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Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30 PM Congregational Singing

Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM
9:00 AM Congregational Singing
11:00 AM Cathedral Choir
5:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble

Daily Masses:
7:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturday 4:00 PM-5:15 PM
Other times by appointment.



DECEMBER 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 7:30am & 5:30pm

- 4 Luis Aponte, dec
Lawrence Carich, dec
- 5 Marcie Vlazny, dec
Stanislawa Gasparowicz, dec
- 6 Bob Brady, dec
Mark Leonard, dec
- 7 Earle A. Chiles, dec
Frances Turrish Swigert, dec
- 8 Charles Donahe, dec
Bob Weaver
- 9 Blanchet House



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin the Advent liturgical season. Many people would call this season their favorite: it lasts only four weeks, it looks ahead to Christmas, it is quiet, watchful, inspiring, and filled with anticipation. Central to Advent is a feeling of hope, that despite the darkness of the season, a shining light awaits us: “The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen” (Mt 4:16).

Advent is a time to hope for something not only good but great. Think big: not just a better world but a new world, not just greater prosperity but freedom from all want, not just a world without war but a world with the fullness of peace, not just self-improvement but an entirely new existence. Advent is a time to await the Messiah, who will usher in a new age of harmony, peace, and reconciliation—between God and humanity, among people of all nations, and with nature itself. “Behold, now is an acceptable time; now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2).

The beautiful prophecies we read from the Old Testament set the stage for our longing and anticipation—with one big difference: our hopes have been fulfilled! Jesus has come in history, planting the seed of God’s Kingdom and promising a future that will restore Eden itself. This Jesus also tells us that God is not far from us, that God loves all of us, that God wishes to be one with us in the Incarnation. The joy of this revelation marks both the Advent and the Christmas seasons. Is it any wonder we love this time?

The Church teaches that Advent has a two-fold character. First, it is a time of preparation for the solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God is remembered and celebrated. Likewise, Advent is a time for our minds and hearts to look forward with joy to Christ’s second coming at the end of time. We live “in between” the first and second comings, a time of prayer and expectation for the arrival of our great King. For this reason, Advent also takes on a penitential character, to “prepare the way of the Lord,” knocking down the mountains and filling in the valleys, removing all obstacles that keep us from God and God from us. In light of this, the Church asks us to be mindful of the season, wearing purple vestments at Mass and keeping the music and decorations moderate in preparation from the Child who was born in a stable. Such preparation makes Christmas all the more grand, with its bright lights, joyous music, floral displays, and beautiful nativity scenes.

At St. Mary’s Cathedral, we will have on display (partially during Advent) our own beautiful hand-carved nativity scene, the work of Albl Oberammergau in Germany, bought with the donations of so many of our parishioners. And, of course, we will have our large Advent Wreath to mark the four weeks before Christmas. May God bless us during this holy season!

Msgr. Patrick S. Brennan

Week of December 3

- Sunday:** Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass
Family Mass - 9am
Hot Cocoa after 5:30pm Mass
- Tuesday:** Anointing of the Sick during Masses
Advent Reconciliation Service 7pm
- Wednesday:** RCIA 7pm
- Thursday:** Benediction & Adoration 6pm
- Friday:** *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Masses at 7:30, 8:30am (School Mass) 12:15 & 5:30pm. Vigil Mass on Dec. 7 at 5:30pm
- Saturday:** Feast of Guadalupe Mass 10am
Rosary at 9am

Financial Report for November 26

Regular Households: 800	Envelopes used: 98		
	E-Giving: 77		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%Difference</u>
Sunday Envelope:	\$11,410		
E-Giving:	\$ 3,675		
Loose Collection:	\$ 3,165		
Christmas:	\$ 25		
TOTAL PARISH:	\$18,275	\$16,394	+11%
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$332,592	\$360,668	-8%
Thanksgiving Day: \$1,036	Social Services: \$50		
School: \$75	Christmas Flowers: \$1,763		
Cathedral Choir: \$25	Camp. Human Development: \$5		

We are grateful for your contributions to Cathedral!

WORSHIP ✕ PRAYER ✕ FAITH FORMATION

The Advent Reconciliation Service: We are invited to make our confession in preparation for Christmas at the Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, December 5 at 7pm. Multiple confessors will be present.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The cathedral's patronal feast day is Friday, December 8. Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be Thursday, Vigil 5:30pm and Friday, 7:30am, 8:30am (School Mass), 12:15pm and 5:30pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule: *Christmas Eve:* 4pm (Family Mass), 6pm and Midnight. *Christmas Day:* 7:30am, 9am, 11am.; No 5:30pm Mass.



Mass Obligations on Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:

This year, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, and Christmas is on a Monday. This means that we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent on Sunday morning, December 24th, and that afternoon, we will celebrate Christmas. Inevitably, the question arises: if we attend Mass on Sunday afternoon, will we fulfill both the Sunday Mass obligation and the Christmas obligation (a two-for-one Mass)? While canonists and liturgists argue the question, the prevailing view is this: each obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass (no twofer).

