

20 December 2020  
IV Sunday of Advent

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

Confessions: See the pre-Christmas schedule on the opposite page  
Sat. 7:30-7:55AM/ 2:30-3:30PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 21 Dec. St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor  
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass

For: Regina Dixon+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Buczek

Tue. 22 Dec. Sts. Chaeremon & Ischyron 3<sup>rd</sup> cent. Martyrs  
8 AM For: Robert McCauley+

Req: His Family  
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

Wed. 23 Dec. St. John of Kanty, Priest  
7 PM For: M. Theresa H. Sollecito

Req: Mary Smith

Thu. 24 Dec. EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
4 PM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

6 PM For: Special Intention

**FRI. 25 DEC. THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**9:30 AM THE MASS AT DAWN (ANCIENT RITE LATIN)**

For: Special Intention

**11 AM THE MASS IN THE DAY**  
For: Special Intention

Sat. 26 Dec. St. Stephen, Protomartyr  
8 AM For: In Thanksgiving  
Req: The Anderson Family

4 PM For: Janice Taylor+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Sun. 27 Dec. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (New Cal.)  
Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (Traditional Cal.)

8 AM For: Concetta Bianchi+ (27 Anniv.)  
Req: Dr. & Mrs. Francis Bianchi

9:30 AM For: Parishioners of OLGCC

11 AM For: Joann Caplis (L.)  
Req: Mary Smith

**SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Each server is asked to come on the altar for the Masses of Christmas and next weekend.

**CONFESSIONS FOR THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Mon. 21 Dec. 4-7 PM  
Tue. 22 Dec. 11 AM-12 Noon  
Wed. 23 Dec. 6 PM-6:55PM  
Thu. 24 Dec. 1-2 PM

**MASSES OF THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS DAY**

Thu. 24 Dec. 4 PM Mass of the Vigil of Christmas for Group #1

Thu. 24 Dec. 6 PM Mass of the Vigil of Christmas for Group #2

**(Please attend only the Mass designated for your respective Group)**

Fri. 25 Dec. 9:30 AM **THE MASS AT DAWN** (Ancient Rite Latin)  
This Mass is sometimes referred to as the  
Mass of the Shepherds

Fri. 25 Dec. 11 AM **THE MASS IN THE DAY**

***MAY THE BRIGHTNESS OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH BRING  
EACH OF YOU HIS LOVE, PEACE AND HEALTH, AND  
MAY HE SOON REMOVE THE VIRUS FROM OUR MIDST.***

**ENVELOPES FOR 2021**

**Please take a moment to go downstairs after Mass today or next weekend to pick your envelope set for the coming year. Adult envelopes are arranged alphabetically on the two tables facing north.**

**Children's envelopes are on the table perpendicular to the adult tables, also arranged alphabetically.**

**If you do not find a set with your name, please take one of the blank sets, but be sure to print your first and last name, and the number of the set you have taken on the clipboard that is near the blank sets.**

## THE VACCINATION ISSUE

As we are now in the throes of a new surge of Chinese virus (Covid-19) infections, there has been tremendous pressure to approve a vaccine that would protect the population from the disease. A little over a week ago, the FDA approved a vaccine manufactured by the Pfizer pharmaceutical company. It is already being distributed to first responders, health-care workers, and nursing home residents in NYS.

Last Monday, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement which condoned the use of the Pfizer vaccine and one produced by the Moderna company. This statement was issued having relied on the medical-moral experts who advise the Bishops on these matters. One such expert is the well-known Fr. Tadeusz Pacholcayk of the National Catholic Biomedical Center. It was from an article of his that your Pastor based his sermon last weekend on the admissibility of these two vaccines for use by Catholics.

The Bishops and their moral theologians cite this statement from the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, *Dignitas Personae*, issued in 2008: “Grave reasons may be morally proportionate to justify the use of such ‘biological material’ (i.e. cells from aborted infants). Thus, for example, danger to the health of children could permit parents to use a vaccine which was developed using cell-lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their health-care system make other types of vaccines available.”

And yet, many faithful Catholics are uncomfortable with using a vaccine that is derived from the cells of aborted children, regardless of how long ago, or how far-removed in cooperation with that abortion the vaccination is. Bishop Strickland of Tyler, TX has stated that he would not use a vaccination that is derived from an aborted infant. There are vaccines being prepared that are not derived from aborted babies. Here are a few:

Inovio Pharmaceuticals	Sanofi Pasteur/Translate Bio
Merck and IAVI	Sorrento (“T-Viva 19)
Novavax	Pfizer BioNTech
Sanofi & GSK Protein Services	