

Advent—A Time to Prepare to Receive Baby Jesus

Advent is a mini-lent. If you positively choose to pray-study, you will automatically be fasting from something.

I invite you to read the book of Sirach this Advent.

Here are some classic lines from the RSV translation:

-Sir 18:33: Do not become a beggar by feasting with borrowed money, when you have nothing in your purse.

[This applies to individuals and the U.S.A.]

-Sir 21:15: When a man of understanding hears a wise saying, he will praise it and add to it; when a reveler hears it, he dislikes it and casts it behind his back.

Aid to the Church in Need

Fellow Christians, if we are following Jesus the King, we have the four signs of a dynamic Catholic Christian: (1) prayer, (2) study, (3) generosity [in working to build up God's Kingdom by action and with money], and (4) evangelization [telling others what good things God is doing in our life]. Simply put: Pray, learn, act.

My heart was really struck over a year ago to hear about how ISIS was wiping out Catholic Christians and other Christians in Iraq and Syria. I wanted to give money immediately but let myself get too busy. Finally, about a month ago, I was able to find the right organization in which to funnel a donation.

Please consider giving to "Aid to the Church in Need." I was told that 90% of my donation will make it directly to the Christian refugees. Call (800) 628-6333 or visit:

<http://www.churchinneed.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mainpage>

Recall: In the midst of all the chaos in the world, God is blessing you and me. We should be mindful of our brothers and sisters who are suffering and dying. We can pray and give significant money to help them.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8

-St. Bernard, 8:30 a.m., [Dan/Sabrina Machiniak]

-St. Anne, 5 p.m., [+Len Crimmins]

-Our Lady of the Snow, 6:45 p.m., [+Wayne Cox]

-St. Ignatius, 4:30 p.m., [Tim/Barb Lytle]

-St. Peter, 7:30 p.m., [Jordan/Victoria Goray]

Christmas (Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord)

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

-Winter Park Ski Lodge (West Portal), 6 p.m.

-St. Ignatius, 4 p.m.

-St. Anne, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 25

-St. Bernard, 7 a.m.

-Our Lady of the Snow, 9:30 a.m.

-St. Peter, 10 a.m.

Collection Envelopes are Available in the Churches

If you do not see your envelopes, please call the office and speak to Angela, 887-0032.

Please Do NOT Spoil Your Priests

Fr. Joseph and Fr. Michael do not want any gifts or food in the Holy Day season. Keep us thin; pray for us instead. For those who like to send Christmas cards, feel free to pray for us instead. We pray for you every day.

Bible Recommendations (great Christmas gifts):

-*Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, New Testament: Second Catholic Edition.* This Bible has great commentary at the bottom of the page for those difficult passages to understand. It also has a concordance in the back.

-*The Didache Bible: Ignatius Bible Edition.* This is the complete Bible with Old and New Testament. It has commentary at the bottom, mostly based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It has many pages of apologetics for our faith, including The Assumption of Mary and redemptive suffering.

Calendar of Events

-Dec 12 (Sat). Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish at Our Lady of the Snow at 10 a.m.

-Dec 13 (Sun). Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

Mass Collections, November 28 – 29

St. Anne	\$ 1821
St. Bernard	2344
Our Lady of the Snow	1187
St. Peter	335
St. Ignatius	30
Total	\$ 5717

Vocations Prayer Calendar; November/December

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat--Donald Rasolofoarimanana & Hernaldo Arrieta

Sun--Jason DiRito & Jonathan Hantsbarger

Mon--Josh Madrid & Joshua Gallegos

Tue--Kevin Kasel & Micah Flores

Wed--Miguel Mendoza & Patrick DiLoreto

Thu--Samuel Munson & Stephen Sonnier

Fri--Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Dec 5, StA, 5 p.m., Honor Ulveling

-Sat, Dec 5, StB, 7:30 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Dec 6, StB, 7 a.m., Margaret Ledezma

-Sun, Dec 6, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Jo Creath intention

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, Dec 7, StA, 8:30 a.m., George/Christine Eastment

-Tue, Dec 8, Holy Day—See Schedule to the left

-Wed, Dec 9, StB, 8:30 a.m., Barry/Aimee Kroneberger

-Thu, Dec 10, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Dale and Becky Redeker

-Fri, Dec 11, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Stephen/Mary Lou V.

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StI and StP

KEY: StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-Sat, Dec 5, StI, 4 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Dec 6, StP, 10 a.m., Victor and Jan Derks