The situation is a little different the following Sunday (December 31st), the Feast of the Holy Family, and Monday (January 1st), the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Because the Solemnity (January 1st, New Year's Day) falls on a Monday, it is not a day of obligation. Therefore, the evening Mass of Sunday, December 31st, will be the Feast of the Holy Family, not the vigil Mass for Mary, the Mother of God.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Giving Tree: This Advent, we invite all our parishioners to take a snowflake (or more!) from our Giving Tree and bring happiness to individuals and families in need. Items must be **NEW and UNWRAPPED** (in order to properly match the gift to recipient), and can be placed in the basket in the vestibule or dropped off at the parish office any time before December 21st (the earlier the better

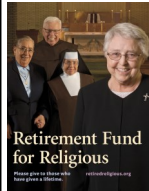


to insure delivery). Gifts are distributed to local families and individuals as well as those families in crisis referred to us by Catholic Charities, Refugee Resettlement, Housing Transitions, Cares NW, Veterans Outreach, St. Andre Bessette, Elks, NW Catholic Counseling Center and Pediatric Clinic at OHSU, among others.

Volunteers Needed Once again Cathedral will be providing the stuffing for *Lift Urban Portland's* Christmas dinner hosted by Temple Beth Israel. We need volunteers to help prepare the ingredients and deliver the pans to Temple Beth on **Friday, December 22 at 11am**. If you'd like to help chop, sauté, mix and deliver please call Gail Kinglsey at 503-241-2521.



Retirement Fund for Religious: Next weekend, December 9 & 10. *Help care for elders.* "Thanks to support from this collection, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for ageing members and plan for long-term needs. Please be generous in support next weekend and give to those who have given a lifetime. **Please make checks out to St. Mary's Cathedral.**



Financial Report for November 19

Regular Households: 800	Envelopes used: 121		
	E-Giving: 89		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>%Difference</u>
Sunday Envelope:	\$ 5,477		
E-Giving:	\$ 4,731		
Loose Collection:	\$ 2,780		
TOTAL PARISH:	\$12,988	\$16,394	-21%
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$314,317	\$344,274	-9%
Social Services: \$25	School: \$300		
Cathedral Choir: \$500	Christmas Flowers: \$50		
Campaign for Human Development: \$1,321			

We are grateful for your contributions to Cathedral!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Contributions Given in Memory/Honor of:



M/M Najib Azar	M/M Antonio Martinez-Velez
Bada-Angeles Family	Nancy Pearce
Betty Burson	Robert Prentice
Delores Cruz	M/M Kalma Rosenerg
Dolly Hardy	Serge D'Rovencourt
Patricia Irwin	Kevin Schiller
Mercedes J. Mellejor	Sidney & Gloria Schiller
M/M Antonio Martinez -	Fernando & Simplicia Torres
Francisco	Adrenne V. Zenisek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - DEC 9 & 10

Presiders:

Vigil Msgr. Patrick Brennan **11:00** Fr. Timothy Furlow
7:30 Msgr. Patrick Brennan
9:00 Fr. Timothy Furlow **5:30** Msgr. Patrick Brennan

Lectors:

Vigil Barbara Brainard, Michael McCarthy
7:30 Jim Peck
9:00 TBA, Nancy Bartow
11:00 John Pigott, Anne Yoo
5:30 Michael Klobes, Kevin Keaney

Greeters & Ushers:

Vigil Virginia Ryan, Ed Geisler
9:00 Pat Walters/ Mari Connolly, Longaker Family
11:00 John Pigott, Sr. Connie Furseth, Gary Townsend

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Vigil Betty Donnelly, Suzie Santilli
Janet Satterlee, TBA, TBA
7:30 Jim Peck, Mary White, Jim Larkins
9:00 Mimi Bushman, Michelle Vranizan, Anna Graham
Joe Schafbuch, Nikki Schafbuch, Helen Heller
11:00 Debbie Paynter, Rick Ganji, Mary Ganji
Dohky J-Karchaei, Sue O'Donnell, Marilyn Griffin,
Cerise Joe
5:30 Hector Nunez, Dorene Kemp, Kelsey McGinnis
Margaret Witt, Daniel Hseih, Barbara Brown

Altar Servers:

Vigil Jane Ryan, Maggie Ryan, Patrick Ryan
7:30 Elliott Bush, Avery Houle
9:00 Philip Bolaer, Max Djaya, Anna Djaya
11:00 Ruben Yoder, Griffin Stevenson, TBA
5:30 Claudie Mutati, Bianca Sarich, TBA



“Receive the cross on your forehead

It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love.
Learn to know him and follow him.”

THE CATECHUMENATE

On the **First Sunday of Advent** throughout the world, adults begin the second stage of Rite of Christian Initiation: *The Catechumenate* — God’s call to continuing faith formation.

faith formation — not a class

At Cathedral, adults prepare to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church in a four-stage process of:

- ◆ instruction
- ◆ prayer
- ◆ worship
- ◆ faith sharing
- ◆ discernment
- ◆ community

WITNESS

You, the faithful, witness the intent of catechumens and candidates. You offer your support and prayers.

In “Rite of Acceptance”, you are asked:
“Are you ready to help these Catechumens follow Christ?” and you reply: “We are.”

In intercessions for catechumens and candidates, you pray:
“That they may find in our community compelling signs of unity and generous love”.

*We welcome our catechumens
and candidates, who have
answered God’s call.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30 p.m. Mass

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This rite marks the first sanctification of “catechumens”, unbaptized adults. They declare their intent to continue their faith formation. *Signing of the Senses* offers them God’s grace.

CATECHUMENS

Melanie Miers-Derstine
Lidia Salmen
Lincoln Murphy
Brooks Murphy

RITE OF WELCOMING

Adults baptized in other Christian traditions become “candidates”, declaring their intent to continue faith formation. They, too, receive sanctification in *Signing of the Senses*.

CANDIDATES

Megan Murphy
Dan Murphy
Megan Stubstad
Drew White
Elizabeth Worlein
Michael Godfrey
Tianna Hyde
Lisa Smith
Stefanie Darensbourg

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