

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin

“At the beginning of the season of Advent we are confronted with the urgency of not only Jesus’ clear words about the end time but also the urgency of St. Paul about the present time: “For now is the hour for us to rise from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.” For most of us, Advent is the season before Christmas in which we wait for Christmas to come. And for most of us this waiting is a passive waiting like waiting in traffic, or passing time in the doctor’s office before our appointment by reading a trashy magazine: we wait by killing time. But this is the opposite of advent waiting. Advent waiting never commits temporicide, never waits by killing time. Advent waiting watches constantly, Advent waiting means living one’s life on tip-toes, constantly paying attention to the signs of the times, continually singing the responsory for Matins: *Aspiciens a longe, ecce video Dei pontentiam venientem*; “I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth! Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.” Advent waiting rejoices in the passing of time, for with every moment that passes we come closer to what we most long for: our salvation and the salvation of all that exists.”

“Advent is the season of those wonderful readings from the prophet Isaiah: “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.” But the

arrow of time in these prophets also points forward and backward at the same time: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son. And his name shall be called Emmanuel.” But this should not surprise us for these words echo to us from eternity, and they can do so because our God entered time and space in the finite womb of the Virgin Mary and so concentrated time itself into one point, the true singularity point, from which all else radiates: past,

present and future. And yet in Christ, time is not destroyed. It becomes itself sacramental, for now time itself is no longer something to be endured, or to be measured, or to be killed in impatience. Time itself is pregnant with the advent of the consummation of all things in Christ, time itself is fraught with hope, even in the midst, or especially in the midst, of earthquakes and storms and distress among the nations, the banner of the Word of God stretches always forth and on,

sweeping all towards that day of wrath, that day of unimaginable joy, sweeping not only those who believe, but all humankind, all those made in the image of God, and no matter how marred that image, no matter the radical denial of that image and the radical denial of God, none can escape that last birth by which time will cease in the act giving birth to the eternity of God. And for some that birth will be eternal death. And for those who believe, that birth will be eternal life.”

Father Richard Gennaro Cipolla

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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.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

(For the Greater Glory)

Flowers: No Flowers During Advent.

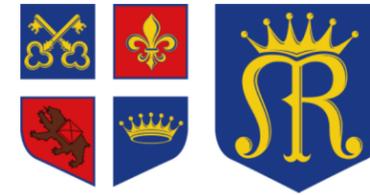
Sanctuary Light: Mark & Valerie Murphree *in loving memory of Christopher Hooper.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: Mark & Valerie Murphree *in loving memory of Christopher Hooper.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: Mark & Valerie Murphree *in loving memory of Christopher Hooper.*

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: Mark & Valerie Murphree *in loving memory of Christopher Hooper.*

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Welcome to The Catholic Church of St. Mary the Virgin. We are a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter authorized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 for Anglicans seeking to become Catholic. Ordinariate parishes are fully Catholic, while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage and embracing the roots of the Catholic faith’s rich tradition through reverent liturgy and historical music. All Catholics are invited to participate in our Divine Worship liturgy and receive communion by kneeling (if able) at the altar rail and receiving our Lord on the tongue.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish for details regarding the preparation program. Under Ordinariate policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Liturgical Ministers

December 8, 2019

8:00 a.m. Altar Server.....Joseph Schmitt
UshersNance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro

10:30 a.m. Master of Ceremonies.....Br. Michael Bell
ThuriferPeter Irlbeck
CruciferTheo Irlbeck
Torchbearers... ..Anthony & Eliot Gunnip
Boat Boy.....Anthony Kruzik
First ReadingBrandon Gunnip
Intercessory PrayersMeg Jones
Ushers.....Kevin Vina / Mike Pratt

6:00 p.m. Altar ServersRaphael Refi / Vincent Lohla (C)
Ushers.....Floyd & Roberta Ferguson
Office Help.....Martin Durbec / Terry Southard

Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Music of the Mass

Music is in the red or blue hymnal or in the tabs of the Divine Worship notebooks indicated in bold.

