



THE MESSENGER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2014

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM 12/8/14

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON 12/8/14

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #609

OFFERTORY: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #652 Verses 3 & 4

COMMUNION: Instrumental

MASS PARTS: Siena Mass Chant, St. Michael Hymnal #149

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

A priest friend wrote about this season of Advent in a way I had not thought of before. Yes, we are waiting for the Solemnity of the Nativity, and it is hard enough trying to be still amidst all the things our lists tell us we should be doing. When we find that quiet moment, I offer you this reflection for you to pray upon. In our Advent "waiting," there are so many more strands of our faith that are woven into the singular event of the Nativity.

Have you thought of the wooden cradle the infant Jesus is soon to be laid as the foretelling of the wooden cross upon which he hung as the redeemer of the world? That the pangs of joy in the birth of our Lord will lead to the pain and sorrow of His Passion? That the swaddling clothes prepared by the expectant Mother are but a reminder of the shroud that will cover him in the tomb?

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It may seem peculiar to bring up the events of Calvary, but it is important for us to know the fullness of the gift that will soon be given to us by God. We are privileged to know the “rest of the story;” we know the Lamb of God will take away the sins of the world.

We live in the “in-between” time; between birth and death, and we have the word of God and Holy Mother Church to guide us toward our goal of heaven, of eternal life with Jesus.

But we ourselves do not know the rest of the story when it comes to ourselves and our loved ones. And that is where our faith comes in. Especially our faith in what our Catholic Church proposes through our sacramental life. All that and a rich devotional life help us lead the virtuous life, avoiding temptation and sin, accepting what comes to us with an open heart, and above all, learning to trust our Lord and God.

When we separate ourselves from God and his Church through rebellion (ie: sin), it severs that trust and fears grow.

Mary and Joseph trusted God. The shepherds trusted. And so should we. That is why we need Advent.

Our lives, the lives of our families are in-between birth and death and we remind ourselves that we do not know when that day will be. In this season of expectation, in this season of “re-birth” of faith yet again, let us turn away from anger and rebellion; may we renew our trust in God’s providence (meaning: we trust God); and let hope in our hearts grow as we prepare for the coming of our Lord.

ad Jesum per Mariam (to Jesus through Mary) Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, December 7:

SECOND COLLECTION - HAITI

9:00 AM – 10:20 AM - Religious Education Class

10:30 AM – Mass

Monday, December 8:

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 PM – Mass

Tuesday, December 9:

8:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday, December 10:

10:00 AM – 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM – Mass, Confirmation and Dead Theologians Society Classes

7:00 PM – St. Catherine of Siena Class

Thursday, December 11:

8:30 AM – Mass

7:00 PM – RCIA/Inquirers' Class

Friday, December 12:

8:30 AM – Mass

Saturday, December 13:

8:30 AM – Mass

9:00 – Noon - Adoration & Confessions

9:10 – 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

11:00 AM – Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 14:

9:00 AM – 10:20 AM - Religious Education Class

10:30 AM – Mass

11:30 AM – Women's Club Cookies by the pound sale

3:00 PM – Card Party

SAINT MICHAEL

Sunday, December 7:

SECOND COLLECTION - HAITI

8:00 AM – Mass & Breakfast Sunday

Monday, December 8:

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Noon – Mass

Sunday, December 14:

8:00 AM – Mass

9:00 AM – Father Baron DVD Series

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday, we will celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (A Holy Day of Obligation) It is an important day for Catholics everywhere, but especially for American Catholics.

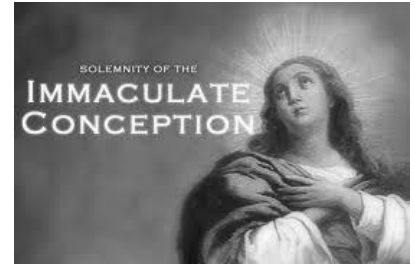
Since 1847, the pope placed the United States under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

What is the Immaculate Conception? It is the doctrine that holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary at the first instance of her conception was preserved immaculate from all

original sin. Why? Because Jesus is both fully human and fully divine, our Lord and Savior could not be carried in an unworthy vessel.

