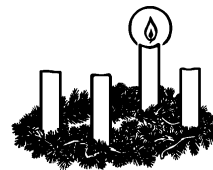


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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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December 2, 2018
ADVENT I
ST. BIBIANA, VM



¶ ADVENT I

Today is the first Sunday of the Advent Season, the beginning of a new Liturgical year. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. The second collection for our seminary will be taken up. Sunday Classes are at 10:50 AM. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. The **Little Church** is in the vestibule to receive your alms for priests.

¶ VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The 7th of December is the *vigil* before the feast of the *Immaculate Conception* of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a **day of fast and complete abstinence from meat**. Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the fast, unless dispensed. Every Catholic 7 years of age and over is bound to observe abstinence. On days of fast only one full meal is allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
4:30 PM: First Vespers of the Immaculate Conception
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass & Devotions
All Night Adoration

First Friday Reparation Intention: *To ask the Sacred Heart to prepare us for His coming.*



¶ THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday is the feast of our country's patroness, the Immaculate Conception, and a Holy day of Obligation. All are bound to hear Mass under pain of mortal sin. Please note the special **Saturday schedule:**

7:00 AM Candlelight Rorate Mass (*Shoppers'* Mass – no sermon), followed by devotions and Benediction (if you would like to stay for them)
9:00 AM High Mass



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT II



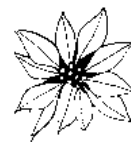
St. Nicholas will be visiting the children after all the morning Masses next Sunday. Reception of new members of the Rosary Confraternity follows the High Mass. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

☞ **Set Your Missal:** Advent II, with a commemoration of the Immaculate Conception. Trinity Preface.

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Mary Black, Elaine Santos, Les Pomerville, Chris Browne, and Ralph Otis.

¶ CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL



You may make a donation in memory of a loved one, to help defray the cost of the poinsettias and other flowers for Christmas. Please fill out the special flower offering envelopes available in the pews, and return them to an usher or drop them off at the Gift Shop or church office. To have your loved ones' names printed in the special Christmas memorial program, please turn in your envelope no later than Monday, December 17th.

¶ CHRISTMAS MASS NOVENA

Remember your loved ones in our Christmas Novena of Masses which begins Christmas Day—the perfect gift! Envelopes may be found in the pews. Fill them out and return them to the church office or the collection basket.

¶ RORATE MASSES

A special Advent observance features early morning Mass by candlelight as we await the coming of Christ the Light of the World. The Mass is simply sung in honor of Our Lady on Saturday, as noted in the Calendar.



Collection Report

Sunday, November 25th\$4,316.00

LECTIO DIVINA

This is the continuation of today's Gospel in a more recent translation.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Beware that...that day catch you by surprise like a trap. The season of Advent is an opportunity to ponder the brevity of life, its quick passing over time, and the importance of not wasting ourselves in frivolous or self-centered pursuit. Vigilance and readiness are the theme of Advent, for Christ does return. And He will ask us whether we gazed inside our own heart and discovered His request for our love and fidelity. — Rev. D. Haggerty

Almighty Father, teach us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. May many souls return this Advent to a faithful love for Him.

ADVENT PRAYER BEFORE
COMMUNION

O Jesus, meek and humble King of all hearts, I await Thy coming with great joy. Could I but receive Thee as Thy beloved disciples and friends have received Thee: as my King, yes, as the King of all hearts! I have no greater desire than that Thou shouldst enter into my heart to rule forever. Come, Emmanuel, Heart of hearts, come and take possession of what is Thine. Do with me what Thou wilt. Come and enrich me with the wealth of Thy grace; come and ennoble my soul, pervade it with Thy glory and preserve it forever from the hands of Thy enemies. Amen.

"Jesus, for Thee I live, Jesus, for Thee I die, Jesus, I am Thine in life and in death." (100 days)

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CHARITY
COLLECTION: *Save Your Pennies!*

We would like to instill charity in our youth by giving them an opportunity to help the Nigerians with a cash donation. We will have a one-time collection during Advent for Fr. Nkamuke's mission. The collection Sunday is **December 23**, and the proceeds sent to him during the Christmas season. Help spread Christmas cheer to Nigeria.

