



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

See Mass card or Missalette

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival."



8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass

Gradual

Show thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim: stir up thy strength and come.

V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel:
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses chanted by priest and people.
Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

V/. Stir up thy strength, O Lord:
and come and help us.
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

At that time: The multitudes asked John, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.

December 16

8:00 am	Altar Server	Joseph Schmitt
	Ushers	Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro
10:30am	Master of Ceremonies	John Williams
	Thurifer	Will Crawford
	Crucifer	Tristan Naifeh
	Torchbearers	Nicholas Naifeh / Henry Smith
	Boat Boy	Eliot Gunnip
	First Reading	Brinton Smith
	Intercessory Prayers	Dorothy Ortiz
	Oblationers	The Jones Family
	Ushers	Charles & Daisy Bellinger
6:00pm	Altar Servers	Rafael Refi / Vincent Lohla (C)
	Ushers	Charlene Schwartz / Maria Zichichi
	Office Help	Chuck Lynk / Terry Southard

Rejoice
IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.

I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:

Rejoice!
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29

For those expecting children: Katie & Dan; Joan & John Paul; Bethany & Seth; Karla & Jacob; Lisa & Ben; Christy & Doug; Kathryn & Phillip; Celeste & Zachary; Rebecca & Brinton; Erin & Sebastian; Megan & Bart.

For those celebrating anniversaries: *Monday:* Lonnie & Meg Jones [W]; *Tuesday:* Ron Ledek [B]; Mike & Teresa Pratt [W]; *Wednesday:* James Holtz [B]; *Saturday:* Phillip Shelor [B].

For those in special need: Nina; Chiem; Dang; Soan; Frank; Ryan; Laurie; Susan; John; Jennifer; Grant; Lisa; Carl; Damian; Jaime; Earl; Isabella; Ronald; Jennifer; Susan; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Laura Anne; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Morgan; Ann; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For those serving in our armed forces: Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For the faithful departed:

Anniversaries of Death: *Monday:* Alvin Valfroid Hargis; *Wednesday:* Judy Kraemer; James B. Oliver; Wayne Elroy Drevecky; Thomas Hargis; *Thursday:* Margaret McNulty; Albin Farmer Weber; *Friday:* Elaine Williams; *Saturday:* Katherine Weber; May Bird Brignac.

MUSIC

Prelude.....C 1 in SMMH, Vs 2-5
KYRIE.....MS 2 in SMMH
Offertory Hymn.....C 4 in SMMH
SANCTUS.....MS 2 in SMMH
MYSTERIUM FIDEI..... MS 2 in SMMH
AMEN.....MS 15 in SMMH
PATER NOSTER.....MS 17 in SMMH
AGNUS DEI.....MS 2 in SMMH
Communion Hymn.....C 10 in SMMH
Anthem.....*Drop Down, Dew From Heaven*
 by Richard Proulx
Closing Hymn.....C 7 in SMMH
Postlude.....*The King Shall Come*
 by John Wyeth, Setting by Michael Burkhardt

*The numbers above are for the new pew
 Missal & Hymnal.
 MS represents Mass Setting.
 C represents Christmas
 (including Advent & Epiphany.)
 EU represents Eucharistic hymns.*

**Adult Choir rehearses Thursday at 7:00 pm and
 Sunday, Dec 23rd at 2:00 pm
 Youth Choir rehearses after the 10:30 Mass
 today and next Sunday.**

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offertory Forecast.....\$6,000.00
 Actual Offertory Collected.....\$5,612.70
 Variance.....—\$387.30

Thank you for your loving support.

ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 16

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm
K of C Meeting at 12:30 pm

Monday, December 17

Mass at 12:00 pm
S.I. Alvin Hargis, RIP

Tuesday, December 18

Mass at 7:00 pm
S.I. Jason Pierce, RIP

Wednesday, December 19

Confessions at 11:00 am
Mass at 12:00 pm
S.I. Thomas Hargis, RIP

Thursday, December 20

Mass at 12:00 pm
S.I. James B. Oliver, RIP
Men's Examen Group at 10:30 am

Friday, December 21

Mass at 9:00 am
S.I. Luke Sutherland, RIP
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 am–6:00 pm

Saturday, December 22

Mass at 9:00 am
Confessions 10:00–11:00 am
S.I. Leonard (living) & Maria Felice Chaires (RIP)
Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

Sunday, December 23

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm
Practice for Christmas Pageant 9:15

**NEXT SUNDAY IS
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please help defray the cost of flowers at Christmas with your contribution.

Year End Contributions

If you are considering making a year-end contribution to the Parish, it must be RECEIVED in the Parish office by 12/31/18 or POSTMARKED by 12/31/18 for it to be considered a 2018 donation. These are the rules promulgated by the IRS and the Parish follows those rules. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary the Virgin.



