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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24TH 2023
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
DECEMBER 25TH 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 23th **5:00 p.m.**
Jean Claude - In memoriam
Requested by Jocelyn David

Sunday, December 24th **8:00 a.m.**
Holy Family Novena
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Sunday, December 24th **5:00 p.m.**
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Family Mass
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Caroling **11:00 p.m.**
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Midnight Mass
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Monday, December 25th **11:00 a.m.**
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Holy Family Novena
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Merry Christmas!!

Tuesday, December 26th **9:00 a.m.**
Second Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Holy Family Novena
Feast of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
Michael Korkordi - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Wednesday, December 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Third Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Holy Family Novena
Feast of Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist
Terrance Redhead - In memoriam
Requested by the Redhead Family

Thursday, December 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Fourth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Holy Family Novena
Feast of the Holy Innocents
Stephan James - Thanksgiving and blessing
Requested by Gloria James

Friday, December 29th **9:00 a.m.**
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Holy Family Novena
Rienne Baron - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Edouard

Saturday, December 30th **9:00 a.m.**
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Holy Family Novena
Rose Marie Elysee - Birthday blessing
Requested by the Elysee family

Homebound Ministry

Please contact the Rectory Office if you are homebound or know of any parishioner who is homebound or anyone going for a medical procedure who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Holy Eucharist.
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1923 - 2023

Read the Gospel of the day. Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Fourth Sunday of Advent.
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rm 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38.
David's posterity shall endure forever (1, Ps). His Kingship finds its fulfilment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever (2).

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): 5:00pm
Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,29; Acts 13:16-17,22-25;
Mt 1:1-25.
God's covenant (Ps) gloriously shines forth (1) in the birth of Jesus (3), son of David (2).

The Christmas season extends from the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord through the Baptism of Lord, Monday, 8 January 2024.

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
Sunday, Midnight
Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3,, 11-13; Ti 2:11-15; Lk 2:1-14.
Darkness is shattered (1) for God's grace has been revealed (2) in the birth of the Messiah (Ps, 3).

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):
Monday, 11:00 a.m.
Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn1:1-18.
God has spoken to us through his son (2), the word made flesh. Thus salvation has been revealed (1, Ps) to all the nations.

Tuesday, Second Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Acts 6:8-10; 7-54; Ps 313cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17;
Mt 10:17-22. Filled with the spirit (2), Stephen entrusts his life (Ps) to the Lord for the sake of the gospel (1).

Wednesday: Third Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.
Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8.
John testifies to what he has seen (1): Jesus risen from the dead (2). And so, let us rejoice (Ps).

Thursday: Fourth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.
Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124: 2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18.
The massacre of the innocents (2) bears witness to the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from sin (1) and frees us from death (Ps).

Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.
5b-6; Lk 2:22-35. Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3
Jesus is the light (2) who scatters the darkness of hatred and sin (1) among all peoples (Ps).

Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.
Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40. Faithful to God's will (1), Anna gives thanks (Ps) for the deliverance of her people (2).

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Luciennne Previl - Birthday blessing

Altar Flowers:
Brigina Pharaon - Birthday blessing

Sanctuary Candle:
Sarita Thomas - In thanksgiving and blessing

Altar Candle:
Stephan James - In thanksgiving and blessing

Altar Candle:
Ingrid Addison - In thanksgiving and blessing

Altar Candle:
Anna and Michael Mayo - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Altar Candle:
Sandra Stafford - Healing and blessing
Requested by Adrian Stafford-Brown

Annunciation Chapel Candle:
Juliet Scanterbury - Birthday blessing

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Claudia Viechweg - Birthday blessing
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Saint Joseph's Candle:
Joyce Thomas - Blessing

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit www.pre-cana.org.
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Sick Calls: In case of an emergency - any time.

Joyeux Noel

Thank you for getting to Church on time.
God is waiting for you!

Praise the Lord!

The Eucharist "is the source and summit of the Christian life."

