



THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS

GOD GAVE US HIS BEST.

Today... a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

LUKE 2:11 (NIV)

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 1:00 pm: December 9th 16th and 23rd

Tuesday at 10:30 am: December 5th 12th and 19th

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24th

4:30 pm Mass with Children's Nativity Re-enactment

10:00 pm Vigil Mass with Adult Choir and Brass

Christmas Choral Music will begin at 9:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25th

Masses at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

10:00 am Mass with Adult Choir and Brass

Christmas Choral Music will begin at 9:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th at 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 31st at 8:00 am 10:00 am & Noon

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st - Mass at 9:00 am

(This year the Feast of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation)

The Parish offices will be closed the week of December 25th and re-open January 3rd

In case of emergency call 248-356-8788 to reach a priest

Calendar Alert: Christmas 2017

According to Canon Law, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obligated to participate in the Mass. This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24, Christmas falls on Monday, December 25. Some people are asking: Can I satisfy both obligations by attending Mass on the evening of December 23?"

The prevailing view of canon lawyers is that each obligation must be fulfilled by attending a separate Mass, one for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one for Christmas: the Nativity of the Lord.

NEXT WEEKEND

December 23/24

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

All those who have a crèche at home are invited to bring their 'baby Jesus' to mass next weekend to have them blessed.

Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be on Dec. 23 @ 4:30 p.m. and Dec. 24 @ 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Ah the Crowds! Blessed are the Crowds!

During this Holy Holiday Time, we can expect larger crowds at most of our services. Our pews were designed to hold as many as nine, well eight anyway. The Fire Marshall frowns on people stacking the aisles and entrances for safety reasons. With the choir in session there is little standing room at the back of the church. So please snuggle up so that we can accommodate everybody who has chosen Transfiguration Parish to worship this season.

Thank You!

November 13, 2017

Sunday Collection: \$5,246.50

Maintenance: \$168.00

All Saints: \$48.00

All Souls: \$33.00

November 20, 2017

Sunday Collection: \$5,046.00

Maintenance: \$80.00

Catholic Charities: \$1,365.36

All Souls: \$40.00

November 27, 2017

Sunday Collection: \$4,422.00

Maintenance: \$18.00

Catholic Charities: \$20.00

Reporting sexual abuse

Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: (866) 343-8055. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities.

MINUTE MEDITATIONS**Say yes even in the midst of darkness**

In Matthew's version of the annunciation story, in this case telling Joseph that the events in his life are part of God's plan, we can imagine what Joseph has been going through. We've had similar difficulties in our own lives. At this time, we may have longed for a sign as clear as the one Matthew describes.

Pope Francis reminds us that at times such as these, we need to have a kind of desperate faith that says yes in the midst of darkness. What helps more than anything is to be immersed in the stories of the Bible, the stories of God's presence with his people.

~from *The Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis* by Diane M. Houdek

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Flower Offering

In Memory / Honor of

Lear Johnson, Jesse Johnson & Candace Donn req. by Edith Boswell

Ewa Nieckaz, Michael Niecharz, Aniela Rembecki & John Rembecki req. by Mr. & Mrs. Rembecki

Robert & Mary Bodden & Mareel & Dorothy Loiselle req. by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Loiselle

Mary Immaculate, Josephine Opland, Rozalia Jaroslawska, Stephanie Jaroslowski & Melinda Young
req. by Mrs. Evelyn Young

Rev. Mr. Luther Aman, Mary Ann & Arthur Cabaj & Mary Gombar Cabaj req. by Diane Aman

Peter Simon, Annastansia, Teresa, Andrea, Richard & Fred req. by Mr. & Mrs. Simplicious Makanga
Rosemary Boehle req. by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Boehle

Sabah Garmo req. by Julie Garmo

Scott & Lonie Bradford, Guy & Ceolia Curtis, Crystal & Terry Ford, Scott & Doris Bradford
req. by Ceolia Ford

Gertrude Clark & Clare Urquhart req. by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Urquhart

Ralph & Arinella Fischer, Patrick & Kathryn Sweeney, Sherry Wagner & Mary Jane Miller
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sweeney

Stanley & Stella Wroblecki & Joseph & Celia Machuta req. by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Machuta