Prelude.....*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*
by Michael Burkhardt

Kyrie.....**Mass Settings Tab** Page 2

Sanctus, Agnus Dei.....**Mass Settings Tab** Page 2

Offertory Hymn.....**Hymnal** Page 67

Mysterium Fidei.....**Mass Settings Tab** Page 14

Amen.....*Simple Chant Amen*

Pater Noster.....**Mass Settings Tab** Page 17

Communion Hymn.....**Hymnal** Page 65

Communion Anthem.....*Advent Prose Rorate Caeli*

Recessional Hymn.....**Hymnal** Page 58

Adult Choir will rehearse Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir will rehearse after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on
Sunday until 1:15 p.m.

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, one God, world without end. Amen.

Scripture of the Mass

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. 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

Romans 15:4-9

Brethren: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Mary the Virgin Advent and Christmas Schedule

The St. Mary the Virgin 2019 Advent and Christmas schedule is now available on the parish website, www.stmarythevirgin.org.

Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses chanted by priest and people. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Prayers of the People

Intercession (Form 3 on Page 25)

For Those in Special Need

Charlotte; Robert; Chris; Lance; Fr. Reggie; Fr. Ray; Jaime; Kim; Buddy; John; Juan Pablo; Dominic; Donald; Peter; John; Isabella; Ronald; Carol; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Pierson; Lucas; Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For Those Expecting Children

Amy & Hunter; Rebecca & Brinton; Lisa & Chris; Alice & Joseph; Lisa & Adam; Colleen & Rafael.

For the Faithful Departed

On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

Sunday: James Brignac; Monday: John Titterington; James Miller, priest; Wednesday: Benjamin Morris; Thursday: Robert Lewis; Friday: Kathryn Smith; Saturday: Mary Harrison.

For those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday: Barbara Lewkowski (B); Sheila Shirley (B); Jack Tosh (B); Monday: Theodore Irlbeck; William Schroeder (B); Tuesday: Deborah Blount (B); Thursday: Simon Glicksman (B); Shirley Nelson (B); Stuart & Bira Moore (W); Friday: Brigitte Brignac (B); Stan Smith (B).

This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday, December 8

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Religious Ed class at 9:15 a.m.
ENDOW class at 9:15 a.m. in the parish office

Monday, December 9

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(Mass Intention: Savannah Nicole Jahrdorfer)

Tuesday, December 10

Mass at 7:00 p.m.
(Mass Intention: Christopher Hooper, RIP)

Wednesday, December 11

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.
Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(Mass Intention: Victoria Muschalek, RIP)

Thursday, December 12

Men's Examen Group at 10:30 a.m.
Mass at 12:00 p.m.
(Mass Intention: Leonard & Maria Felisa Chaires, RIP)

Friday, December 13

Mass at 9:00 a.m.
(Mass Intention: Leonides Guilarte)
Adoration 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14

Mass at 9:00 a.m.
(Mass Intention: Kyle Roberts, RIP)
Confessions at 10:00 a.m.
Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 a.m.

News and Notes

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate towards the Christmas poinsettias purchased for the church at Christmas, 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 12/31/19 or postmarked by 12/31/19 for it to be considered a 2019 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.

Knights of Columbus Tamale Sale

The Knights of Columbus Tamale sale is ongoing. Tamales are sold frozen and the cost is 10 tamales for

\$15. Make sure to get your traditional Christmas Tamales on Sundays during Advent after every Mass.

Rorate Caeli Mass

There will be a Rorate Caeli Mass on Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 a.m. This Mass will be by candlelight. Please make plans to be there. The regular Saturday Mass and confession schedule remains in effect.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Come and help decorate St. Mary the Virgin on Saturday, December 21 at 12:00 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided.

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory Collected.....\$5,986.00
Variance.....—\$14.00

Thank you for your generosity