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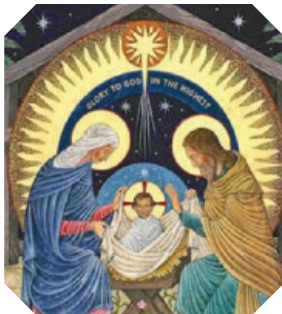


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December 24, 2023 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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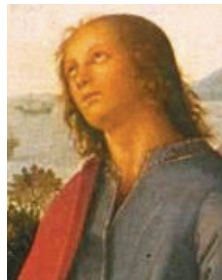
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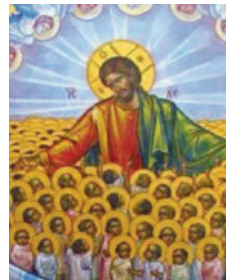
Dec. 25 -
The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)



Dec. 26 -
St. Stephen



Dec. 27 -
St. John, Apostle and
Evangelist



Dec. 28 -
The Holy Innocents



Dec. 29 -
St. Thomas Becket

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ADVENT

Advent is about waiting...waiting for the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, and waiting also for his Second Coming at the end of time. But the waiting is not passive. We stand watch so as not to be caught asleep. We wait in hope, knowing that there is more than the darkness, that even as we wait for Jesus, we know that He is with us.



JOIN US FOR Advent and Christmas

Christmas Day	Mon. Dec 25
<i>Holyday of Obligation -</i>	
Mass at 7:30am and 9:30pm (livestreamed)	
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sun. Dec 31
Mass Sat. at 5:15, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 (streamed)	
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Mon. Jan 1
Mass 10:00am	
Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity	Sat. Jan 6
Vigil Mass 5:15 pm	
Mass 7:30, 9:30 am (9:30am livestreamed)	
Baptism of the Lord, Feast	Mon. Jan 8
Mass at 12:10pm	

Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX



St. Francis prayed this prayer before the crucifix in the little church of San Damiano in 1205/1206 in the early days of his conversion.



Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of
my heart and give me true
faith, certain hope, and
perfect charity, sense and
knowledge, **L**ord, that
I may carry out Your holy
and true command.

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of December 24:

- Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Mon: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Tue: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Wed: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thu: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Fri: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Sat: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas

Waiting for Joyful Hope, with reflections for the days of the Advent and Christmas seasons (*thru Jan 8*), is available after all the Masses for a \$1 donation (\$2.99 on Amazon).



AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
 Master of both the light and the darkness,
 send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations
 for Christmas.
 We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
 to hear your voice each day.
 We who are anxious over many things look
 forward to your coming among us.
 We who are blessed in so many ways long for
 the complete joy of your kingdom.
 We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of
 your presence.
 We are your people, walking in darkness, yet
 seeking the light.
 To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
 —Henri J.M. Nouwen

Five (5) Month Report to the Parish

July 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023

Operational Income

Offeratory Collections	\$178,157.04
Sacramental Services	\$ 3,680.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 5,905.00
Building Fund	\$ 11,685.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 1,119.95
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 3,187.88
Parish Programs	\$ 195.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 4,929.32
Religious Education	\$ (1,500.00)
Other Receipts	\$ 9,511.32

Total Operational Income **\$216,880.51**

Operation Expenses

Salaries, Wages, and related expenses	\$ 90,834.24
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 298.32
Parish Programs	\$ 321.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ --
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 59,674.06
Parish Center-Office Supplies	\$ 4,738.66
Building Maintenance	\$ 7,947.82
Property & Liability Insurance and	
Property Taxes & Assessments	\$ 71,042.12
Religious Education	\$ --
Other Expenses	
Church Utilities	\$ 2,685.56
Church Supplies	\$ --
Parish Center Utilities	\$ 4,810.39
Rectory Utilities	\$ 2,298.46
Friary Utilities	\$ 2,425.26

Total Operational Expenses **\$247,075.89**

Net Income/Loss from Operations **\$ (30,195.38)**

Note: Beginning in 2024, this Financial Report will be published on a quarterly basis.



Church Pyx

Can anyone who borrowed a Church pyx return it? We have a number of them, and for the past few weeks there have not been any in the sacristy.

Thank You!



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024




8:00am  *Pancake Breakfast*
Enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast surrounded by the St. Francis community

9:30am  *Mass & Choir*
Mass will be held at 9:30am with Father Rey in St. Francis Parish. You can enjoy first hand the Parish and School community and the joyful singing from our choir.



11:00am - 12:30pm  *School & Tours*
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The Fourth Sunday of Advent



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
December 23-24, 2023



We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering:

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

REFRAIN

Ma - ra - na - tha! Come, Lord Je - sus. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Ma - ra - na - tha! Come, Lord Je - sus. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

O Root of Jesse, come as a sign for all the people. Maranatha! **(Refrain)**

O Key of David, come! O scepter of the house of Israel! Maranatha! **(Refrain)**

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Confiteor: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie:

Mass of Creation

Curtis Stephan

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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Psalm: Psalm 89: "Forever I Will Sing..."

Tim Schoenbachler

For - ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts:

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Carey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.



You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one. **(Refrain)**

Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts. **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Communion:

I Myself Am the Bread of Life

Rory Cooney

REFRAIN

I my - self am the bread of life. You and I
are the bread of life, tak - en and blessed,
bro - ken and shared by Christ that the world might live.

This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love,
And we who share it know that we can be one:
A living sign of God in Christ. **(Refrain)**

Here is God's kingdom given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
A living sign of God in Christ. **(Refrain)**

Lives broken open, stories shared aloud,
Become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
A living sign of God in Christ. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
3. No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

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