school open house a woman could be overheard
introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh,
Bill, I’d like you to meet Johnny’s father. And over here,
this is Marie’s mom; you know, the little girl from our
Ellen’s soccer team.”

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not
by name: “I’m Ellen’s Dad.”

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or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important
to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not.
He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet
God’s people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more
than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s
reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE
Most people are bothered by those passages in
Scripture which they can’t understand; but . . . I have
noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me
most are those I do understand.
—Mark Twain

MEASURING SUCCESS
Success is to be measured not so much by the
position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles
that one has overcome while trying to succeed.
—Booker T. Washington

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# St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Monthly Collections

## January through November 2020 Compared to 2019

**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Monthly Collections**

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**2020-2019 Collections Variance**

- **January**: -$28,698.84
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- **September**: $202.28
- **October**: -$7,279.48
- **November**: -$5,512.32
- **Total**: -$59,502.98
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross
Wednesday: Las Posadas begins

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Blessed Mary Frances Schervier’s Story
December 15
This woman who once wanted to become a Trappistine nun was instead led by God to establish a community of sisters who care for the sick and aged in the United States and throughout the world.

Born into a distinguished family in Aachen—then ruled by Prussia, but formerly Aix-la-Chapelle, France—Frances ran the household after her mother’s death, and established a reputation for generosity to the poor.

In 1844, she became a Secular Franciscan. The next year she and four companions established a religious community devoted to caring for the poor. In 1851, the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis were approved by the local bishop; the community soon spread. The first U.S. foundation was made in 1858. Mother Frances visited the United States in 1863 and helped her sisters nurse soldiers wounded in the Civil War. She visited the United States again in 1868. She encouraged Philip Hoever as he was establishing the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis. When Mother Frances died, there were 2,500 members of her community worldwide. They are still engaged in operating hospitals and homes for the aged. Mother Mary Frances was beatified in 1974.

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The Glory Be
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Mass
In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all. The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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Saint John of the Cross’ Story
December 14
John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest. Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John’s spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle. But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly “of the Cross.” He died at 49—a life short, but full.

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