This doctrine was confirmed by our Holy Mother herself when she appeared to Saint Bernadette in the grotto near Lourdes, France, in 1858. When the young girl asked the lady of her vision what her name was, the Holy Mother replied – “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Author Michael Dubruiel also points out some unique connections between the Immaculate Conception and the discovery of America by



Christopher Columbus. Christopher Columbus' ship the Santa Maria was named after the Holy Mother. At the close of each day, Columbus would gather the crew on deck and chant the Hail Holy Queen.

When the explorer made first landfall, he named it San Salvador, Spanish for Holy Savior. The second place he named Santa Maria de La Concepcion, which means Holy Mary of the Conception.

NEW PARISH

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Please fill out and return the blue form for our new communication system.

Parishioners are asked to provide their first and last names, home and/or cell phones and e-mail addresses, if applicable.

The information will be kept confidential and will only be used for church related communication. Forms may be placed in the collection plates or brought to the Our Lady of Lourdes parish office.

COOKIES BY THE POUND

Celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, by buying some delicious Christmas cookies baked by the Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Club.

The cookies will be sold at \$6 a pound after the 10:30 AM Mass at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall on Sunday, Dec. 14.

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traughber
- *Shannon Bell
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee

DEPARTED AND

THOSE WHO MOURN

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PETITIONS

- *For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.
- *May we be ever mindful of our many blessings and may we give thanks to Almighty God, the author of all good.

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- *Dorothy Crosslin
- *Claudia Traughber
- *Mary Ann Klimek
- *R.C. Boyle
- *Dorothy Johnson
- *Tom Crumpler
- *Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

- *John Baker
- *Elizabeth Jenkins
- *Robert & Regina Head

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- DECEMBER 21: Deadline for Christmas Flower contributions
9:30 AM Decorating of St. Michael
2:00 PM Decorating of Our Lady of Lourdes
- DECEMBER 24: 5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
7:30 PM Christmas Mass at St. Michael
11:30 PM Christmas music followed by Midnight Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- DECEMBER 25: 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- DECEMBER 26-27: Office Closed. No Friday Mass. No Saturday morning Mass, Confession or Adoration. There will be a Saturday Evening Vigil Mass.

Volunteers Needed: Please sign up in the back of the parishes to serve at the Christmas Eve Masses, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SATURDAY –12/13/2014

Lector: Donna Kobza
Extraordinary Ministers:
Carol Hostettler & Savina Hollman
Ushers: Terry Kelch & Armand St. Pierre
Altar Server: John Schwarz

SUNDAY – 12/14/2014

Lector: Taryon Carney
Extraordinary Ministers:
Colleen Felts & Gene Masoner
Ushers: Don Owens & Volunteer
Altar Servers: Taw Owens & Cuinn Owens
Collection Counters: Claude Burton & Pam Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 12/14/2014

Lector: Billy Armour
Extraordinary Ministers:
Mike Ellis & John Restey
Usher/Greeter: David Tinkle
Collection Counters: Sandy Sawyer & Jim Schott

GOSPEL: 12/8-13/14

MONDAY: *Luke 1:26-38*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 18:12-14*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 11:28-30*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 11:11-15*

FRIDAY: *Luke 1:26-38*

SATURDAY: *Matthew 17:9a, 10-13, St. Lucy*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

11/30

Parish: \$5,071.20

United Ministries: \$513.25

ST. MICHAEL

11/30

Parish: \$1,641.00

United Ministries: \$285.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Bob Van De Velde by Margaret Calvin
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the intentions of the Altar Society
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ricky Heatherly by Brenda & Terry Kelch
MONDAY MASS	Noon	For the repose of the soul of Dawn Martin by Hugh & Kay Braddock
MONDAY MASS	7:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Sam Traugher by the Legion of Mary
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Ricky Heatherly by Wayne & Bea Heatherly
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch