

22 December 2024
IV Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

Confessions: See schedule on the opposite page for this week only

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 23 Dec. St. John of Kanty, Priest, Patron of Poland
8 AM Ancient Latin Rite Mass
For: Bonita Masset+
Req: James Masset

TUE. 24 DEC. VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
4 PM The Vigil Mass of the Nativity
For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

WED. 25 DEC. THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

12 MIDNIGHT: THE MASS IN THE NIGHT

Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Katherine Mazor+
Req: Family

9:30 AM THE MASS AT DAWN
For: Special Intention

11 AM THE MASS IN THE DAY
For: Special Intention

Sat. 28 Dec. The Holy Innocents
8 AM For: Concetta Bianchi+
Req: Dr. & Mrs. Francis Bianchi

4 PM For: Denise Mondi+
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof

Sun. 29 Dec. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (New Calendar)
Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (Traditional Calendar)
8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+
Req: Brendan Johnson
9:30 AM For: Michael Ross+
Req: Coy, Lust and Bonanza Families
11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

COFFEE & DONUTS DOWNSTAIRS AFTER MASS

Please join us downstairs after Mass this Sunday for a cup of hot coffee, hot chocolate and a donut. That'll put you in the Christmas spirit!

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Mon. 23 Dec. 4-5 PM

ENVELOPES PLEASE!

We will be preparing the new sets of envelopes to be given next weekend to our parishioners. If you do not have a set currently, please print your first and last name on the sheet on the bulletin board so that we can issue you a set.

OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTRESS

Keeping a tradition going, our new Choir Directress is Emily van Lieshout, the third van Lieshout girl to hold the prestigious title. We are so grateful to her for being willing to lead our amazing Choir. After they sang at the evening Mass on the Immaculate Conception Feast, one of our parishioners, who normally attends our 8 AM Mass said to me, on leaving church that evening, "Father, where did you get that wonderful Choir?"

WE WISH YOU A CHRIST-MASS FILLED WITH THE LOVE OF THE INFANT LORD, THE JOY AND GRACE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER, AND THE PEACE OF ST. JOSEPH!

As you gather to celebrate with your families, we thank God for each one of you, faithful and supportive parishioners. Each day I thank God for your goodness, fidelity and steadfastness in the faith.

Veteran pro-life activist Randall Terry was the presidential Candidate for the Constitution Party, which has a formal membership of 130,000. His running mate was Stephen Broder, pastor of a non-denominational inner-city church in Dallas, TX. Their campaign ran TV ads which conveyed two important messages.

Their first message certainly had never been heard before in American politics: "I don't want your vote. I want your money." Terry's sole reason for running on the Constitution Party ticket was so that, according to FCC rules, TV networks would be legally obligated to run his ads, which showed aborted babies and equated abortion with "killing Jesus in the womb". Terry hoped that these ads would awaken consciences and convince would-be Harris voters to abstain from voting for her. He did not want to peel pro-life voters away from Trump, the less-objectionable candidate. Terry also wanted the ads to be ordered directly by him, as a candidate, rather than through a Super Pac, because the FCC allows for a much lower advertising rate for political ads bought directly by the candidate. Terry's ads juxtaposed photos of aborted babies with photos of Catholic Bishops reputed to be soft against abortion. His commentary said, "Bishops, if you don't warn your flock that voting for Democrats is a vote to kill Jesus in the womb, you're either a coward or a Judas." The ads ran on such shows as one game of the World Series, The View, ABC World News Tonight, CBS Early News, etc.

A Christmas Meditation from St. Peter Julian Eymard

On this joyful day, the Church honors the newborn Lord, the King of Kings, born in a stable at Bethlehem. In the following meditation, St. Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868) describes the Nativity of the Lord as the beginnings of the Eucharist. For the Bread of Life was laid in a manger to give life to the world. Connecting the Incarnation to the Passion, St. Peter explains how both express Christ's self-giving love, and that both are embraced by the Eucharist. As Mary treasured the Christ Child in her arms, so must Christians honor the Eucharistic Lord on Christmas Day.

“Ah, yes, the Eucharist began at Bethlehem and in the arms of Mary. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which it was famishing, and which alone can nourish it. It was she that took care of that Bread for us. Divine Lamb, she nourished the Lamb whose life-giving Flesh we feed upon. She nourished Him with her virginal milk, she nourished Him for the Sacrifice, for she already foreknew His destiny. Yes, she knew, and soon she will know still better, that her Lamb is only for immolation.

She accepted God's will and, bearing Him in her own arms, she prepares for us the Victim of Calvary and of our altars. On the day of sacrifice, she will herself conduct her Divine Lamb to Jerusalem, to deliver Him up to Divine Justice for the world's salvation. Ah, Bethlehem already foretells Calvary! Truly, Mary had heard her Son's first word: “Father, sacrifice and oblation Thou would not. Behold I come!” - and she unites in His offering and anticipated immolation.

(St. Peter Julian Eymard, born at La Mure d'Iserre near Grenoble, France, was the son of a cutler. He was ordained in 1835, and worked in parishes for five years, and then joined the Marist congregation, who placed him as the spiritual director of their seminary. In 1856, he was able to realize his dream of founding an Institute of Priests of the Blessed Sacrament, devoted to perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In 1858, he began a congregation of nuns, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He also founded the Priests' Eucharistic League in 1887. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962.)