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December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Masses



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
 (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday: Anointing of the Sick
 (of the Month) Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 (after 8am Mass)
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart (Before Benediction)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Adoration
 Tuesday: 8:30am - 6:00pm
 Friday: 8:30am - 9:30am

Office Hours
 Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

- Parish Secretary: Rachel Barnett
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- RCIA Director: Robin Griffith

TODAY'S READING'S

Reading 1 - IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading 2 - 2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Reflections:

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today’s liturgy. Isaiah in today’s First Reading promises Israel’s future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today’s Gospel shows, Israel’s historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God. God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus toward the promised land (see Exodus 23:20). And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord (see Malachi 3:1–4). John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah’s prophecy, to show that all of Israel’s history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today’s Psalm. He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today’s readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today’s Epistle. Like Jerusalem’s inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

According to the teachings of the Catholic Church, The Immaculate Conception was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary is free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but God acted upon her soul (keeping her "immaculate") at the time of her conception.

The Immaculate Conception may be mistaken as the conception of the Child Jesus in Mary's womb and the Virgin Birth of Jesus. These are covered by the Doctrine of Incarnation, while the Immaculate Conception deals with the conception of Mary herself, not that of her son. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Patronal Feastday and Holy Day of Obligation in the United States of America.

From an article by Father William G. Most for EWTN:

"In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. This simply means that from the beginning, she was in a state of grace, sharing in God's own life, and that she was free from the sinful inclinations which have beset human nature after the fall." Read atricle

There will be no penance service at Annunciation. All are encouraged to attend at another parish. **Schedule:**

Holy Trinity – Mon., December 18th 6pm
St. Matthew’s– Wed., December 20th 6pm
Sacred Heart- Wed., December 20th 7pm

There will be no CCD classes on Dec. 17th or the 24th 31st due to the Christmas vacation. Per the dioceses, Jan. 1st is not a holy day of obligation. Therefore there will be no CCD classes. Classes will resume on Jan. 7, 2024. Mass participation is still required during the CCD breaks.

<u>Christmas Schedule</u>		There will be a Special collection for Retirement fund for Religious This weekend		<u>Jesus Prayer</u> Lord Jesus Christ , Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner	
Mass times:					
Christmas Eve 4pm					
Christmas Morning 8am					
	Church Cleaning		<u>COFFEE SHOP</u> Come by and enjoy Coffee, Breakfast & fellowship. After 8am Mass		
Team 5 this week				<u>Claiborne Hill Receipts</u> We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts! Thank you for your support. YTD \$483.01	

<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>		Financial News		<i>Prayer Request</i>	
Saturday	December 9	Insurance	\$64,983.79	Donna Battaglia	Donald Koenenn
4pm-	Jean Lee †	Diocesan Support	\$14,414.44	Emilee Battaglia	Patsy Ladner
Sunday	December 10	School Supplement	\$17,165.63	John Battaglia	Carol Moragas & family
8:00am-	Parishioners of Annunciation	Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$137,482.04	Brandon Boudreaux	Wilmah Necaize
10:30am--	Laura Rhode	Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$234,045.90	Debbie Byrnes	Janet Palmer
Monday	December 11	Amount needed each Week	\$4,500.89	Kay Cerisier	Joy Patin
8:00am--	Debra Powell	Last Sunday Collection	\$3,318.00	Michel Giardina	Abby Rolison
Tuesday	December 12	YTD Needed	\$216,042.36	Jennie Hoda	Brooke Rolison
8:00am-	Jean Lee †	YTD Collected	\$185,429.46	Carla Santiago	Timothy Odom
Wednesday	December 13	YTD Shortfall	\$30,612.90	Konnor Peterson	Gayle Duet
8:00am-	Marge Blaisdell †				
Thursday	December 14				
8:00am-	Marge Blaisdell †				
Friday	December 15				
8:00am-	Jean Lee †				