

5 December 2021

II Sunday of Advent (Both Calendars)

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; 2:30-3:30 PM and
6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 6 Dec. ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA, Bishop, Wonderworker
8 AM Traditional Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 7 Dec. ST. AMBROSE, Bishop, Doctor
4PM For: Gladys Smith+ (35th Ann.)
Req: Susanne Dunne

Wed. 8 Dec. SOL.OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Mary Theresa Pauls+
Req: Allen van Auken
12 Noon For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
7 PM For: Evelyn Beecher+
Req: The Rosary Society of OLGCC

Thu. 9 Dec. St. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN
8 AM For: Joan Reichard+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Lohr

Fri. 10 Dec. OUR LADY OF LORETO
8 AM For: Robert McCauley+
Req: Frances McCauley

Sat. 11 Dec. ST. DAMASUS I, Pope
8 AM For: Special Intention
4 PM For: Souls in Purgatory
Req: A parishioner

Sun. 12 Dec. III Sunday of Advent (Both Calendars)
8 AM For: Caroline Rassaboni (L.)
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Francis Giglio
9:30 AM For: Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: James Delaney & Mildred Vermeulen+
Req: Family

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION: TUE. 7 DEC.

Jr. High School: 7-7:45 PM/ Adult Ed. 8-8:45 PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A Holy Day of Obligation. See page opposite for Mass times.

IMMACULATA AWARD RECIPIENT

This year's Immaculata Award is given to Megan Vanderhoof, who serves as our Rosary Society President; is our Coffee & Donut organizer, and has taught in our Religious Education program. Megan is always willing and eager to help in any parish function with a big smile.

Congratulations, Megan, and God bless you..

DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED HATS, SOCKS, AND MITTENS

In the vestibule there is a bin for you to place these items that will be distributed to the homeless of Syracuse and Utica. We are told that socks are especially needed. God bless you for your generosity.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 9 DEC. 7 PM

We will be having a special Advent program to help us live in the hope of Our Lord's coming.

SODALITY MEETING: THU. 9 DEC. 7 PM

Any girl in the parish in Gr. 4-12 is welcome to come and see if you would like to belong to Our Lady's Sodality.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: SUN. 19 DEC. 4 PM

Please plan to come to hear the Christmas story relived by our pre-school through elementary school children, and our home-school co-op. Our parish Choir will also be singing throughout the pageant a beautiful Christmas concert. This would be a beautiful way to prepare your heart for Christmas. Pageant will be at Holy Cross Academy.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE INFANT LORD

Some of our parishioners have lost their jobs due to the tyrannical mandates imposed by Big Brother. We would like to offer them some relief and support in their situation, in Christian charity and solidarity. If you would like to do so, please make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Fund, and make the notation "Mandate victims". These monies will be used only for our own parishioners. If you have lost your job due to the mandate, please speak to Father.

HOPE APPEAL 2021 UPDATE

The HOPE Appeal Office has notified us that 63 out of about 200 parishioners have responded to this year's Appeal. So far, \$9,200 has been donated. This is \$10,000 shy of our assessment this year. I appeal to those who have forgotten to reply, or who have been putting it off, to please make your donation. There are HOPE Appeal envelopes on the table in the vestibule. Please place them in the collection basket.

Our New Images in Church

No doubt when you entered church today, you noticed two new sacred images on the walls of the nave: the Divine Mercy image and the sacred tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The displaying of these holy sacramentals was not done to further “decorate” the church. They are placed before us at this critical time in the unfolding of events we are living through.

The Divine Mercy image, familiar to many of you already, was “commissioned” by Our Lord Himself when He asked St. Faustina to have this image made and distributed in 1931. Appearing to the Saint, Jesus said that He was giving this image so that those who would honor it “would not perish”. He said that the Image of His Divine Mercy would be a fountain of grace for those who had recourse to it.

Today, we are drowning in evil: in the world, in the Church, and in our nation and families. No human power can save us from the complete degeneracy that has befallen our once-Christian society. Our only hope is the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ Himself, as undeserving as we are. When you look at the Divine Mercy image, realize that He is actually before you in the tabernacle on the altar, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and cry out to Him, “My Jesus, mercy.”

The other image is made by heaven itself: the portrait the Mother of God caused to appear on the tilma (cloak) of St. Juan Diego at Tepeyac in 1531. Our Lady appeared to this humble native to ask him to have a “chapel” erected on the site where she would dispense her graces and favors to her children. The self-portrait she caused to be displayed was the proof or sign of her apparition that he was to present to the Bishop when he presented her request.

The most holy Virgin appeared in the territory where the Aztecs had practiced their most brutal religion of human sacrifice. Her appearance had the wondrous effect of converting millions of Mexicans to the true God, Jesus Christ.

Today, the devil has made so many of us accomplices in the grizzly human sacrifice of aborted babies. How cunning, how deceitful and how wicked he is. Our Lady of Guadalupe came to the “new world” to claim it for Her Son. She is the Empress of the Americas, and the Patroness of the Unborn. We venerate Her holy image, asking her to once again trounce the evil one, and conquer the hearts of all in this “brave new world” for Christ our King!