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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

SAINT BENEDICT

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish
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Detroit, Michigan 48219
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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Administrator

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	12:05 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	12:05 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

BAPTISMS
Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

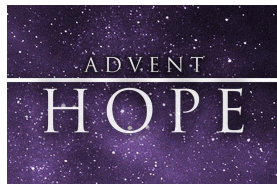
ROSARY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

PHONE NUMBERS

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REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD



How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember the God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing “a just shoot” (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God’s designs that go beyond the surface.

Jesus’ words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus’ words are strong: Don’t cower; stand erect. Don’t let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heartbeat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God’s love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.
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LIVING GOD’S WORD

Advent is a time to enter more deeply into conversation with God. Pray with the words of the psalmist, who encourages us to turn to God, who will make known the way, teach us the right paths, and draw us into divine kindness, constancy, and friendship.

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The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord’s birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus’ promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn (GIRM, no. 316). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

From USCCB

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS



Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Check here each week for a St. Scholastica history question. The answer will be given in the next week’s bulletin.

WHEN WAS GROUND BROKEN FOR THE CURRENT CONVENT?

ANSWER: OCTOBER 1953

TO WHAT PARISH DID ST. SCHOLASTICA DONATE ITS ORIGINAL WOODEN CHURCH? WHEN?



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Tuesday, November 30, 2021

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions of Frank Fitzgerald (50th Birthday) by Trudy Fitzgerald

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

12:05 p.m. No Intention

Thursday, December 2, 2021

12:05 p.m. † Patrick Nolan by Gerald and Mary Ellen Clark

Friday, December 3, 2021

12:05 p.m. No Intention

Saturday, December 4, 2021

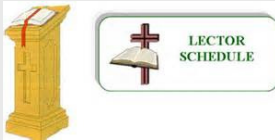
8:00 a.m. No Intention

4:00 p.m. No Intention

Sunday, December 5, 2021

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

LECTOR SCHEDULE



November 27, 2021

Helen Burton

November 28, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

Jonathan Jackson

Evelyn Alesna



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass: 12:05 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH:

Decorate the Convent for Christmas
12:00 Noon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

Parish Christmas Party
3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:

Become the Fire Prayer Gathering
7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH:

Decorate the Sanctuary with Christmas Decorations
12:00 p.m. – After POLOV Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:

The Nativity of the Lord
Music: 4:00 p.m.
Mass: 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH :

The Nativity of the Lord
Music: 9:30 a.m.
Mass: 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph



**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND
HOMEBOUND PARISH MEMBERS:**

Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed, Jerome Bies, Annie Stacherski, William Moulton, Stella Blair, Colleen Darjean, and Dr. Irah Charles.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL



Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

FAMILIES OF PARISHES PRAYER



Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence.

Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy.

This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



As we begin this Advent season of prayer and expectation, let us present our needs before God with confidence.

That the Church, with eager longing for the return of Christ, may prepare for Him by building a world of justice, we pray to the Lord...

That leaders of nations may seek that justice and peace which come from the Word of God, we pray to the Lord...

The Pope's monthly intention: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up in life. We pray to the Lord . .

That all who have not yet heard of the coming of Christ may hear and believe the Good News, we pray to the Lord...

That the gift of justice may transform our land, making secure the lives of the poor, the vulnerable, and the unborn, we pray to the Lord...

That the sick and the lonely may find comfort in Christ and the Church, we pray to the Lord...

That all who have died may be freed from sin and stand securely before the Son of Man, we pray to the Lord...

For the Intentions of this Mass, we pray to the Lord . . .