

December 2, 2018 - First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor

Advent: Its History, Part 1

The time of preparation for the great feast of Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of our Savior, is called Advent in the Latin Church. Though it is difficult to determine the exact history of Advent, it probably originated in the West, since it is where the date for Christmas was first fixed to the 25th of December. This date was fixed in the East only in the latter part of the fourth century, while it was set in the West at a much earlier date, though the exact time it was set is unknown. This time of preparation was observed long before the name Advent was given to it.

Historically, Advent has been a special time of preparation for the birth of the Savior by works of penance and prayer, at least in the Gallican church (Catholic church in France), where Advent practices were developed early. Rome adopted a certain penitential aspect later under the influence of the Gallican liturgy, and it seems it was established as a custom by the 13th century, as we learn from Innocent III. The penitential aspect comes from the eschatological formulae used during this season, formulae which were promoted by the austere Irish monks Columbanus and companions in the latter part of the sixth century. Originally, the Roman liturgy was filled with great joy and expectation at the announcement of the coming of the Savior. The influence of the Gallican liturgy on the Roman liturgy during the eighth and ninth century gave us both aspects in our present liturgy: the sadness of the purple, with the suppressing of the Gloria in Excelsis Deo, but at the same time, the joy and hope expressed in the prayers and singing of the Alleluia.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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Please pick up your 2019 Boxed Set of Envelopes.

2019 FSSP Liturgical Calendars on Sale, \$13 each!

Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays only, 6-8 p.m. Exposition & benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

Parish bookstore kiosk is open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below. It is located in the small hallway across from the water fountain.

PLEASE NOTE! Public and private Mass calendars are temporarily closed.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. every Monday, in the large meeting room.

Men's Recollection, 7-9 p.m., every third Friday of the month. Open to all men.

Schola Practice, 5:30 p.m. Sundays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

Tower of David Study Group, every Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Troops of St. George, every other Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. See schedule on bulletin board.

Christmas Flowers. Please consider offering a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the altar and chapel during the Christmas season. Donation box is on the hall table. Checks are payable to Regina Caeli Parish. Please note "flower donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your gift!

Dec. 3-5, Fr. Van Vliet will not be available for Mass for a few days this week. Please check the schedule and any updates on the website.

TODAY: CCD resumes.

Tues., Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meet.

Sat., Dec. 8, Holy day: Immaculate Conception. Mass times: 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. (High).

~ Altar Guild, Altar Server and Little Flowers meetings re-scheduled for Dec. 15.

Sun., Dec. 9:

~ CCD celebration of the Immaculate Conception after the 10 a.m. Mass.

~ Little Flowers bake sale after the morning Masses.

~ Youth Group meets in large room following the reception.

Wed., Dec. 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. (Low) and 7 p.m. (High with Rosary Procession). Visit of International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Please pick up flyer for itinerary.

Sat., Dec. 15:

~ Mass times: 6 a.m. Rorate (High) Mass and 7:30 a.m. Low Mass

~ 9 a.m., Beginners' Sewing Class in large room. Open to all girls and women. Sponsored by the Altar Guild.

~ Boys' altar server practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

~ Altar Guild meets in pastor's office following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

~ 9-10:30 a.m., Little Flowers meets in small room. Open to girls, ages 5 and up.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

December 2 – 8, 2018

Sun., 12/2, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., Ruth & Arrel Carrier †

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Thaddeus Nguyen

Mon., 12/3, St. Francis Xavier

6:30 a.m., Kathleen Froebel †

* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

Tues., 12/4, St. Peter Chrysologus

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Kathleen Froebel †

Wed., 12/5, Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., Kathleen Froebel †

* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

Thurs., 12/6, St. Nicholas

* 6:30 a.m., Special intention

7:00 p.m., Abigail McDonald

Fri., 12/7, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Hebert Family

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion,
Kathleen Froebel †

Sat., 12/8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

* 6:30 a.m., Cancelled

7:30 a.m., Low Mass, Kathleen Froebel †

9:00 a.m., High Mass, Pro Populo

* *Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.*

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion.

First Saturday of each month, the 7:30 a.m. Mass includes First Saturday devotion.

Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org
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Altar Guild

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Youth Group

Contact: Rev. John Kodet

Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

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Mass Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.
Confession	30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts
Vespers	6:45 p.m. Sundays