Fred, Bertha, Paul, Carl, Robert, Kurt & Paul Michael Denick, Lucy Mulligan, Barbara Clerk,
Br. Michael Schebeci, Fr. John Market, Fr. Dan Havron, Fr. Chris Schnieder & Br. Luke Simon
req. by Kathryn Demick

Arthur Michalski, Peter & Dorothy Supina, Walter & Stella Michalski, Pete Jr. Supina,

Phyllis Marshall & George Marshall req. by Margaret Michalski

Daniel Theriault & Chris Theriault req. by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Theriault

Robert & Margaret Coughlin, James A. McGuire, Jr., Robert Coughlin, Jr., Barara R. & Barbara K.
req. by Carolyn McGuire

Peter Laudicina & Rose Bonoma req. by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Laudicina

Emily Catherine Bird req. by Joan Boufford

William & Ida Walls req. by Sharon Marlo-Bradley

Janeo & Laranang Family req. by Mr. & Mrs. Romulo Laranang

Rosemary Rattenbury, Mary & Bland Reynolds, Diane Rattenbury, Norman & Robert White,

Gerard & Norma Rattenbury req. by Gerald Rattenbury

Medora Snigger req. by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Smith

Clyde Andrei Pickett & Emma Wiley req. by R. Wells

Lillian Kleckley, William Kleckley, Thomas Kleckley & Edna Freeman req. by Lolita Poole

Frank & Parma Jannetta & Karen Mafney req. by Mr. & Mrs. Roderick Roy

Ciara Grendys & Germaine Charnesky req. by Mr. & Mrs. George Charnesky

Joy Balaoing req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Bgalaoing

Corinne Gray req. by Juanita Gray

The Kendricks & the Temples req. by Dr. Annette Temple

Sidney & Noamme JeanBaptiste, Alton & Alex JeanBaptiste, Irene & Lonnie JeanBaptiste,

Jerome & Pricilla Jeqan Baptiste & James E. Hunter req. by Ethel Jarrett

James Fahey req. by Irene fahey

James & Adlean Scott req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nwabueze

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In Memory/Honor of...**William A. & Thelma J. Rankin, the Rankin Family & Elizabeth Yohannes
req. by Angela Rankin-Yohannes****The Sayers Family & the Galette Family req. by Sr. Mary Rita Sayers SSJ
Michelle, Rene, Vernon V., Vernon B. req. by Jane Catherine Rougeau****Ryan Salone Sr., Ryan Salone Jr., Ruby Cordier, Thomas Stubbs Sr., Thomas Stubbs, Jr.
req. by Mrs. Ryan Salone****Special Intention of:****Mrs. Regina Nnaji
Albert Woods****Mrs. Edith Mansfield
Ms. Kathleen Roy****Ms. Elizabeth Massad
Mrs. Leroy Lewis****Mr. Leon McElroy
Mr. Enoch Stewart****Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hurite
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Grden****Mrs. Robert Paige
Grace Bonfiglio****Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kanaby
Mr. & Mrs. Richard****Beauchamp
Gertrude Beyer****John P. Walton
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Mary Schmidt****Yul Johnson
Carmen Taylor-Berry****David LaGrande
Rose Parker****Mr. & Mrs. Alphonsus
Akhahon****Mr. & Mrs. James Keys
Paul Stoll****Bona Opatich****Mr. & Mrs. John Heenan****Mr. & Mrs. Roman Honore****Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smith****Mr. & Mrs. Josph Ryzewicz
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Are you age 55 or older and interested in helping young people learn? CCSEM has just the program for you! Our Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for tutors for youth in the Oakland County school system. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact Allie Van Haverbeke at 248-559-1147 ext. 3945 or van-haverbekea@ccsem.org.

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Please pass this message along to anyone who might be open to supporting CYO. We thank you and wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
regarding****Thursday Evening Bible Study**

During the holiday season, the Thursday Evening Bible Study group with Sr. Helen will be taking some time off.

There will be NO Bible study on Dec. 21st, 28th, & Jan. 4th.

Classes will resume at it's regular time on January 11th.

**We make a LIVING
by****WHAT WE GET.****But we make a LIFE****by****WHAT WE GIVE.****~Winston Churchill**