

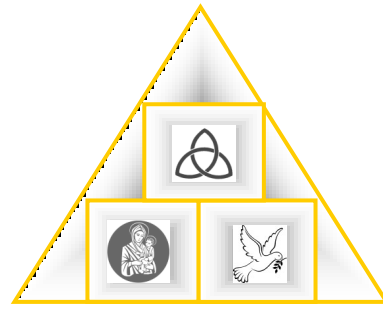
Holy Trinity Parish

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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First Penance/Eucharist: Register for 1st grade catechism classes in preparation.

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"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low... the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." —Luke 3: 5-6

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 4	+Harry Timm	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 5	Parishioners	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
	10:30AM	SC		+Francis McNamara	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 6	+Fr. Richard Villano	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 7	+Marie Lexvold	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
	8:00PM	SM		+Wayne Schafer	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 8	+Fr. Richard Villano	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
	2:30PM	HT		+Karleen Franklin	
	7:30PM	HT		Parishioners	
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 9	+Elvera Kohlhofer	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Fri.			Dec. 10		Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 11	+Dolores Anderson	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 12	+LaWanda Keller & family members	Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

Welcome to our Parish Churches!



Holy Trinity Church
 211 4th Street North
 Goodhue, MN 55027



St. Columbkil Church
 36483 County 47 Boulevard
 Goodhue, MN 55027



St. Mary Church
 221 Chester Avenue
 Bellechester, MN 55027

From Father McCabe



God inspired His Church to organize the year into Liturgical Seasons. Since God has entered history in Jesus Christ, all time now takes on a new sacredness (A.D. means “Anno Domini”, Year of the Lord). Jesus has inspired his Church to highlight certain times as more holy than other times in order to emphasize God’s plan of salvation.

The Advent Season and Christmas Season are more holy than Ordinary Time (the weeks between Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter), because we prepare for and celebrate Jesus’ birth; but we also prepare for Jesus’ second coming on the day of Universal Judgment. We pray this truth when we recite the Nicene Creed at every Sunday Mass and every other Holy Day of obligation, “He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.”

Since we do not know when this will occur, Jesus warned his disciples to pray daily, worship together weekly at Holy Mass, and live Christian lives of study, service and sharing the Gospel in order to be ready for our redemption when we die, or at Jesus’ glorious coming, whichever comes first.

The Advent Season is a gift from God to heighten our awareness of Jesus’ call to be “perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt. 5:48) Thus, the Church gives more opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession. We want all our parishioners to have a joyful expectation of Jesus’ second coming when the weak will no longer sin and God’s faithful will be rewarded with Eternal and Perfect Happiness.

I recommend that you celebrate Confession monthly as a family, but especially in preparation for Christmas and Easter. To celebrate Confession in a worthy manner, follow these five steps of love:

1. Diligently examine your conscience in the light of the Ten Commandments and the moral catechesis of the Gospels, especially the Gospel of Matthew chapters 5-7.
2. Confess your sins, especially the kind and number of mortal sins, to a validly ordained priest with sincere contrition and firm intention not to sin again. Sin is the greatest of all evils – it blocks and/or totally forfeits God’s grace and protection: “All mortal sins of which penitents, after a diligent self-examination, are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret... When Christ’s faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some,

place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, ‘for if the sick person is to ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know.’”
Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1456.

3. Receive the penance with a grateful heart and a firm intention to fulfill it.
4. Prayerfully receive the priest’s prayer of Absolution which assures you that all sins confessed, and even those unintentionally forgotten, have been wiped away in order to allow God’s divine life to strengthen every part of your body and soul with your cooperation of prayer and penance.
5. Thank God and the priest, and commit to growing as a member of the faith community that supports God’s healing grace, love and truth.

Please come to the Communal Penance Service this Sunday, Dec. 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. There will be 5 priests hearing individual confessions. This is a great opportunity for families to experience Jesus’ merciful love together.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

Holy Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation:

Tuesday, December 7, at St. Mary, 8:00 pm (Vigil)
Wednesday, December 8, at Holy Trinity, 8:00 am
Wednesday, December 8, at Holy Trinity, 2:30 pm
Wednesday, December 8, at Holy Trinity, 7:30 pm

*Please come to worship God and
honor our Blessed Mother Mary,
the Immaculate Conception,
patroness of the United States!*

December 8th
SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Please pray for: Therese Bien, Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Leo & Maxine Ryan, Bob & Mary Heppelmann, Ed & Marge Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Carroll Bartholome, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Dorothy Arendt, Leo & Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Marcella Befort, Pat Mann, Greg Hovel, Willow Nordrum, Del Brouwers, Mark Ryan, Sue Ray, and Colleen O’Neill.

