



Mater Misericordiae Mission

Mater Misericordiae Mission celebrates all of the Sacraments and other rites of the Church according to the Missale Romanum of 1962, by permission of His Excellency Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

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Sunday Masses	
Propers: Readings:	First Sunday of Advent , Class I Violet <i>Romans 13:11-14; St. Luke 21:25-33</i>
Intention:	8:00 am Mass at St. Cecilia (Clarkdale, AZ) Pro Populo (i.e. For the Members of Mater Misericordiae Mission)
Intention:	1:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (24th St. & Campbell Ave, Phoenix) Betty Rios

Weekday Masses	
At St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 am (ending 7:15 am) and 7:00 pm on Holy Days of Obligation	
Monday, December 1	Thursday, December 4
Propers: Feria of Advent (Mass of 1st Sunday of advent) ; Class III, Violet	Propers: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor ; Class III, White
Readings: <i>Romans 13:11-14; St. Luke 21:25-33</i>	Readings: <i>2nd Timothy 4:1-8; St. Matthew 5:13-19</i>
Intention: Thaddeus Brudnicki	Intention: † Leo Brudnicki
Tuesday, December 2	Friday, December 5
Propers: St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr Class III, Red	Propers: Feria of Advent (Mass of 1st Sunday of advent) ; Class III, Violet
Readings: <i>Eccle. 51:13-17; St. Matthew 13:44-52</i>	Readings: <i>Romans 13:11-14; St. Luke 21:25-33</i>
Intention: † Helen Brudnicki	Intention: Confraternity of Saint Peter
Wednesday, December 3	Saturday, December 6
Propers: St. Francis Xavier, Priest and Confessor ; Class III, White	Propers: Immaculate Heart of Mary Class III, White
Readings: <i>Romans 10:10-18; St. Matthew 18:22</i>	Readings: <i>Eccle. 24:23-31; St. John 19:25-27</i>
Intention: Monsignor William McKay	Intention: Rev. Fr. Kenneth Fryar, FSSP

Confessions

Friday 5-5:30 pm and **Saturday** 3:30-4:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle. **Sunday** before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, and at St. Cecilia, if possible. Other times by arrangement.

Sunday Collect

Stir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins, by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued, and be saved by Thy deliverance: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

Sunday Epistle ROMANS 13:11-14

Brethren, knowing that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Gospel LUKE 21: 25-33

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves: men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a similitude: See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.

Parish Announcements and Prayer Requests



- ❖ **Registration:** To register as a member of Mater Misericordiae Mission, please fill out a registration form, available either on the table at the back of the church or online at www.phoenixlatinmass.org.
- ❖ **Today** is the last day to order your 2009 FSSP Calendars (St. Thomas location only). The cost is \$13 and must be prepaid. Some of the price of these calendars comes to the Mission, so by purchasing one you are also helping the Mater Misericordiae Mission.
- ❖ **Building Fund Update:** Mater Misericordiae Mission would like to thank all those who have been contributing to our Building Fund. We now have over \$160,000 including Monsignor William E. McKay's donation of \$6,749. These funds are restricted and will only be used for the building project. We will certainly need more funds to be able to purchase or build our own church. Please continue your prayers and generous donations for this noble cause.
- ❖ **Fr. Joseph Orlowski, FSSP** is filling in for Fr. Fryar until 8 December.
- ❖ There will be a **Solemn High Mass** on the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** (8 December, 7 pm), one of the most beautiful feasts of the year as well as a **Holy Day of Obligation** (even though falling on a Monday).
- ❖ **Artes Liberales** will meet for the first time this Saturday (6 December) at 7 pm to discuss Flannery O'Connor's short story *A Good Man is Hard to Find*. As space is limited, participants are asked to **RSVP** with Bill Haley by this Wednesday (email: haleybill@gmail.com / Home: 602-296-7440 / Mobile: 480-452-8601).
- ❖ **Confirmations:** Bp. Olmsted will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on Gaudete Sunday (IIIrd Advent), 14 December, at 1 pm (Solemn High Mass to follow). There is a mandatory rehearsal for those being confirmed on Saturday, 13 December, at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ **Ferial Masses in Advent:** As at Requiem Masses, Ember Days, and Ferial Masses during Lent, the faithful are reminded to *kneel* during the proper prayers of the Mass (i.e., for the Collects and Postcommunions). This applies only to the weekday (ferial) Masses, and not to the Sunday Masses.

FSSP Prayer Requests



Sun. – Fr. Philip Wolfe
Mon. – Fr. Calvin Goodwin

Tue. – Fr. John Brancich
Wed. – Fr. Michael Irvin
Thu. – Fr. Peter Byrne

Fri. – Fr. Gerard Saguto
Sat. – Fr. Benoit Guichard

❖ **The Spirit of the Liturgy: Sacred Images I**

Teaser Quote: “The icon is supposed to originate from an opening up of the inner senses...Icon painters...must learn how to fast with their eyes and prepare themselves by a long path of prayerful asceticism. This is what marks the transition from art to sacred art. The icon comes from prayer and leads to prayer.” (121) –Benedict XVI, *The Spirit of the Liturgy* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2000; 224 pp.)