Fr. Nkamuke stated that they could use missals, statues, and children's books (in good condition) in the mission. Items are packaged and sent year round. Weight is a factor when shipping such a distance so please keep that in mind and put a little offering towards postage with the articles. Anyone can donate to the Nigerians by leaving your items in the office labeled for Father's mission. Thank you for your generosity.



I would like to assemble a group of parishioners for a trip to southern Ireland (sponsored by AAA) from July 13-19, 2019. We would arrive in Dublin and depart from Shannon. The cost is \$ 2,079 per person, based on a double room, and \$350 extra for a single room. This includes all lodging, tours, land transportation (by touring bus), and eleven meals. Cancellation insurance is also available, but AAA works this out on an individual basis. As soon as I have the names of at least ten people, I will turn them in to AAA and AAA will start booking the tour. A nonrefundable deposit of \$250 must be submitted to AAA within sixty days of the booking. They can also arrange for group air travel, but I'm not sure how this works. I think we would have a lot of fun. If you have questions and/or are interested in going, please call me at 513-232-2465. You can also call Katie Bowman, the AAA travel agent who is booking the trip, at 513-361-7403 for more details. — Becky Hinton

LINEAGE

Tiny heart, strong beat
Within the womb of Anna
Makes Joachim weep.

Ear to his wife's flesh—
A room long silent, kept clean
Specked with spotlessness.

A daughter is born
In the aftermath of Eve
From tragedy torn.

The temple receives
A pattering temple's small feet
Obedient queen—

God's chosen mother
Redeemed by a sacrifice
Yet to be offered.

The Child to come
Is Virginity's One Fruit—
Divinity's Son.

In Spirit and truth
What is held has been foretold—
A Temple pierced through.

This Fruit all must eat.
Through bitterness, sweetest Gift.
Who is this new Eve?

— Rita A. Simmons



It's Thursday afternoon, and the place is buzzing. Our devoted "party people" are finishing plans for Friday's reception. Sacristans, clerical and lay are laying out vestments and arranging the sanctuary for the Pontifical Mass. Guests, including the reverend and most reverend variety are arriving. I am touched and grateful for the kind efforts of so many for this happy anniversary.

But most of all to God go the thanks, through Our Lady. How mysterious, yet manifold are the ways of His mercy, His providence, these last twenty five years. Thank God we have the Mass, else how would we ever adequately thank Him?

Fr. Bede Nkamuke returns to Nigeria today, loaded down with good wishes, gifts and support for his apostolate. I think Father is well rested and refreshed after his weeks with us. Thank you for your kindness.

The **McFathers** were here and then gone again, out about the Lord's business. I will have a full report on the Anniversary next week but thought I would say a word about the painting I chose for my holy card.

The Crucifixion of St. Andrew was painted by Caravaggio (no...not the cat) in 1607. This artist was the master of Chiaroscuro style which dramatically contrasted light and dark. He was well chosen to depict the death of the "First Called" Apostle, for St. Andrew was hidden, in a blaze of heavenly light for half an hour before he died. In the painting you see him, tied to the cross at the moment of death. The proconsul ordered St. Andrew to be taken down from the cross (pressure from the crowd, who were being converted, and from his wife who already was baptized), and St. Andrew had just prayed to be allowed to die there as did his Master. The apostle's prayer is heard, the soldier's arms are paralyzed, the pagan proconsul looks on with wonder. "Receive the disciple of Him who hung upon thee, my Master, Christ."

On a rainy First Saturday I conclude this Corner with thanks and more thanks for a picture (and audio, oh, and taste) perfect 25th Anniversary celebration. Thank you to distinguished guests from afar, for a choir so *good* **Bishop Sanborn** found it distracting, for all of the sacristy and ceremonial work, for the perfect party set up with lights and decorations and food stations, one more inviting than the next, for the moving of furniture, and even for the so efficient clean up and following day set up for Advent Sunday. St. Gertrude's never rests! I thank Bishop Sanborn for

his words, a needed and appreciated telling of our history, and an encouraging look at our present. He also said some nice things about me, and I blushed. Thanks for all of the Masses, prayers, good wishes and gifts. Well, this should be enough to last me for the next 25 years.

