

Liturgical Life

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 3 - 4
DECEMBER, PRESIDERS:**

5:00 p.m Fr. Raymond Fecteau/Deacon Fischer
9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2011

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Thursday, 8 December, is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. Sacred Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, 7 December, at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, 8 December, at noon and 7:00 p.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Parishioners are not obliged to physically attend Sunday Mass if dangerous travel or road conditions exist. Those who cannot safely attend Mass in person are encouraged to watch the Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 a.m. on CW50.

SPECIAL REQUEST/OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to donate the cost of the New Roman Missal for the church, please contact Fr. Ray at (301) 948-5536 ext. 109.

ADVENT: Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent thus is a period of devout and joyful expectation.



ADVENT WREATH: The revised Roman Ritual of 1989 states that four purple or four white candles may be used for the Advent wreath in the church or home.

The season of Advent prepares us not only for Christmas/Epiphany, but also for a whole church year. In our parish, we use an evergreen wreath, white candles and purple bows.

LOVING MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER: One of the four traditional Marian antiphons, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the end of the Christmas season. Hermarues Contractus, a monk of Reichenau (1013 – 1054) is believed to have composed both the words and the music. At Visitation Parish, a traditional Marian antiphon is sung during the presentation of the gifts.

Parish Life

ECCE QUAM BONUM: Last week, **Lyla Kimberly Mushro** celebrated **Baptism**.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: Throughout the month of November you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. A list of parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died this past year can be found in today's bulletin.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Joseph Parran** (2 November 2002), **Mark Andrew Dowjat** (7 November 2006), **Edna Walters** (8 November 1999), **Donna Stagon** (11 November 2002), **William Anthony Sturm** (11 November 2005), **Marc Anthony Cocozzella** (12 November 2007), **Mary Critz** (19 November 2004), **Emma Jean Yagesh** (20 November 2007), **Alice Huff-Fones** (27 November 2001), **the Reverend Walter L. Lawrence** (28 November 2007).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WINDOW: 8 December. In 1846 during the Sixth Plenary Council of Baltimore, the American Bishops placed the United States (upper panel) under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. The first and mother cathedral of the United States is the Basilica of the Assumption of Mary in Baltimore (lower Panel).

CHRISTMAS EVE PASSES are required for the Christmas Eve liturgy at **4:00 p. m.** Request forms will be included with the quarterly newsletter, which will be mailed to all parishioners.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH EMBER DAYS: Responding to the Gospel and following Church tradition, Visitation parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily set aside Wednesday, 14 December, Friday, 16 December and Saturday, 17 December as special days of fasting, prayer and works of charity.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parents presenting their children for Baptism must be registered in our parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class **prior to scheduling the Baptism**. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. For further information, call the parish office, (301) 948-5536 x 105.

MARRIAGE PLANNING: It is Archdiocesan and parish policy that couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with a priest or deacon a minimum of six months prior to setting a wedding date.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Catholic Engaged Encounter is an experiential weekend that calls engaged couples to a sacramental way of life through the vocation of matrimony. For further information go to www.dcengagedencounter.org and register for a weekend.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are planning to undergo major surgery, please notify our parish office. If illness or age prevents you from attending mass, call the parish office to arrange for visitation and Communion in your home.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Morning Prayer is prayed every morning before the 9:15 a.m. daily liturgy. Morning Prayer begins at 8:45 a.m. in the Thomas More Chapel.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to have a special intention remembered in our prayers please call the parish office (301) 948-5536, ext. 108.

Faith Formation for Life

SCRIPTURE STUDY: A study of the readings for the Second Sunday of Advent will be on Tuesday, 29 November, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

MARY OF NAZARETH: For information about Mary of Nazareth School, please visit the school's website at www.maryofnazareth.org.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Children, parents and invited guests will find God in our 3RD Annual Christmas Pageant, "Sing with us the Christmas Story" on Sunday, 18 December at 5:00pm. Check upcoming bulletins for more information. There will be a Christmas cookie reception after the pageant as well.

FAITH FORMATION WISH LIST: We are in need of a new HP Office Jet Pro-8500A printer for our growing religious education program. If you or someone you know, is able to donate this item, please call Michele Olewack at 301-948-5536 ext. 107. **Thank you** to the wonderful parishioner who donated a much needed laminator to the program.

Social Concerns

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CATALOG: Give a gift and help a charity of your choice by placing an order from the St. Nicholas Christmas Catalog inserted in today's bulletin. You will receive a card that specifies the gifts you purchased from the charity. Orders must be received by Monday, 19 December. For information, please call Kathy Rooney, (301) 948-5536 ext. 108.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION distributes grants to religious institutes for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers, and sisters. The fund also provides retirement planning and educational assistance to religious institutes. This national collection will be taken in all parishes in the archdiocese of Washington on the weekend of 10-11 December.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION: Grocery bags for our Head Start program will be distributed on the Second Sunday of Advent, 3-4 December. Bags are to be returned on the weekend of 10-11 December. Please be sure to include only non-perishable items in non-breakable containers.

ADOPTED FAMILY COLLECTION: Please stop by Founders Hall on 3-4 December to pick up a slip indicating items needed by our adopted families. Items should be returned on 10/11 December.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is seeking volunteers for their homeless shelters as the hypothermia season begins. For information, please call Mrs. Wanda Hoyles (202) 547-1925 or email Kenyatta.Brunson@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

Human Resources



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: Strong arms are needed to help unload the trees on Thursday, 1 December at 1:00 p.m. Sales will begin on Friday, 2 December at 4:00 p.m. Weekend hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; weekday sales will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sales end on Sunday, 11 December. Help is also needed to provide food for the volunteers selling the trees. Please call Bill Connors (301) 869-8203 or sign up downstairs by Founders Hall.

BULLETIN / FLYERS DEADLINE: If you wish to submit a bulletin article or a separate insert/flyer in the bulletin, please submit the information by calling (301) 948-5536, ext. 103 or email cenos@olvp.org.

Facilities

PARISH REPAIR: If you see a needed repair around the parish, please call the office at (301) 948-5536 ext. 103 and report the problem so we can get it fixed.

Finance

FAITH DIRECT: Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, **MD114**, or pick up an enrollment form from the presider/deacon after mass or from the parish office to begin!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 2011

- 27 Sun No Faith Formation Sessions
- 29 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 30 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 2011

- 01 Thu Christmas Trees Delivered, 1:00 p.m.
Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Barn
- 02 Fri Tree Sales Begin, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 04 Sun Head Start Food Bags Distributed
Adopted Family Slips Distributed
Faith Formation, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Grades 6, 7, 8, Lower Church
High School, Rectory
- 06 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 07 Wed Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
Vigil of Immaculate Conception of Mary
Liturgy: 7:00 p.m., Church
- 08 Thu Immaculate Conception of Mary
Liturgy: 12 Noon, 7:00 p.m., Church
Office Closes at Noon
- 11 Sun Head Start Food Bags Returned
Religious Retirement Collection
Adopted Family Gifts Returned
Last Day for Tree Sales
- 13 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Wed Ember Day
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Fri Ember Day
- 17 Sat Ember Day
- 18 Sun Shady Grove Pregnancy Ctr. Collection
Christmas Pageant, 5:00 p.m., Church
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 20 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn
No Faith Formation Sessions
- 23 Wed No Faith Formation Sessions
- 24 Sat Christmas Eve Sacred Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Passes Required
7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
- 25 Sun Christmas Day Sacred Liturgy
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy)
- 26 Mon Office Closed
- 27 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn

SAVE THE DATE

February 2012

- 10 Fri Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 12 Sun Family Bingo

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