

THE

Benedictine



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT BENEDICT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish
17320 Rosemont
Detroit, Michigan 48219
www.scholastica.church

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-Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday: After 8:00 a.m. 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

Parish Office(313) 531-0140
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REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

My father used to refer to the town of my—and his—birth as a “nickel-and-dime” town. As a child, I was never exactly sure what he meant, but it didn’t sound like a compliment. I think it was similar to Micah’s words about Bethlehem as “too small to be among the clans of Judah” (5:1). Another description would be “backwater.” Hardly a place deserving of great expectations. Yet backwater Bethlehem, city of David the shepherd boy, was to be the birthplace of the Messiah—not Jerusalem, center of government and religion, city of David the warrior king.

God’s strange choices extend beyond geographical sites to the people on whom God sets eyes. A young betrothed girl up in the north, a barren woman down in the south—these were chosen to play pivotal roles in the story of salvation. The once-barren Elizabeth, soon to bring forth the greatest of all prophets, now proclaims God’s most marvelous work and the little one through whom God is working: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:42).

Elizabeth cues us to join in the response of the baby in her womb: to allow our hearts and spirits to leap for joy. Again and again God works through those who are open to the Spirit. Blessed are they who place their trust in the Lord, who continues to come to give us new life.

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

After hearing Elizabeth’s final words, “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled” (Luke 1:45), we can pray the words of the refrain of today’s responsorial psalm: “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved” (Psalm 80:4).

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BURIED IN CHRIST



Albert Jackson, Jr.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Fr. James W. Lowe, CC presiding.

NATIVITY SPECIAL COLLECTION



The parish has purchased a beautiful outdoor Nativity to welcome all to our parish. What better beacon of light and God’s love than the Holy Family, to attract the community to St. Scholastica. Building the stable has been a work of love for some of parishioners and friends of the parish. Others have offered financial support, but we wanted to give everyone the opportunity to be a part of this new community outreach. So, we are having a special collection during advent. It would be wonderful if we could raise enough money to both pay for the Nativity and the supplies to make and secure the stable. Your generosity would be appreciated. Gold envelopes are available in the back of the church that can be put in the collection basket or just send your contribution to the parish with an indication that it is for the Nativity. Our goal is \$3,400. By the end of last Sunday, when it was first announced, we had reached \$801 in donations and pledges.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS



Micah 5:1-4a

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45



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

WHAT FORMER ST. SCHOLASTICA MUSIC DIRECTOR’S NIECE WAS RECENTLY A SUBSTITUTE MUSICIAN AT ST. SCHOLASTICA?

ANSWER: MARY WILLIAMS, THE NIECE OF JUNE WILLIAMS. LONG TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR.



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Tuesday, December 21, 2021

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions of Helen Burton by Fermon and Cheryl Sanders

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

12:05 p.m. No Intention

Thursday, December 23, 2021

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions of Gerald and Mary Ellen Clark by Fermon and Cheryl Sanders

Friday, December 24, 2021

12:05 p.m. No Intention

Saturday, December 25, 2021

4:30 p. m. † James Woodward by Carol Marine and Family

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners
† For Frank and Virginia Kay by Anthony Kay

LECTOR SCHEDULE



December 18, 2021

Helen Burton

December 19, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

James Torres
Evelyn Alesna

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

Connie Borg

December 25, 2021

The Nativity of the Lord

Helen Burton

ADVENT GIVING PROJECT

There will be an Advent Giving Tree in front of the choir loft of the main church until January 2, 2022. The items collected will be donated to “Operation Layette” and should be for infants up to 9 months old.

The following items may be donated:

- Onesies—Newborn to 9 Months
- Sleep and play outfits, boy or girl—Newborn to nine months
- Diapers—Newborn or size 1 or 2
- Baby Wash, Diaper Rash Cream
- Crib Sheets, Baby Towels, Baby Wash Cloths
- Baby Bottles, Pacifiers

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH:

Decorate the Sanctuary with Christmas Decorations
2:00 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
Mass: 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST:

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph
Mass: 10:00 a.m.



**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, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Yolanda Stephens, 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

**UNLEASH
THE GOSPEL**

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



Like the Virgin Mary, let us pray now, trusting that the Lord's promises to us will be fulfilled.

That the Church of Jesus Christ may always be joyful in proclaiming His coming, we pray to the Lord...

That Christ, the Shepherd of all nations, will guide world leaders and their peoples in the ways of peace and justice, we pray to the Lord...

That as Mary helped Elizabeth, so we may help those who are pregnant to care for their unborn children, we pray to the Lord.....

The Pope's Monthly Intention: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord . . .

That the sick and the dying may not be neglected by those around them, but loved and strengthened, we pray to the Lord...

That those who have died may be welcomed into the life that never ends, we pray to the Lord...

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