

22 November 2020
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE
XXIV & Last Sunday after Pentecost (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 23 Nov. ST. CLEMENT I, Pope & Martyr
8 AM Traditional Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 24 Nov. ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMP., Vietnamese Ms.
8 AM For: David Finn+ (Birthday)
Req: Charlene & Donald Hartman
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & Newborn

Wed. 25 Nov. ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, Virgin, Martyr
7 PM For: Joseph Kearney+
Req: Anderson Family

THU. 26 NOV. Thanksgiving Day/ St. John Berchmans
9 AM For: All Souls' Intentions

Fri. 27 Nov. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
7 PM For: Geraldine Brown+
Req: Cheryl van Lieshout

Sat. 28 Nov. St. Catherine Laboure, Virgin, Religious
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Kathleen Bracken+
Req: The Mark Judge Family

Sun. 29 Nov. I SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 AM For: Carol & Robert McCabe (50th Wedding Anniv.)
From: The McCabe Family
9:30 AM For: Bob Henry+
From: The Henry Family
11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

ALTAR SERVERS: Please come to the sacristy before Mass to see if you are needed to serve on the altar. God bless you.

COFFEE & DONUTS are being served downstairs after Mass this Sunday and next. Please come and join us.

NEXT WEEKEND: Group II will attend Holy Mass. On Thanksgiving, everyone is welcome to offer Holy Mass in thanksgiving to God.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS TUE. FOR THE JR. OR SR. HIGH SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: 9 AM

Despite the current circumstances we are in, we all have much to thank our good Lord for. Please come to Holy Mass to offer Him your adoration, thanksgiving, and reparation. If you will be away: enjoy your Thanksgiving and your families (and don't let anyone tell you not to!)

ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHES

The girls of Our Lady's Sodality are selling Advent candles (\$6/set) and wreathes for \$14 after all Masses this weekend and next.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION

On the table in the vestibule are prayer cards with the prayer to Our Lady that was printed in your bulletin last weekend. Please take several of these cards and distribute them to your family and friends, and ask them to pray the prayer often, that justice and truth will prevail.

ADVENT MAGNIFICAT BOOKLETS

Are on the table in the vestibule for you to use during the Holy Season which begins next Sunday, 29 November.

CATHOLIC CALENDARS FOR 2021

Courtesy of the Malecki Funeral Homes of Vernon and Sherill. Please take one and note the feast days and sacred seasons of the year. God bless Mitch Frair of the Malecki Funeral Homes for providing these for us each year.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

This year, in a change from previous years, churches throughout the Diocese will offer Confessions each Wed. of Dec. before Christmas from 5-6 PM. That is Dec. 2, 9, 16 and on the 21st from 4-7 PM. During the week before Christmas, other times for Confession will be offered as well at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Msgr. Charles Pope Offers Advice on Church's Response to Virus Restrictions

Highly respected theologian and pastor in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, Monsignor Charles Pope has put forth these thoughts on any future restrictions that might be placed on the faithful due to the resurgence of the virus: “Given what we know about the virus, its relatively low death rate and increasingly treatable quality, it seems to me...that we cannot simply do what we did in the first shutdown. Here are points to consider:

1. If more lockdowns are threatened, we ought to proactively resist them, exhausting every chance to engage officials, and if necessary, exhausting every legal appeal to the highest level possible.
2. Ask our Bishops to demand from public officials clear evidence that our church gatherings have a source of COVID spread. Recall that we currently follow protocols that the government said would “permit” us to reopen and curb the spread. We have complied.
3. If evidence is not forthcoming from government officials, we should demand legal hearings to insist that our gatherings (with proper safety protocols) are essential to our religious liberty.
4. The Bishops should insist that we not be equated with bars and restaurants where people sit closer to each other and engage in face-to-face conversation. Rather, our people sit in pews, wearing masks, socially distanced and interacting far less.
5. The Bishops should similarly assert that *the care of souls is just as (if not more) essential* to human flourishing than food, wine and spirits they can get at any grocery store, which these officials call “essential”.
6. If we are legally forced again to cease public liturgies, the Bishops should allow greater leeway in offering the Sacraments in smaller settings, beyond the Mass. Confessions too should be widely offered. The Sacraments are essential, and priests ought to be allowed every opportunity to offer them.
7. Priests should limit the “make a spiritual Communion” advice. It's good advice only for those who cannot receive Holy Communion any other way.
8. Allow priests to offer Holy Mass for small numbers of the faithful, and to give Holy Communion to the faithful who come to the church outside of Mass times.
9. Please good Bishops, fight for us!

(Excerpted from an article in the National Catholic Register, 9 Nov. 2020. Many of the points have been edited for lack of space here.)