Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

December is Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

God granted Mary the privilege and grace to be clean from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception though the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race.

Mass Intentions Fourth Week of Advent

Saturday, Dec 18
3:30p Bell Chevney

Sunday, Dec 19
10:00a (F) Dr. Syoum Gebregziabiher
11:30a For the People
1:00p (S) Andy Payen

Monday, Dec 20
5:30p Tula Sylou

Tuesday, Dec 21
ST. PETER CANISIUS
12:05p All Pilgrims to Notre Dame
5:30p Thanksgiving to God for Blessings

Wednesday, Dec 22
12:05p Anton Curanovic
5:30p Archbishop Paulo Faraj Rahho

Thursday, Dec 23
ST. JOHN OF KANTY
12:05p Aba Gebrekidan Gerbermann
5:30p M. Kasi

Friday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve
12:05p Justin Martin Sanabria
7:00p Christmas Eve Chorale

Saturday, Dec 25
8:00p NIGHT MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Trilingual)
ISAIAH 9:1-6
FOR THE PEOPLE
TIMOTHY 2:11-14
LUKE 2:1-14

SUNDAY, Dec 26 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10:00a (F) In honor of the Birth of Jesus
11:30a (English) Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague

For the Repose of the Soul of Bell Chevney

Catholic churches in the New York Archdiocese have been fully re-opened.

Some Covid-19 Restrictions are as follows.

Current Guidelines:
2. Masks are required for all per the Governor's edict. This will continue into January 2022. Keep social distancing.
3. No church capacity restrictions.
4. Social Distancing - a "physical distance section" will be maintained for those individuals who wish to utilize such accommodations.
5. Attendees may continue to sanitize hands at sanitizer stations.
6. Holy water fonts will remain empty.
7. Sign of peace offered without physical contact.
8. Holy Communion continues to be received in the hand. If in the mouth, please attend at the end of the communion line.
9. Collections take place but parishioners are urged to use WeShare.
10. Confession available by appointment. Please call the rectory.

"Forever I will sing of the goodness of the Lord." Psalm 89
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A little first-grader, asked to make a picture of the Nativity, drew Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in a stable. On the wall of the stable the child put a large cross! An anarchism, perhaps, but one that highlights a significant truth: the crib leads inevitably to the cross. It is easy for us to be sentimental about the birth of Jesus. There was certainly a lovely serenity at Bethlehem. But there were rejections, poverty, and an insane king who would slaughter all the baby boys of Bethlehem to eradicate the child he perceived as a threat to his throne. Jesus, would be given “the throne of David” and would “reign over the house of Jacob forever,” yet he would give his life for us at Calvary. The crib and the cross are part of the “mystery that was kept secret (and) is now disclosed” to us, the mystery of Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that he was born in a stable and put to death on a cross to give us eternal life.

ADVENT - a season of love

Advent draws to a close with the Church’s remembrance of God’s dramatic intervention to become Emmanuel, God-with-us, in Jesus who is Son of God and Son of David. Advent is a season that celebrates first and foremost God’s incredible love for us. The prophet Isaiah calls for us the promise of God’s intervention when King Ahaz is told that the sign of salvation will be one who is with child. Mary’s love and trust made the fulfillment of that prophecy possible. St. Joseph demonstrates a similar love and trust when he embraces a mystery he cannot understand and waits patiently for God’s will to be done. May their example inspire us to mirror the tremendous love of this Advent season.

Thank you for your generosity.
December 12, 2021
Weekly collection $772.00 Poor Box $113
Religious Retirement Fund $610

WeShare - is available to everyone and we ask that all who can, to please make your contributions through WeShare. Your help is much appreciated. WeShare at: www.ndparish.org and click on WeShare.

Christmas Gifts and Envelopes

Envelopes for our Christmas collection are at the exits. Your special charity at Christmas time helps to pay many of the fuel and insurance bills that are not covered by our weekly collections.

Christmas Flowers, Trees

A beautiful way to remember your departed loved ones is to make a special gift or memorial offering for the flowers and trees used to decorate the church for this great solemnity. Special envelopes are at the church exits.

NY Archdiocese Goal $21 Million
Your gift would help ensure that the Archdiocese will reach its 2021 goal and be equipped to serve all people in need. Notre Dame reached its goal of $29,500. Now a percentage of the amount collected above Notre Dame’s goal returns to the parish.

Advent Giving Tree

We can help the Sisters of Life take care of young women and their unborn babies by helping to provide a Christmas gift(s) for the children from Notre Dame’s Giving Tree and return it to the Sisters of Life.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for December – for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage, creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lectio Divina for Advent
visit: https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english/

Christmas

...I proclaim to you news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David, a Savior has been born for you, who is Messiah and Lord...” (Lk 2:10-11)
A joyous time for the Church, Christmas begins on December 24th with the first Vespers of the Solemnity and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, White vestments reappear in our churches as a sign of joy. On December 25th, the Church celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, when God Himself gave to us the greatest of all gifts, His beloved Son. The Nativity was the beginning of the fulfillment of prophecies that began with Adam and Eve. St. Luke’s gospel narrates a series of events that relate to the birth of the Messiah. He begins with the angel’s announcement of the birth of John to Zachariah. Six months later, the angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary and told her that she would conceive and bear a son and that He would be called Jesus, Son of the Most High. Mary said to the angel, “May it be done to me according to your word.” The angel also told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth in her old age had conceived. Mary went to visit Elizabeth. Following the birth of John the Baptist, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that everyone should be enrolled in his own town. Joseph and Mary went from Galilee, to Bethlehem, the city of David because they were of the house of David. While they were there, she gave birth to her Son, “...wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.” There were shepherds in the field and the angel of the Lord appeared to them and told them the good news.

at Notre Dame...
CENTERING PRAYER - Monday, 12/20 7:30 pm
OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA - Tuesday, 12/21
After the 12:05pm Mass
CENACLE OF LIFE - Wednesday, 12/22 After 12:05pm Mass and Rosary. Prayer, second Rosary

The O-Antiphons - “I shall be with you tomorrow” - ‘ero czas

The text of the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” is based on one of the oldest of Christian prayers - the seven Great Antiphons referred to as the “O-Antiphons”. The O-Antiphons date back to the reign of Charlemagne (771-814) when its usage was prevalent in monasteries. The O-Antiphons are said before and after the Magnificat at Vespers - the evening prayers of the Catholic Church, from December 17th to 23rd. Each of the seven stanzas addresses the Messiah with one of His titles. The seven were designed as a group, since the first letter of the Messianic titles, ignoring the O, spells out the reverse acrostic SARCORE – ‘ero czas’, I shall be [with you] tomorrow.

“O Sapientia, quae ex ore altissimae...”
“O Adonai et dux domus Israel...”
“O Rex gentium, qui stesit in lignum populorum...”
“O Clavis David et sceptrum domus...”
“O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae...”
“O Rex gentium et desideratus...”
“O Emmanuel, rex et legifer noster...”

The first, O Sapientia, goes back into eternity and addresses Wisdom, the Word of God. The second, O Adonai, leaps from eternity to Moses and the Law. The third, O Radix Jesse, God prepares the line of David. In the fourth, O Clavis David, it is the year 1000. In the fifth, O Oriens, the line of David is elevated so that people may look to the rising star in the east. In the sixth, O Rex Gentium, He is king of all the world. In the seventh, the evening before the Christmas Vigil, He is saluted with the last Great O, O Emmanuel.