

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Mystery of the Immaculate Conception

This Thursday we celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation and feast of the Catholic Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast does not commemorate the Incarnation, i.e. when Mary conceived the Christ Child of the Holy Spirit; it commemorates the Holy Conception of Mary in the womb of her mother St. Anne. This feast, more specifically, commemorates the Immaculate quality of this conception of the future Mother of God. Mary is unique among all of mankind as the only person "naturally" conceived to not inherit the Original Sin of Adam. This doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception was always taught throughout the history of the Church, though it was often debated by

theologians and even saints, but it was formally defined and proclaimed infallibly a dogma to be held by all Catholics in 1854, Blessed Pope Pius IX in his Papal Bull *Ineffabilis Deus*.

This was a singular act of God, to preserve this holy Maiden, from the first moment of her life from any stain of sin or bond of the evil one. She was forever at "enmity with serpent" in fulfillment of the Proto-evangelium of Genesis 3:15. God made use of the future merits of Christ's passion and death to further dignify and prepare Her for her pivotal role in salvation history. Before she gave her "*Fiat*" God gave her His.

In last week's bulletin, we talked about "Waiting on the Lord." We used the example of Abraham...how he persevered for awhile, but momentarily slipped by taking in his own hands the fulfilling of God's promise. But we saw how God brought him back and blessed him with a miraculous son Isaac. Imagine if Anne and Joachim had given up on God or if they had taken matters into their own hands. They were simply faithful, holy people who waited on the Lord and God blessed all of humanity with the Immaculate Conception of our future Queen.

This week take time to meditate on the impact that this blessing of God continues to have on us and how we can better imitate her in waiting on the Lord to work in us and in His time. God bless you!

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 4- 10

SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: FERIA OF ADVENT
7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: ST. NICHOLAS, BC
7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ST. AMBROSE, BD
7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
9:00 AM HIGH MASS
6:00 PM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: FERIA OF ADVENT
5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: FERIA OF ADVENT
6:00 AM RORATE MASS
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



The Immaculate Conception

This Thursday (December 8th) is a Holy Day of Obligation as it is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Saturday December 10th we are offering the annual "Rorate Mass". This is a votive mass in honor of Our Queen leading during the season of Advent. This is an early morning sung mass that is done by candlelight. See the special schedule for these days below.

Christmas, Sunday, Dec 25th

12:00 am Midnight Mass

8:00 am Low Mass

10:15 am High Mass



Christmas Pageant and Party will follow the High Mass on Sunday, January 8th



Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Goods available here December 8th & 9th

Support the suffering Catholics in the Holy Land by purchasing authentic Olive Wood statues and rosaries after the masses on December 8th and 9th in the parish hall.

November Collections/Expenses

Nov 1st - \$926.00

Nov 6th - \$3185.00

Nov 13th - \$2518.00

Nov 20th - \$2677.00

Nov 27th - \$4563.00

\$13,869 St. Michael collections

Expenses

\$12,902.44

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

December Saints

W	D	R	G	F	R	I	V	G	H	O	N	V	R	R
D	S	E	V	H	I	L	G	N	O	F	E	J	C	F
D	T	F	G	S	A	M	T	S	I	R	H	C	K	R
T	S	U	N	U	I	X	Z	S	T	O	P	L	A	A
H	C	L	H	K	R	Q	H	V	F	I	E	E	Z	N
O	Z	T	O	X	E	A	G	H	J	C	T	E	I	C
M	D	O	J	B	F	V	C	E	T	A	S	M	M	I
A	S	N	A	K	M	R	S	E	M	X	M	O	K	S
S	Y	S	N	S	L	A	K	B	E	A	C	V	T	X
N	A	H	A	O	D	C	R	V	C	T	H	N	E	A
I	D	E	I	A	E	O	A	U	A	T	E	I	K	V
N	R	E	B	B	S	N	L	V	A	C	R	C	M	I
A	E	N	I	E	G	A	E	E	O	X	W	X	S	E
T	B	C	B	E	T	X	R	N	A	V	A	Q	J	R
I	M	U	L	E	L	W	N	L	Y	B	J	B	L	H
V	E	I	P	A	I	S	A	L	O	H	C	I	N	
I	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	F	M	L	I	Q
T	R	M	K	U	S	G	U	A	D	A	L	U	P	E
Y	S	R	Z	D	Q	W	P	Y	H	U	D	V	R	L
O	L	U	C	Y	V	V	O	Q	V	J	Y	U	R	D

FRANCISXAVIER
GUADALUPE
FULTONSHEEN
STEPHEN
CHRISTMAS
FERIA
SHEPHERDS

BIBIANA
IMMACULATE
NICHOLAS
INNOCENTS
OCTAVE
JOHN
NATIVITY

LUCY
AMBROSE
THOMAS
BECKET
EMBERDAYS
EVANGELIST
WREATH

*"Stir up our hearts,
O Lord, to prepare the
ways of Your only-
begotten Son, so that
through His coming
we may be able to
serve You with
purified minds.
Who livest and
reignest with God the
Father, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God,
world without end."*

COLLECT FOR THE
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 4 - 10

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
Pro Populo
Davidson Family
rb: Sica Family

Monday: 7:45 AM
Mark Mahowald
rb: Lois Mahowald

Tuesday: 7:45 AM
+Mary Ann Blasi
rb Robert McHale

Wednesday: 7:45 AM
Priest's Intention
rb:

Thursday: 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Pro Populo
Holy Souls in Purgatory
rb: Anonymous

Friday: 6:00 PM
+Michael Lavelle
rb: Bill Lavelle

Saturday: 6:00 AM & 9:00 AM
+Ron Gillenkirk
rb: Gillenkirk Family