St. Mary the Virgin Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 22

Come & help decorate SMV for Christmas!
Pizza Lunch 12:00 pm then decorate church.

Monday, December 24

Daily Mass 12:00 pm
Parish Office Closed

Vigil Mass of Christmas 5:00 pm

Cookies & Punch will be served in the parish hall immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass

Christmas Carols 10:30 pm
Christmas: In the Night Mass 11:00 pm

Champagne Reception in the parish hall immediately following the 11:00 pm Mass. SMV will supply champagne, please bring a "breakfast finger food" to share.

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas: On the Day Mass 10:00 am
Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 31

NO NOON MASS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Solemn High Mass 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1

NO DAILY MASS
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 5

K of C Epiphany Party
Everyone invited! 6:30 p.m.
Bring a treat to share and an inexpensive gift to exchange



To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin,

A priest on his blog a few years ago explained that the color purple used in advent is akin to its use in Lent, in that both liturgical seasons are considered penitential seasons. We are to give special attention to our sins and our need for salvation. “Traditionally we would also take part in penitential practices of fasting and abstinence. Of course, in recent decades Advent has almost wholly lost any real penitential practices. There is no fasting or abstinence required. Confession is encouraged and the readings still retain a kind of focus on repentance. But long gone are the days of a forty day fast beginning on Nov 12. The observances were every bit as strict as Lent. St. Martin’s Feast Day (Nov. 12) was a day of carnival (which means literally “farewell to meat” (*carnis + vale*)). In those days the rose vestments of Gaudete Sunday (which is today) were really something to rejoice about, since the fast was relaxed for a day. Back then one fasted until Christmas. And the fast and abstinence were far more than the token observances we have today. In most places, all animal products were strictly forbidden during Advent and Lent. There were many regional differences about the rest of the details. While most areas permitted fish, others permitted fish *and* fowl. Some prohibited fruit and eggs, and some places like monasteries ate little more than bread. In some places, on Fridays of Lent and Advent, believers abstained from food for an entire day; others took only one meal. In most places, however, the practice was to abstain from eating until the evening, when a small meal without vegetables or alcohol was eaten.

“Our little token fast on only two days really isn’t much of a fast: two small meals + one regular meal; is that really a fast at all? And we abstain from meat only on the Fridays of Lent, instead of all forty days. What is most remarkable to me is that such fasts of old were undertaken by men, women and children who had a lot less to eat than we do. Not only was there less food, but it was far more seasonal and its supply less predictable. Further, famines and food shortages were more a fact of life than today. Yet despite all this they were able to fast, and twice a year at that, for eighty days total. There were also ember days sporadically through the year when a day long fast was enjoined. Can you imagine if the Church called us to follow the strict norms of even 200 years ago? We would hear that such demands were unrealistic, even unhealthy.

“Perhaps it is a good illustration of how our abundance enslaves us. The more we get the more we want. And the more we want the more we think we can’t live without. To some degree or another we are so easily owned by what we claim to own, we are enslaved by our abundance and we experience little freedom to go without. I look back to the Catholics of 100 years and before and think of them like giants compared to us. They had so little compared to me, but they seem to have been so much freer. They could fast. Though poor, they built grand Churches and had large families. They crowded into homes and lived and worked in conditions few of us would be able to tolerate today. And sacrifice seemed more “normal” to them. I have not read of any huge outcries that the mean nasty Church imposed fasting and abstinence in Advent and Lent. Nor have I read of outcries of the fasting from midnight before receiving Communion. Somehow they accepted these sacrifices and were largely able to undertake them. They had a freedom that I think many of us lack. And then too, imagine the joy when, for a moment the fast lifted in these times: Immaculate Conception, Gaudete, Annunciation, St. Joseph’s Feast day, Laetare Sunday. Imagine the joy. For us it’s just a pink candle and a pondering, “Rejoice? Over what?” For them these were actual and literal “feast days.””

ad Jesum per Mariam (to Jesus through Mary)
Fr. Dean

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Tamales Are Here!

Just in time to enjoy during December. \$10 for 15, \$20 for 30. All proceeds go to fund the work that our Knights do. See a Knight after Masses to purchase or come by the parish office.

A. M. D. G.

Flowers: NO FLOWERS DURING ADVENT

Sanctuary Light: Jacqui Payne *for a special intention.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: The Brignac family *in celebration of Brigitte Brignac’s birthday.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: The Brignac family *in celebration of Rita Brignac’s birthday.*

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: Rease Parton *in loving memory Peggy Parton.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: The Oliver family *in loving memory of J.B. Oliver.*