

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



'Waiting for the Lord'

Three times in the mass we are reminded to 'wait for the Lord.' The Introit, Gradual, and the Offertory prayer uses the first three verses of Psalm 24 as the backdrop of the liturgy today. **"To You I lift up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. No one who waits for Thee shall be put to shame." (Psalm 24:1-3)**

"Waiting for the Lord" is a major lesson in the Sacred Scriptures and it's a critical lesson for us to learn today. In Genesis 12, God came to the childless 75 year-old Abram of the land of Ur and promised him that he would be the patriarch of a great nation. God told him that He would bless him with land and more descendants than the stars in the heavens. Abram trusted and left his home

to obey God's call. At 86 years-old and still no child, Abram's, and his wife Sarai's faith were challenged. Living for many years without an apparent answer before them, they turned to their own means. They thought, 'Maybe this promise wasn't meant to be fulfilled through Sarai's barren womb, but through the natural order, although contrary to God's plan.' Sarai proposed that Abram consort with her handmaid Hagar to bring forth descendants. After Ismael was born and when Abram was 99 years young, God once again came to Abram and told him the promised progeny was to come through his proper wife Sarai. God then blessed them with Isaac and changed their names to Abraham and Sara.

We learn from Abraham what it means to wait on the Lord as well as what happens when we doubt and fail by turning to our own devices. We also see the depth of Abraham's faith when God asks him to sacrifice his long-awaited son. Abraham doesn't challenge or question, but simply obeys and trusts. But to trust in God, exposes our vulnerability and so we fear that we could be wrong. We trust in a God that we can't see or hear, but we do know Him, our adversaries don't. Our Faith awaits the 2nd coming of Christ; we look forward to death because it's what brings us to eternal life. But until then, we wait on the Lord. We sanctify each day by our prayers, by our sacrifices and by preparing the world for the coming of Christ. Blessed is the man who waits on the Lord.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 27- DECEMBER 3

SUNDAY: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: FERIA OF ADVENT
7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA, ST. SATURNINUS, M
7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ST. ANDREW, AM
7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: FERIA OF ADVENT
7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: ST. BIBIANA, VM
5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C
8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW MASS

CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM
MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM
FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM
SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events



On November 30th we celebrate the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle. He was the first of the Apostles to follow Jesus. He was a disciple of John the Baptist and John led him to the true Lamb of God. After the Ascension of Christ, Andrew brought the Catholic Faith to Scythia before preaching in Epirus and Thrace. There in Thrace he was crucified for professing the Gospel Christ.



Alma Redemptoris Mater

Mother of Christ,
hear thou thy
people's cry
Star of the deep and
Portal of Heaven!
Mother of Him who
thee from nothing
made.

Sinking we strive
and call to thee for
aid:

O, by what joy
which Gabriel
brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first
and last, let us thy
mercy see.

CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All children ages 5-15 are invited to sing in the Children's Christmas Choir which will sing one before Midnight Mass. Rehearsals will be every Sunday in Advent beginning around 12:00 pm and lasting around 1 hour. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 27th. The Children's Christmas binders will be ready to be picked up from the box in the choir loft. One binder per family please. Contact Mrs. Eileen Hanisch 570-780-9948 if you have any questions.

Youth Group This Friday!
Bring your bibles and a snack to share!

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 AM (Solemn) High Mass

6:00 PM Low Mass

Saturday, December 10

Candlelit Rorate Mass

6:00 AM Solemn High Mass

The Alma Redemptoris Mater is the Marian Hymn for the Season of Advent.

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A L-ma * Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérv-i-a cæ-li

porta manes, Et stella ma-ris, succúrre cadénti súrge-

re qui cu-rat pópu-lo: Tu quæ genu-ísti, na-tú-ra mi-

rán-te, tu-um sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem: Virgo pri-us ac po-

sté-ri-us, Gabri-é-lis ab o-re sumens illud Ave, pecca-

tó-rum mi-se-ré-re.

"Let us pray.

To You I lift up my soul: in You, O my God, I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. No one who waits for You shall be put to shame."

PS: 24 1-3 FROM THE INTROIT, GRADUAL, AND OFFERTORY OF THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo

Nick & Teresa LaFata

rb: Family

Monday: 7:45 AM

Matthew Doggett

rb: Jeff & Lisa Doggett

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

William Michael Joseph Schneider

rb: Pheasant Family

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Henry Patrick Burke, Esq

rb: Pheasant Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Fr. Gismondi

rb: Chris & Joyce Keifer

Friday: 6:00 PM

Nicholas Jude LaFata Jr.

rb: LaFata Family

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Sica Family

rb: Contaldi Family