

22 December 2019
IV Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4 PM/Sun.8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM & 11 AM
Confessions: Sat. 7:30-7:55AM; 2:30-3:30 PM; 6:3-7:30 PM

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Tue. 24 Dec. The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord
4 PM For: The parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Tue. 24 Dec. THE MASS IN THE NIGHT
12 M For: Special Intention
Traditional Latin Sung Mass

Wed. 25 Dec. THE MASS AT DAWN
9:30 AM For: Special Intention

11 AM THE MASS IN THE DAY
For: Special Intention

Fri. 27 Dec. ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
7 PM For: Concetta Bianchi+ (Ann.)
Req: Dr. & Mrs. Francis Bianchi

Sat. 28 Dec. THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Henry Hanisee+
Req: Robert E. Smith

Sun. 29 Dec. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (New Cal.)
Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity
8 AM For: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Req: Allen Van Auken
9:30 AM For: Wendell & Anne Marie Gallagher+
Req: The Mark Judge Family
11 AM For: The parishioners of OLGCC

SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Please let Father know which Mass you will be attending for Christmas.

Servers for the weekend of 28-29 Dec.:

Sat. 4 PM: J. Vanderhoof, Richard Richmond

Sun. 8 AM: Y. Kelly, G. Grenier

Sun. 9:30 AM: L. Lohr, T. Lohr

Sun. 11 AM: J. Vaccaro, N. Vaccaro

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS: TUE. 24 DEC. 12 NOON-1 PM

ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Boxed sets of envelopes are downstairs in the church basement for 2020. They are arranged alphabetically, and the children's envelopes are on a separate table.

If you do not find a set with your name, please take one of the blank sets and kindly print your full name and the number of the envelope set you have taken on the list provided. Thank you and God bless you.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Our Rosary Society women have made visits to the shut-ins of the parish with lovely Christmas gift-bags to let them know that they are thought of at this holy season.

Not to be outdone, the girls of Our Lady's Sodality have furnished two families with Christmas gifts for their children. They also have visited a local nursing home and brought gift bags to the residents there as well. They also sang Christmas carols for the folks in the home, to bring the love of Our Lord's birth into their lives.

BE SURE TO HAVE A LOOK AT OUR FRASSATI HOME SCHOOL PICTURES

On the bulletin board are pictures of our home-school co-op taken last week. The children have learned sign-language, and are signing "Silent Night" while singing it in the upper right-hand picture. Thanks to Corrine Covino for the pictures and poster, and to Megan Anderson and all who help her with the co-op! It is such a beautiful addition to our parish life!!!

A MOST BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

I want to wish those of you who will not be with us for Christmas, a very blessed and merry Christmas. Enjoy your family and travel safely.

NEXT SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER

Coffee and donuts will be served after Masses. We need volunteers to serve after the 8 AM and 11 AM Mass. Would you be willing to help? Put your name on the sign-up list on the bulletin board, and if you need, we will put an experienced volunteer to show you the ropes!

A MEDITATION FOR CHRISTMAS

O Eternal Son of God, in the presence of the Crib, where for love of us You granted this day to show Yourself to Your creatures, we confess Your eternity, Your omnipotence, Your divinity, and most profoundly do we adore You. You were in the beginning; You were in God; and Yourself was God. Everything was made by You, and we are the work of Your hands. O Light, infinite and eternal! O Sun of justice! Enlighten us, for we are but darkness, and we have not comprehended You: forgive us for our blindness and our errors. You have been long knocking on the door of our hearts, and we have refused to let You in. Today, thanks to the wonderful ways of Your love, we have received You. For who could refuse to receive You, sweet gentle Infant Jesus! But do not leave us: abide with us, and perfect the New Birth which You have begun in us. We wish henceforth to be neither of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God, by You and in You. You have been made flesh, O Word Eternal in order that we may become the sons of God. We implore You, support our weak human nature, and fit us for this sublime destiny. You are born of God Your Father; You are born of Mary; You are born in our hearts; be glorified thrice over for this Your triple birth. O Jesus! So merciful in Your Divinity, and so divine in Your self-sought humiliations!

(Dom Prosper Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*, Vol II, Christmas. Abbot Gueranger was the Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery of St. Peter in Solesmes, Belgium.)