

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec. 7	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Mary Jo Schmiade & Genita Kiser]
Sun. Dec. 8	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Dec. 9	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
<i>HOLY DAY</i>	7:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Tue. Dec. 10	8:00 AM	For Adelyn Cooper (L)
Wed. Dec. 11	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from William Homan]
Thur. Dec. 12	8:00 AM	For Fr. Jacob Straub (L)
Fri. Dec. 13	8:00 AM	For Donald J. Trump (L)

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec. 14	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Dec. 15	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere's disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Rita Funke, and Mary Lou Kaub.

BIRTHDAYS— Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 7-Nolan Redmon, Dec. 8-Sherman Redmon, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 21-Ava Mae Hummel, Dec. 23-Kaylynn Cooper, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

ANNIVERSARY— Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe, Dec. 22-Lawrence and Amanda Eten, Dec. 31-Chris and Linda Fryman.

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone's birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days – 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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Religious Education – Lindsey Rawe (859) 250-7415

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

HOLY DAY—The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception for this year is celebrated on Monday, Dec. 9. It is a holy day of obligation, which means we are required to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at 8AM and 7PM for the holy day.

HOLIDAY CARDS TO SHUT-INS—The CCD kids will be making holiday cards (Thanksgiving and Christmas) for our shut ins. We already have Imogene Fisk and Bill Schneider on our list. If you know of someone else, please tell Lindsey Rawe.

HOSEA HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAMILY—We will have a family for which to purchase Christmas presents again this year. The names will appear on our ‘giving tree’ at the beginning of Advent. Please take as many tags that you wish. Please return the gifts with their tags by Sunday, December 15, so we can get the gifts to the family in time.

CCD COLLECTION—The CCD classes would like to establish a collection of personal hygiene products that will be delivered to the Parish Kitchen before Christmas. The following list contains a few suggestions, but is not limited to them: soap, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable cleansing wipes, feminine hygiene products, assorted bandages, hair ties, combs. A box will be placed in the back of church for drop offs. Any and all donations will be appreciated.

BLESSING OF BAMBINOS—Feel free to bring your Nativity Bambinos to Mass next weekend. Fr. Straub will bless them after Mass. Get prepared to set up your Nativity scenes soon!

LECTOR— Dec. 8-Lisa Cooper, Dec.15-Jesse Rawe

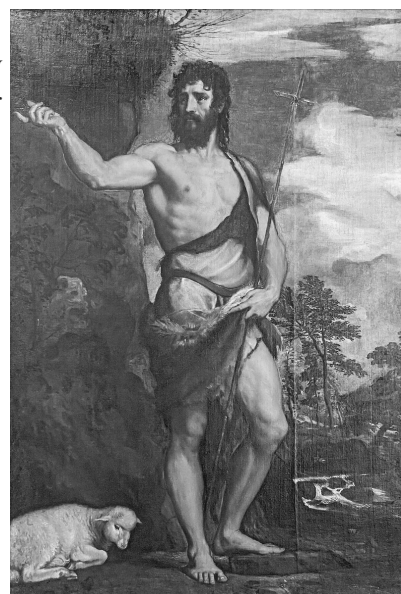
CLEANING – Dec.-Genita and daughters

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULES

Immaculate Conception—Dec. 9: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Christmas—Dec. 24 @ 6:00 PM & Dec. 25 @ 9:00 AM

Mother of God—Dec. 31 @ 5:00 PM & Jan. 1 @ 9:00 AM



FROM THE PASTOR—THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

Traditional Formula: I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Commentary: The Ten Commandments begin with God, since He is the Creator of all things and the Source of all life and existence. Through Jesus the Word of God and the Christ, we are made the people of God who have entered into a new and eternal covenant with God. A covenant is an eternally-binding agreement between two parties to give themselves completely to each other. We pledge to give ourselves completely to God as the one true God, and not to any other creature or thing in existence. God in turn pledges to make us His people, now and forever, as long as we are faithful.

In this commandment we are reminded of the supremacy of God above all things. There is nothing equal to God in this world or the next world. We acknowledge the reality of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in the one divine substance. We affirm that there is only one living and true God, and there are no other gods to worship or serve.

Sins against the First Commandment

-Idolatry: the worship of any creature or thing in the place of or above or equal to God. This includes false gods or idols made for worship, but also includes the exaltation of anything to the place of worship meant for God alone. Money, power, our consciences, anything.

-Superstition: excessive devotion or fear of God. When we focus excessively on the external practice of religion rather than the internal disposition towards God (practices such as burying St. Joseph statues for selling houses or lucky numbers or “guaranteed” prayers and novenas), we deny ultimate supremacy and lordship to God but make Him seem bound by our works and efforts.

-Divination and magic: any practice trying to gain power over God for one’s benefit, whether for now or the future. All forms of astrology (seeing the future in the stars) are condemned here. Also condemned is any attempt at magic (practice of occult powers beyond one’s natural ability).

-Sacrilege: profaning or treating irreverently that which belongs to God (sacraments, consecrated things, names of God), such as irreverently invoking the name of God or Jesus.

-Atheism: the refusal to acknowledge the existence & dominion of God over the universe

-Agnosticism: in many ways a more practical attempt at atheism. The refusal to engage in the ultimate philosophical question of divine existence or to avoid serious discipleship of God. All too many today practice some form of agnosticism by rejecting divinely revealed truth and believing they will be saved beyond Christ and His moral truths & commandments.

May we worship God as He truly deserves in this life, and be worthy to worship Him in the next.

Fr. Jacob Straub