

19 December 2021
IV Sunday of Advent (Both Calendars)

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 25 & 26 IS GIVEN BELOW
CONFESSION SCHEDULE: SEE OPPOSITE PAGE**

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 20 Dec. Sts. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, Patriarchs of OT
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 21 Dec. ST. PETER CANISIUS, Priest & Doctor
8 AM For: Robert McCauley+
Req: Frances McCauley
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

Wed. 22 Dec. Sts. Chaerereimon & Ischyriion, Martyrs
7 PM For: Gary M. Dunne+
Req: Susanne Dunne

Thu. 23 Dec. ST. JOHN OF KANTY, Priest
8 AM For: Gladys Zimmerman+
Req: Frances Durant

Fri. 24 Dec. Sts. Adam & Eve
No 8 AM Mass

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4 PM MASS OF THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS
For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

12 Midnight MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Ancient Latin Rite Mass
For: Special Intention

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

11 AM THE MASS IN THE DAY
For: Special Intention

(NOTE: NO 4 PM Vigil Mass on Sat.25 Dec.)

Sun. 26 Dec. **THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
8 AM For: Special Intention
Req: The Kaminski Family
9:30 AM For: Linda Mocuiski+
Req: The St. Joseph Society of OLGCC
11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

CONFESSIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. 20 Dec. 4-7 PM (The Light is On)

Tue. 21 Dec. 11 AM-12 Noon

Wed. 22 Dec. 6:30-6:55 PM

Thu. 23 Dec. 4-5 PM

Fri. 24 Dec. 12Noon-1 PM

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

FRI. 24 Dec. Christmas Eve 4 PM Anticipated Mass

FRI 24 Dec. MASS IN THE NIGHT 12 Midnight

Sung Latin Mass with incense

SAT. 25 Dec. MASS AT DAWN (Shepherd's Mass) 9:30 AM

SAT. 25 Dec. MASS IN THE DAY 11 AM

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CHOIR CONCERT THIS SUNDAY AT 4 PM AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Our children have been outfitted as lambs, cows and donkeys, angels and shepherds, and are so eager to present the Christmas event for us! And our Choir has been rehearsing to sing their beautiful Christmas sacred music for us as well. Please come and enjoy all of it, and one another in preparation for the great Feast of Our Lord's Nativity.

NO RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CLASSES THIS TUE. 22 DEC.

YOUR ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Please go downstairs after Mass today and pick up your boxed set of envelopes for 2022. If you do not find a set with your name on it, please take one of the blank sets, **but please be sure to print your first and last name and the number of the envelope set you have taken.**

CALENDARS FOR 2022

The Malecki Funeral Homes have once again provided us with beautiful calendars for the new year. Please take one from the box on the table in the vestibule. Sincere thanks to Mitch Frair for providing them for us.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAYER CARDS

On the table in the vestibule are prayer cards with a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On the reverse of the card is a prayer to Her, asking Her to convert our nation and the world to Her Divine Son, Christ the King. Please make it part of your daily prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ANTICIPATED MASS FOR NEXT SUNDAY AT 4 PM ON SATURDAY.

HE WILL BE CALLED EMMANUEL

His name will be Emmanuel: God with us (Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:23) If we understand the significance of this name *Emmanuel*, we will find it includes the notion of a *Savior*. For what is a Savior unless one who takes away sin, just as the Angel said? Yet with sins having been taken away and there is no longer any separation between God and us, what remains other than our perfect union with God? We are then, perfectly and eternally saved, and we recognize in Jesus, the One Who saves us, a true Emmanuel.

This is the work done by the One who is both what God is and what we are: God and man together. "In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them" (II Cor. 5:19). Thus God is with them because they no longer have their sins.

This would be nothing, however, were God not also, at the same time, to prevent them from committing new sins. In the style of Scripture, to say that God is with you means that God protects you. God helps you, and with so powerful an assistance that your enemies will not prevail against you. "They will fight against you," says the prophet, "but they shall not prevail against for you, for I am with you" (Jer. 1:19). Be with us, O Emmanuel, so that, after the pardon of our sins, when their pernicious attractions and temptations return, we will remain victorious.

Is this the extent of the grace of our Emmanuel? No. Here is a higher one, the final one of all: He will be with us in eternity, when God will be "everything to everyone" (I Cor.15:28). He will be with us, to purify us from our sins: with us, to lead us to the life entirely free from sin. Here, says St. Augustine, are three degrees through which we pass in order to gain the salvation we are promised in the name of Jesus and the perfect grace of divine union through our Emmanuel: happy, not only when we will no longer falter under the yoke of our sins, but we will be free of the temptations that imperil our deliverance!

O Jesus! O Emmanuel! O Savior! O God with us! O victor over Sin! O Mediator of divine union! With faith I await the blessed day on which you will receive the name of Jesus, the day on which you will be my Emmanuel, always with me, who lives amid so many temptations and perils. Protect me with Your grace, unite me to Yourself, and may all that is in me be subject to Your will.

(Meditations for Advent, Jacques-Begnine Bossuet).