

*Liturgical Life*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 17 - 18  
DECEMBER, PRESIDERS:**

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

**Readings for the Week of December 11, 2011**

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30  
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36  
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**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 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.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE PASSES** are required for the Christmas Eve liturgy at **4:00 p. m.** Request forms were included with the newsletter, which was mailed to all parishioners in late November.

**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*

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

**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.

**FIND THE PERFECT GIFT:** Be a part of the New Evangelization! *Find the Perfect Gift* is an Advent initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington that invites

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Catholics to share an invitation with neighbors and friends to consider the great gift of God in sending his Son to earth. When someone asks you about the campaign, share with them the link to the website, [www.findthepreciousgift.org](http://www.findthepreciousgift.org) and mention the difference a relationship with Our Lord has made in your life.

**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.

**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 Fourth Sunday of Advent will be on Tuesday, 13 December, 10:00 a.m., in the Barn.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Children, parents and invited guests will find God in our **3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant, "Sing with us the Christmas Story"** on Sunday, 18 December at 5:00pm. **K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students** will meet in Founders Hall at 3:00 p.m., whether or not you have a part. **Grades 6 – 8 students will meet from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. instead of the evening session.** Even if you do not have a part, your assistance is needed to help with the younger children. Don't forget to enjoy the Christmas cookie

reception after the pageant; all are invited. We look forward to the participation of all our Faith Formation students.

**FAITH FORMATION WISH LIST:** Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who donated the laminator and the new printer to our program.

**MARY OF NAZARETH:** For information about Mary of Nazareth School, please visit the school's website at [www.maryofnazareth.org](http://www.maryofnazareth.org).

### *Social Concerns*

**THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN:** Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at the soup kitchen on Thursday, 29 December. If you are able to help, please call Connie Johnson at 301-651-1570 or email [ConnieJohnson@mrj.com](mailto:ConnieJohnson@mrj.com).

**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.

**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](mailto:Kenyatta.Brunson@catholiccharitiesdc.org).

**THANK YOU** to all the families who donated items to our Head Start food collection and to our Adopted Family Collection.

**Human Resources**

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except:

- Friday, 23 December            Closed at Noon
- Monday, 26 December        Office Closed
- Friday, 30 December         Closed at Noon
- Monday, 02 January          Office Closed

**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](mailto: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.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT:** We are grateful to parishioners who make an extra donation to the parish at Christmas. Your donation is exempt from Archdiocesan assessment and is needed to help balance our parish budget.

**FAITH DIRECT:** Advent is a time of joy and sacrifice as we prepare for the return of Jesus and celebrate the memory of His birth. As we begin this new liturgical year, we encourage you to sign up with Faith Direct. Stop writing checks and using envelopes. Using Faith Direct saves precious time and money for both you and the parish, and don't forget that Christmas is on a Sunday this year! Make the change today by picking up an enrollment form at the parish office or from church, or sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is MD114.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** To receive tax credit in 2011, your contributions must be dated by Saturday, 31 December 2011. If you are mailing a contribution, it must be postmarked by Monday, 02 January 2012 and received in the parish office by Friday, 06 January 2012 to be credited to your 2011 contribution statement.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- December**
- 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
  - 20 Tue Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
No Faith Formation Sessions
  - 21 Wed No Faith Formation Sessions
  - 23 Fri Office Closed at Noon
  - 24 Sat Christmas Eve Sacred Liturgy  
4:00 p.m. Passes Required  
7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)
  - 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.
  - 05 Thu Holy Hour, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Chapel
  - 08 Sun Epiphany, 9:00 a.m. Family Liturgy  
Refreshments in Founders Hall  
Church Missions in USA Collection  
Faith Formation, 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.  
Grades 6, 7, 8, Lower Church  
High School, Rectory
  - 10 Tues Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m., Barn  
Faith Formation, 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.
  - 11 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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