

Liturgical Life

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 10 - 11
DECEMBER, PRESIDERS:**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
9:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (Family Liturgy)
11:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2011

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

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.

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. at the church.

SPECIAL LITURGY FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN will be celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent, 11 December, at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saturday, 24 December 2011, Presiders:

4:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (**Passes Needed**)
7:00 p.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 p.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (**Midnight Mass**)

Sunday, 25 December 2011, Presiders:

9:00 a.m. Fr. Mathew Punchayil
11:00 a.m. Fr. Raymond Fecteau (**Family Liturgy**)
The Choir will sing on Christmas Day at the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD LITURGY SCHEDULE: There will be a 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Saturday, 31 December and a 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, 01 January, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

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.

Parish Life

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Catherine Gill**, mother of *John Gill*. We commend her and her family to god in our prayers.

PARISH NECROLOGY: On the anniversary of their death, please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: **Nicanor Aquino** (03 December 2005),

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Winifred Donnellan (04 December 1991), **Stefano Zanello** (07 December 2010), **Filomena Picciano** (08 December 1993), **Steven Pindell** (18 December 1994), **Nicholas Toran** (27 December 1993) and **Matthew Todd Wolff** (27 December 1997).

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 newsletter, which has been mailed to all parishioners.

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 Third Sunday of Advent will be on Tuesday, 06 December, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.



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. 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.

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

Social Concerns

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION: This national collection will be taken in all parishes in the archdiocese of Washington on the weekend of 10-11 December. Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please share in their care and give generously to next week's second collection.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION: Grocery bags for our Head Start program 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: Items should be returned on 10/11 December.

BABY SUPPLIES COLLECTION: Fourth Sunday of Advent, 17 -18 December. New baby items such as sleepers, disposable diapers, Similac and Enfamil with 2012 and beyond expiration dates and other items may be placed in the basket in the alcove downstairs. All donations will benefit the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center.



ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS CATALOG: Give a gift and help a charity of your choice by placing an order from the St. Nicholas Christmas Catalog. Orders must be received by Monday, 19 December. For information, please call Kathy Rooney, (301) 948-5536 ext. 108.

Human Resources

NEW PARISHIONERS: The following families have recently joined our parish: **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fritz** and **Ms. Arlene Szwed**.

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

GIVE LESS TO THE IRS: All 2011 donations to the parish throughout the year and at Christmas are tax deductible. All stocks donated in 2011 are credited to the donor at full face value on the date of transfer.

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 | |
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| 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 |
| 29 Thu | The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen |
| 30 Fri | Office Closed at Noon |
| January | |
| 02 Mon | Office Closed |
| 03 Tue | Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m. |
| 04 Wed | Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m. |
| SAVE THE DATE | |
| February 2012 | |
| 10 Fri | Volunteer Appreciation Dinner |
| 12 Sun | Family Bingo |

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