

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY December 6, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am John and Virginia Zwick (d)
11:00 am Tau Nguyen (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, December 7, 2020

St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am For the Souls in Purgatory (d)
3:00 pm Jean Keiser (L)

TUESDAY, December 8, 2020

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:30 am Marjorie Pickerell (d)
11:00 am John and Lucille Watkins (d)
7:00 am For the Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2020

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

- 8:30 am Patricia Niehaus (d)

THURSDAY, December 10, 2020

- 8:30 am Bill Lawson (d)
3:00-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, December 11, 2020

St. Damasus I, Pope

- 8:30 am William Weidner (d)

SATURDAY, December 12, 2020

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 8:30 am Patricia Wojnowski (d)
4:30 pm Rose Pohlman

SUNDAY, December 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am Rob Zwick and Family (d)
11:00 am Rose Pohlman (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

December 12/13

No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS

December 12/13

No Lectors scheduled.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 12/13

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING

November 29, 2020 \$6,906.19

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: “He will separate the sheep from the goats.” To be a shepherd is to tend the flock of the Lord, teaching them to hear His voice. Have courage to follow wherever He leads. (Matthew 25:31-33) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Loretta “Bo” Bacon who recently died.

PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

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Loved One's Name

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Name

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is normally a holy day of obligation. The obligation has been lifted by the bishops because of Covid19. But I will still have the same schedule of Masses. Monday, 3:00 pm Tuesday 8:30 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays, from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. During Eucharistic Adoration I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm. By the way, an excellent help in your preparation for Christmas is to make a good confession and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration.

2021 Church Calendars are in the back of church this weekend. Please take one per family.

Elder First Quarter Honor Roll:

Samuel B. Allgeier First Honors Grade 12

Nicholas O. Durbin First Honors Grade 10

Peyton T. Smith First Honors Grade 11

Cody M. Corbett 2nd Honors Grade 9

Cameron A. McWilliams 2nd Honors Grade 11



On the twofold coming of Christ

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, what relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*.

The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgment he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: *You did these things, and I was silent*.

His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. Malachi the prophet speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple*: that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing*.

The two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the*

appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end*.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end of this world, and the created world will be made new.

by *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop*

Virgin Mary, all nature is blessed in you.

Blessed lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night—everything that is subject to the power or use of man—rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God.

The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God himself, its Creator, it sees him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before his

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life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation received new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.

by St. Anselm, bishop



To obtain a Happy Death.

O Mary! What will my death be? Considering my sins, and reflecting on that awful moment, when I must breathe my last and be judged, I tremble and am confounded. Most holy Mother, in the blood of Jesus and in thy prayers are placed my hopes. O consolation of the afflicted, do not abandon me then; fail not to console me in that great affliction. If thou assist me not, I shall be lost.

Ah, blessed Lady! Before my death be at hand, obtain for me a great sorrow for my sins, a real amendment of life and fidelity to God, during the remainder of my days. And when I shall arrive at the end of my life, O Mary, my hope, assist me in that distressing moment and so comfort me that I may not fall into despair at the sight of my sins, which the devil will place before me. Grant that I may invoke thee then more frequently, and that I may expire with thy name on my tongue and the name of the most holy and divine Son.

O blessed Lady, pardon my assurance; but before I die, do thou in person come to console me with thy presence. I am a sinner, it is true, and do not deserve such a favor; but I am devoted to thee, I love thee, and have great confidence in thee. O Mary, I look for thee; let me not remain disconsolate. At least, if I be not then worthy of so great a favor, assist me from heaven, that I may depart from this life loving God and thee. To come to love thee eternally in heaven.

From Preparation for Death
by St. Alphonsus De Liguori