CCC 1324

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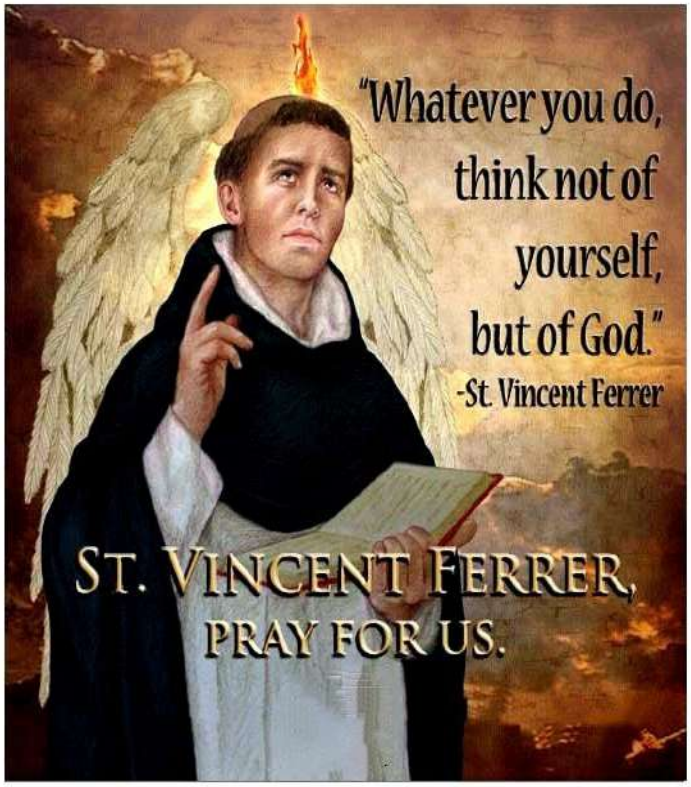

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Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

Jwaye Nwel!

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Feliz Navidad!

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Waiting and Awaiting
Valerie Schultz

The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. (Luke 1:35)

My daughter gave birth to her first child last year. She had a phone app that measured the size of her developing baby as compared to a fruit or vegetable. She'd send me the weekly comparison: a blueberry, a lime, a peach, an eggplant, a watermelon. Everything she shared—the physical changes, the mental challenges, the emotional upheavals, and the overarching sense of expectancy—was as familiar to me as it was new to her. Awaiting the birth of a grandchild through the eyes of a woman I'd given birth to felt like blessing upon blessing.

Pregnancy is about waiting. Every Advent I think about the pregnant Mary, who literally embodied the first Advent. The incarnation of God's Son that we anticipate every year at this time comes about through a woman's body. God's miracle of conception must implant in a uterus and spend the requisite nine months developing into a human baby. We understand that Mary's human baby is unique in that Jesus is fully divine. But he is fully human because of Mary's willing womb: the holy temple of Mary's mortal body is essential to the incarnation.

We mothers understand the power that overshadows us the moment we become mothers. We are instruments of God's creativity. We are clay in the hands of the divine potter. We give ourselves freely to the needs of another as we gestate and lactate and take responsibility for this tiny wailing creature. We know Mary's pain and delight at the birth of her son—granted, her labor and delivery circumstances were primitive compared to modern comforts—because we have felt the same things. We know the wonder and bewilderment that causes us to treasure in our hearts the twists and turns of motherhood. We get it.

Perhaps the changes women experience during pregnancy mirror the transformation that the birth of Jesus brings to our faith. The Jewish people awaited the coming of this promised Savior for centuries. They prophesied about it. And then suddenly . . .

The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son
full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

After that, everything about the human family was reborn. The long-awaited Savior was here, dwelling among us. The weeks of Advent remind us not only of that wait, but that the wait for us is over.

"We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now," St. Paul tells us (Rom 8:22). This image is unnervingly visceral to those of us who have groaned in actual childbirth. The contractions and mighty pushes we breathe through bring forth a new being. Once we glimpse our baby, we would do it all again in a heartbeat.

So it is with God. God gives us this most precious gift, God's Son, grace and truth, a labor of God's love.

© Give Us This Day

O Holy Night

Buone Feste Natalizie

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The Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith. CCC 1327

Prayer before a Crèche
Lord Jesus, together with the shepherds
we draw near to your Crib.
We contemplate you, wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in the manger.
O Babe of Bethlehem,
we adore you in silence with Mary,
your ever-Virgin Mother.
To you be glory and praise for ever,
Divine Savior of the World! Amen.
—St. John Paul II

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If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

Pope Francis' December Intentions

For persons with disabilities
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Season of Advent

"Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, **Advent is a period of expectant delight."**

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2023 Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, December 8th —
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, December 18th
Reconciliation Monday
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Confessions will be heard in the Church

Saturday/Sunday, December 23rd-24th
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24th — Christmas Eve
Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass
(Carols begin at 11:00 p.m.)

Monday, December 25th — Christmas Day
Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, December 30th-31st
Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 31st — New Year's Eve
Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Holy Hour begins at 10:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve Mass at 11:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1st — New Year's Day
Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, January 6th-7th
Feast of the Epiphany/Three Kings
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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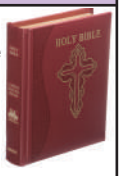

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