News and Events

Retired Religious Collection: A collection to support elderly religious sisters, brothers, and priests will be taken this weekend. Please prayerfully consider assisting those who have given their lives to Christ.

Communal Penance Service: All are encouraged to attend a Communal Penance Service with multiple priests on Sunday, December 5, from 7:00-8:30pm at Holy Trinity. **Parents, please attend this service with your faith formation students, leading by example as primary educators of your children.** The service begins at 7:00 pm in the church, and then after a short reflection the penitents go to one of five different confession areas where one of the five priests assisting will hear individual confessions. People can stay for the final prayer as a community if they wish, or leave quietly after their personal confession time.

Collection Envelopes: Envelopes for 2022 donations are available at the church entries. Please write your name on the sheet with the envelope number you choose. Donations of any size are appreciated to keep the churches open and thriving!

Live Nativity: All are welcome to an Outdoor Live Nativity Event on Saturday, December 18, at 7:00 pm at St. Columbkil. At 7:45 p.m. the Nativity characters will process indoors for a sing-along. Ongoing refreshments available for all in the church center.

Elementary Christmas Program at St. Columbkil: December 19 after the 10:30am Holy Mass, followed by refreshments (light lunch). All parishioners' children, including those who don't attend faith formation at Holy Trinity, are invited to partake in the program. Familiar songs will be sung.

Christmas Gift Card Project: Our joint Holy Trinity/St. Columbkil CCW Gift Card Project will run until January 6, the Feast of Epiphany. This project helps out many throughout the year who may slip through the cracks. Included is a list of businesses to purchase cards from or if you prefer, you can donate cash and we will purchase the gift cards. We usually ask for amounts of \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25. Businesses are: Target, Walmart, Chuck & Dons Pet Food Outlet, grocery stores in the Goodhue County area, gas cards from Kwik Trip, Casey's, local stations and in the past, we have purchased gift certificates at local vet clinics as some clients have companion animals. There will be drop off boxes at both churches or you can mail cards or donations to: Holy Trinity Parish, Attn: Christmas Gift Card Project, P.O. Box 275. You can also put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift Card Project" and place it in the collection basket. Thank you again for your support with this project. Diane Opsahl and Deb O'Connor

Goodhue County Christmas families in need: I will be doing this like last year. Instead of tags on the tree and people purchasing items, I will be ordering items for them. If you wish to help, please place donations in the box at church or send cash or check made out to St. Mary's CCW to Gayle Strauss - 28632 Co. 16, Goodhue, MN 55027, by Sunday, Dec. 12. The number of families needing help has gone up. Any questions please call 651-923-4826. Thank you, Gayle

Church decorating: All three churches will be decorated for Christmas after Mass on December 5. All are welcome to help.

Christmas Flowers: There are order forms in the church entries for Christmas poinsettias to adorn the church sanctuaries, or you may bring flowers from other sources. Deadline for ordering from Blooms on Broadway is December 5.

Calendar/Events			
Sat.-Sun., Dec. 4-5	HT/SM/SC	Mass times	Second Collection for Retired Religious
Sun., Dec. 5	HT	7:00-8:30PM	Communal Penance Service with multiple priests
Mon., Dec. 6	SM	6:30-9PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon., Dec. 6	SM	7:30-8:45PM	Individual Confessions
Tues., Dec. 7	SM	8:00PM	Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Wed., Dec. 8	HT	8:00AM	Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Wed., Dec. 8	HT	9AM-2PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 8	HT	2:30PM	Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Wed., Dec. 8	HT	7:30PM	Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Th., Dec. 9	SC	8AM-9AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Sat., Dec. 18	SC	7:00PM	Live Nativity
Sun., Dec. 19	SC	After Mass	Christmas Program
Sun., Dec. 19	HT	6:30-8:30PM	Catholic Young Adult Gathering

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 11/27: \$ 281.00	St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection: 11/28: \$ 864.00	St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 11/28: \$ 974.00
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Behold the Lamb of God!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00PM, Wednesdays at Holy Trinity from 9:00AM-2:00PM, and Thursdays at St. Columbkil from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus Christ!

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

The official prayer of the Year of St. Joseph (12/8/20-12/8/21)—To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, Quamquam Pluries. The Holy Father asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence. (Source: USCCB)

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Juniors Zack Keller, (adult chaperones Jeremy Keller and Al Lodermeier), Kade Altendorf, Adam Poncelet, and JJ O'Reilly prepare 200 sandwiches for the needy during their November Faith Formation Service Project at The Third Place in Goodhue.