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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

AUGUSTINIAN FRIARS

PASTORAL STAFF

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CATHOLIC FAITH
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CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be “baptized” by these words of God’s greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

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3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **“with the Holy Spirit and fire”** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— *Father John Muir*

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Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the week of December 15, 2024**Sunday**3rd Sunday of Advent**Saturday**

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday4th Sunday of Advent

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was *not* going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

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First Reading:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” (Lk 3:10)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 16, 2024**

Monday

8:30am
12:00pm

Almighty God, Holy Spirit, Divine Mercy, Mary Ada forth upcoming nurse exam, Souls of Elena & Cirilo, Tenth wedding anniversary of Judy & Francis

Tuesday

8:30am

Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Ricardo Reyes (L)-por su salud
Thanksgiving, Meinrado S. Evangelista (D)

12:00pm

Wednesday

8:30am

12:00pm

Alberto Reyes (D)

Thursday

8:30am

12:00pm

Fernando Quezada Estrella (D)
Admayal Maldonado (L)-birthday

Friday

8:30am

12:00pm

Todos los difuntos

Saturday

7:45am

7:00pm

Giuse Duong & Cau LH (D)
Guarionex Mercedes (D), Carlos Cabrera (D), Jose Peguero Montero (D), Eloi Solano Rojas (D)

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

People of SNT
Juana Isabel Murillo Morel (D), Francisco Antonio Jimenez (D), Virgen de Guadalupe & la Divina Trinidad

11:30am

Iris Belen Reyes (D) - birthday, Kandula Family Thanksgiving

1:30pm

Lorenzo Nguyen & Madalena Gia (D)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
DECEMBER 8, 2024**

Tithing:	\$7,022.96	Immaculate Conception:	
Children:	\$0.00	\$1,168.00	
Total:	\$7,022.96		

We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

We pray for the sick:

We pray for the dead: Antonio Perez