To find out more, please come to the **Adult Forum** Thursday, **4 December** at 6:45pm, Rm. 14.

❖ **Advent: Liturgical and Historical Notes**

In the *Roman Breviary* (Liturgy of the Hours), the Church calls upon her ministers to adore "the Lord the King that is to come", "the Lord already near", "Him Whose glory will be seen on the morrow". As Lessons for the first Nocturn she prescribes chapters from the prophet Isaiah, who speaks in scathing terms of the ingratitude of the house of Israel, the chosen children who had forsaken and forgotten their Father; who tells of the Man of Sorrows stricken for the sins of His people; who describes accurately the passion and death of the coming Saviour and His final glory; who announces the gathering of the Gentiles to the Holy Hill. In the second Nocturn the Lessons on three Sundays are taken from the eighth homily of Pope St. Leo (440-461) on fasting and almsdeeds as a preparation for the advent of the Lord, and on one Sunday (the second) from St. Jerome's commentary on Isaias 11:1, which text he interprets of the Blessed Virgin Mary as "the rod out of the root of Jesse". In the hymns of the season we find praise for the coming of Christ, the Creator of the universe, as Redeemer, combined with prayer to the coming judge of the world to protect us from the enemy. Similar ideas are expressed in the antiphons for the Magnificat on the last seven days before the Vigil of the Nativity. In them, the Church calls on the Divine Wisdom to teach us the way of prudence; on the Key of David to free us from bondage; on the Rising Sun to illuminate us sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, etc.

In the Masses, the intention of the Church is shown in the choice of the Epistles and Gospels. In the Epistle she exhorts the faithful that, since the Redeemer is nearer, they should cast aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; should walk honestly, as in the day, and put on the Lord Jesus Christ; she shows that the nations are called to praise the name of the Lord; she asks them to rejoice in the nearness of the Lord, so that the price of God, which surpasses all understanding, may keep their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; she admonishes them not to pass judgment, for the Lord, when He comes, will manifest the secrets hidden in hearts. In the Gospels the Church speaks of the Lord

coming in glory; of Him in, and through, Whom the prophecies are being fulfilled; of the Eternal walking in the midst of the Jews; of the voice in the desert, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord".

The Church in her Liturgy takes us in spirit back to the time before the incarnation of the Son of God, as though it were really yet to take place. Cardinal Wiseman says: "We are not dryly exhorted to profit by that blessed event, but we are daily made to sigh with the Fathers of old, "Send down the dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One: let the earth be opened, and bud forth the Redeemer." The Collects on three of the four Sundays of that season begin with the words, "Lord, raise up thy power and come" -- as though we feared our iniquities would prevent His being born.

On every day of Advent the Office and Mass of the Sunday or Feria must be said, or at least a Commemoration must be made of them, no matter what grade of feast occurs. In the Divine Office the Te Deum, the joyful hymn of praise and thanksgiving, is omitted; in the Mass the Gloria in excelsis is not said. The Alleluia, however, is retained. During this time the solemnization of matrimony (Nuptial Mass and Benediction) cannot take place; which prohibition binds to the feast of Epiphany inclusively. The celebrant and sacred ministers use violet vestments. An exception is made for the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday), on which the vestments may be rose-coloured. Flowers and relics of Saints are not to be placed on the altars during the Office and Masses of this time, except on the third Sunday; and the same prohibition and exception exist in regard to the use of the organ.

We know for certain that the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord was held already in the 4th century, when it was celebrated throughout the whole Church, by some on 25 December, by others on 6 January (Epiphany). The Gelasian Sacramentary notes five Sundays of Advent; these five were reduced to four by Pope St. Gregory VII (1073-85).

❖ Family Practices for Advent—from Maria Von Trapp's *Around the Year with the Trapp Family* (1955)

“In order to get ready for the celebration of the beginning of Advent, we have a tall, thick white candle, the Advent candle, as a symbol of Him Whom we call "the Light of the World." During these weeks of Advent it will be the only light for the family evening prayer. Its feeble light is the symbol and reminder of mankind's state of spiritual darkness during Advent.

“On the first Sunday of Advent the new year of the Church begins. Therefore, the Saturday preceding the first Advent Sunday has something of the character of a New Year's Eve. In the afternoon of the first Sunday of Advent, around Vesper time, the

whole family--and this always means "family" in the larger sense of the word, including all the members of the household--meets in the living room. The Advent wreath hangs suspended from the ceiling on four red ribbons; the Advent candle stands in the middle of the table or on a little stand on the side. Solemnly, the father lights one candle on the Advent wreath, and, for the first time, the big Advent candle. Then he reads the Gospel of the first Sunday of Advent. After this the special song of Advent is intoned for the first time, the ancient "Ye heavens, dew drop from above, and rain ye clouds the Just One...." (*Rorate, Caeli*).”

❖ A Home Blessing for the Advent Wreath—from Fr. Stokes' *How to Make Your House a Home* (1955)

Father: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Father: Let us pray: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may

prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. [Then the father sprinkles the wreath with holy water.]

Leonardo da Vinci, The Annunciation (1472-75)

