



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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The Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

See Mass card or Missalette

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of thine Only Begotten Son: that through his advent we may be worthy to serve thee with purified minds; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass

Gradual

Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty.
V./ Gather my Saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brethren: Always in every prayer of mine for you all I make my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses chanted by priest and people. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass

Alleluia. Alleluia.

V./ I was glad when they said unto me:
we will go into the house of the Lord.

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

GIVE THANKS FOR OUR PRIESTS

Last Sunday, the Ordinariate hosted a second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Priests**. Gifts to this campaign will go towards the pension established to help our clergy live their retirement years in dignity, free of anxiety about their means of support. If you still wish to make a contribution to the collection, please take a special donation envelope today. **Checks should be made to "Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter" and mailed in the pre-addressed envelopes provided by the Ordinariate.** Thank you for sharing in the long-term care for our priests by making a gift to this important campaign!



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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For those expecting children: Katie & Dan; Joan & John Paul; Bethany & Seth; Karla & Jacob; Lisa & Ben; Christy & Doug; Kathryn & Phillip; Celeste & Zachary; Rebecca & Brinton; Erin & Sebastian; Megan & Bart.

For those celebrating anniversaries: *Sunday:* Theodore Irlbeck [B]; William Schroeder [B]; Elias Tutuska [B]; *Monday:* Deborah Blount [B]; *Wednesday:* Stuart & Bira Moore [W]; Adele McGookin [B]; Shirley Nelson [B]; *Thursday:* Brigitte Brignac [B]; Stan Smith [B]; *Saturday:* Rita Brignac [B]; Kathy Hargis [B]; Diem Pham [B].

For those in special need: Frank; Ryan; Matthew; Laurie; Susan; John; Jennifer; Grant; Lisa; Carl; Damian; Jaime; Earl; Isabella; Ronald; Jennifer; Susan; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Laura Anne; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Morgan; Ann; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For those serving in our armed forces: Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For the faithful departed:

Anniversaries of Death: *Sunday:* James R. Miller, priest; John Titterington; *Tuesday:* Benjamin Morris; *Wednesday:* Robert Lewis; *Thursday:* Kathryn Smith; *Friday:* Mary Harrison.

MUSIC

Prelude.....*Rorate Caeli*
KYRIE.....MS 2 in SMMH
Offertory Hymn.....C 3 in SMMH
SANCTUS.....MS 2 In SMMH
MYSTERIUM FIDEI..... MS 2 In SMMH
AMEN.....MS 15 In SMMH
PATER NOSTER.....MS 17 In SMMH
AGNUS DEI.....MS 2 In SMMH
Communion Hymn.....C 5 in SMMH
Anthem.....*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
 by Joseph Running
Postlude.....*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

*The numbers above are for the new pew
Missal & Hymnal.*

MS represents Mass Setting.

C represents Christmas

(including Advent & Epiphany.)

EU represents Eucharistic hymns.

Adult Choir rehearses Thursday at 7:00 pm.
Youth Choir rehearses after the 10:30 Mass
today and next Sunday.

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offertory Forecast.....\$6,000.00
 Actual Offertory Collected.....\$6,097.35
 Variance.....\$97.35

Thank you for your loving support.

ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 9

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm

Religious Ed at 9:00 am

Monday, December 10

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Christopher Hooper, RIP

Tuesday, December 11

Mass at 7:00 pm

S.I. Benjamin Russell, RIP

Wednesday, December 12

Confessions at 11:00 am

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Guadalupe Muniz

Thursday, December 13

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. All Souls

Men's Examen Group at 10:30 am

Friday, December 14

Mass at 9:00 am

S.I. All Souls

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am—6:00 pm

Saturday, December 15

Rorate Caeli Mass at 6:00 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Confessions 10:00—11:00 am

S.I. Souls of Purgatory

Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

Sunday, December 16

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm

Religious Ed at 9:00 am

K of C Meeting at 12:30 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY IS
THE THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**



“Christmas Flowers”
envelopes are on the table in
the narthex. Please help defray
the cost of flowers at Christmas
with your contribution.

Year End Contributions

If you are considering making a year-end contribution to the Parish, it must be RECEIVED in the Parish office by 12/31/18 or POSTMARKED by 12/31/18 for it to be considered a 2018 donation. These are the rules promulgated by the IRS and the Parish follows those rules. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary the Virgin.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please
arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.