With my sincere thanks, I send you all a blessing.
— **Bishop Dolan**



ANSWERS TO A COLLEGE STUDENT

Question 8. There is a hypothesis that Jesus did not actually die on the Cross, but rather fell into a deep state of bodily shock that He did not emerge from for several days, and when He arose, it was considered miraculous. It is certainly noteworthy that Jesus "died" on the Cross after only three hours, where typically it would take days, even weeks for this to happen. How would you refute this concept?



Answer. The hypothesis lacks evidence, and should therefore be ignored. The marvel is not that Christ died after three hours, but that He made it to the top of the hill at all. No ordinary human being could have survived the tortures which He endured. Christ gave up His life when He wanted to. This is evident from the fact that He cried out with a loud voice when He died, which would be impossible for any ordinary human being in such a weakened condition.

— *Bishop Sanborn*

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor December 2018

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Ken Gilliam, Kirby Bischel
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Peter Gebel, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, *Volunteer needed*
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, *Volunteer needed*
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & Danny Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Bob Uhlenbrock, Matthew Giese
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, *Volunteer needed*
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation

Sub: Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)

If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212

✠ CALENDAR

✠ MY CREED

MON	12/3/18	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Amanda Snow (<i>Denise Riggs</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Special Intention Poor Souls (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
TUE	12/4/18	ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BPCD ST. BARBARA, VM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Elizabeth Prell – Happy Birthday (<i>Joseph, Andrew, Monica & Anastasia</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Dana Kustra (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Kirby Bischel</i>)
WED	12/5/18	FERIAL DAY • ST. SABBAS, AB
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>R. VandeRyt</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Thelma Macke Sieverding (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)
THU	12/6/18	ST. NICHOLAS, BPC
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Tom & Sue Nies (<i>Jenny Nies</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Anne E. Young</i>)
FRI	12/7/18	FIRST FRIDAY FAST & ABSTINENCE VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. AMBROSE, BPCD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Irene Ulanowski (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass My family & friends (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>) Benediction
	4:30 PM	First Vespers of the Immaculate Conception
	5:00 PM	Exposition
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>) Sacred Heart Devotions All Night Adoration
SAT	12/8/18	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY
	6:40 AM	Confessions
	7:00 AM	Rorate Candlelight Mass For vocations (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) (Special Shoppers' Mass – No Sermon)
	7:45 AM	First Saturday Devotions & Benediction
	8:30 AM	Confessions
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
SUN	12/9/18	ADVENT II WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Pat Patton (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great Reception of New Members into the Rosary Confraternity
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Connie & †Tom Kamphaus (<i>Steve & Becky Hammon</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Thanksgiving – favor granted (<i>Patrick Kurtz</i>)

Ex Maria Virgine. Note well these words: *ex Maria.* Mary it was who furnished the substance of His Humanity, that substance which was proper and personal thereunto; so that she truly took from Herself to give unto the Son of God, who thereby became indeed Her very Son. How pure must Mary needs have been to have been found worthy to furnish unto the Son of God the substance of His Human Being! The Word did not choose to unite Himself to a human creature drawn immediately from nothingness, as was the first man, but He would be of the very race of Adam. In order to effect this, He became Incarnate in the Womb of Mary, which necessitated His being consequently a son of Adam; not only did He descend into Mary, but He took from Mary, *ex Maria*: He is of Her very substance.

– Dom Gueranger

COLLECT OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His advent we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds; Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.
(Say this prayer Saturday evening, as you light two purple candles on your Advent wreath.)



NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my petitions through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)



Servers

SAT 12/8	7:00 AM LOW:	M. & D. Simpson
	9:00 AM HIGH: MC:	J. Lacy TH: P. McClorey ACs: D. McConnell, A. McConnell CROSS: C. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. McClorey, S. Richesson, C. & J. Mourer, J. & N. Kolenich
SUN 12/9	7:30 AM LOW:	Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS:	J. Lacy, M. Simpson TH: C. Richesson ACs: D. Simpson, T. Lawrence TORCH: T. England, J. Stewart, S. Richesson, C. Mourer
	11:30 AM LOW:	A.D. Kinnett, Na. McClorey
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION:	G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW:	G. Miller