December 9

8:00 am	Altar Server	Jon Carr
	Ushers	Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro
10:30am	Master of Ceremonies	Br. Michael Bell
	Thurifer	Martin Morris
	Crucifer	Ben Skinner
	Torchbearers	Patrick Johnson / Toby Zipper
	Boat Boy	Matt Garland
	First Reading	Mike Pratt
	Intercessory Prayers	Meg Jones
	Oblationers	The Zipper Family
	Ushers	TBD / Stephen Schmitt
6:00pm	Altar Servers	William Harvey / Talon McCalum (C)
	Ushers	Floyd & Roberta Ferguson
	Office Help	Martin Durbec / Terry Southard



St. Mary the Virgin Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 15

Rorate Caeli Mass at 6:00 am

Mass at 9:00 am

Confessions 10:00—11:00 am

Saturday, December 22

Come & help decorate the SMV for Christmas!

Pizza Lunch at 12:00 pm then decorate church.

Monday, December 24

Daily Mass at 12:00 pm

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm

Cookies & Punch will be served in the parish hall
immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass

Christmas Carols at 10:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass at 11:00 pm

Champagne Reception in the parish hall immediately
following the 11:00 pm Mass. SMV will supply
champagne, please bring a “breakfast finger food”
to share.

Tuesday, December 25

Mass of the Day at 10:00 am

Parish Office Closed

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin,

Having just celebrated the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Our Holy Mother the Virgin Mary, we believe that unlike any other person after Adam and Eve, she was conceived without the stain of original sin. She was not born with that internal battle we all face to do what is good and just, in the face of our passing “feelings.” Just think of how many relationships could be repaired if we choose what is good and just for our relationship with God and for the “other person” by conquering our hurt feelings, our anger, our envy, our ambition, our selfishness – that is the path of mercy.

And how do we get on that path of mercy? It begins with examining ourselves. We have to honestly look at all the things we have failed to do. Have I made God the center of my life? Do I pray about every important decision? Could someone tell that I am a Christian by looking at my calendar, examining my checkbook, reading my Facebook page or reviewing my Netflix queue? When is the last time I have done something for a person who is not a family member or friend? What we do with our time and money is often a reflection of where our heart is. If we are truly faithful, it will be reflected in our lives. There will be concrete behavioral signs of how God’s grace is working within us.

In some cases, we are very good at outward signs, volunteering and reaching out to others, but very poor at having a loving relationship within our own families. Is there someone you avoid talking to? Is there someone or something you are always complaining about?

We cannot repair what we fail to acknowledge is broken. So let us use this season of preparation to dig deep and route out the sins that plague us through the merciful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Based on the 10 Commandments, here are some questions to ponder.

- 1) Have I treated people, events or things as more important than God?
- 2) Have my words, actively or passively put down God, the Church or people?
- 3) Do I go to Mass every Sunday and on Holy days of obligation (Dec. 8, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Aug. 15 and Nov. 1)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord’s Day and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?
- 4) Do I show my parents or others in authority in my life due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communications with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?
- 5) Have I harmed another through physical, verbal or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?
- 6) Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?
- 7) Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?
- 8) Have I gossiped, told lies or embellished stories at the expense of another?
- 9) Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?
- 10) Am I content with my own means and needs or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

The Lord is merciful. He is waiting for each one of us to acknowledge where we need his forgiveness and help. Confession is available every Saturday morning from 10:00 on and from 11:00 – 11:50 AM Wednesday before the Mass.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations.

Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Tamales Are Here!

Just in time to enjoy during December. \$10 for 15, \$20 for 30. All proceeds go to fund the work that our Knights do. See a Knight after Masses to purchase or come by the parish office.

A. M. D. G.

Flowers: NO FLOWERS DURING ADVENT

Sanctuary Light: Helen Mitchell *in loving memory of Helen & Dorsey Mitchell.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: Helen Mitchell *in loving memory of Helen & Dorsey Mitchell.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: Helen Mitchell *in loving memory of Helen & Dorsey Mitchell.*

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: Helen Mitchell *in loving memory of Helen & Dorsey Mitchell.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I:
Helen Mitchell *in loving memory of Helen & Dorsey Mitchell.*