



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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December 17th, 2023 † 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 17, HIGH MASS 9:00 am – St. Lazarus, BC

Pro Populo

Mon., Dec. 18, No Mass in Springs – Advent FERIA (Expectation of the BVM)

Private Intention (D. Vigil)

Tues., Dec. 19, No Mass in Springs – Advent FERIA (Ss. Darius, Zosimus, Paul & Secundus, Mm)

Wed., Dec. 20, No Mass in Springs – EMBER WEDNESDAY (Fast and Partial Abstinence)

Thurs., Dec. 21, No Mass in Springs – St. Thomas, Ap

Fri., Dec. 22, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Frances Cabrini, V (EMBER FRIDAY – Fast Day)

Private Intention

Sat., Dec. 23, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – EMBER SATURDAY (Fast and Partial Abstinence)

Sunday, Dec. 24, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Christmas Eve

Pro Populo

Serving Schedule:

Sun., Dec. 17th: Joseph Fries, Andrew Fries

Fri., Dec. 22nd: Anthony Vigil, Hugo Vigil **Sat., Dec. 23rd:** Volunteer

SERVERS PRACTICE for Midnight Mass: Dec. 22nd 9:00am

Sun., Dec. 24th: Alexander Vigil, Joseph Fries

Mon., Dec. 25th: Midnight: Anthony & Alexander Vigil, Joseph & Andrew Fries

9:00am: Andrew Fries, John Fries

O Mother benign of our redeeming Lord, by thy holy joy at Gabriel's word, pity sinners who before thee bow.

- Alma Redemptoris Mater

Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass **Tues. & Wed.** – 7:30 am **Thurs.** - 2:00pm

Ending Hymn: O Come Divine Messiah Pg 22 #1

Catechism Classes: Sunday, Dec. 17th, 8:15 – 8:45am.

Blessing of Religious Articles: Third Sunday of the month immediately following Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Arlin Wertish, Sabrina Praska, the Slusher Family, Gabriel Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Miller Family, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Paula Micklich, RIP Robert Bernard, RIP Zack Hemlock, RIP Bob Cure, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

CLEANING: A cleaning list has been posted in the vestibule. Please be sure to give your cleaning area extra attention this week so that the Church is beautiful for Christmas.

EMBER DAYS: This week Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are the Ember Days. All those over 21 and under 59 are obliged to fast(only one full meal is allowed; two smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken but together they should not equal a full meal). Those 7 and older are obliged to partial abstinence (meat only at the main meal) on Wednesday and Saturday, complete abstinence on Friday.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The academy program is Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 7:00pm. All are invited to come!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE: is Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 6:00pm. This is a mandatory practice.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: of the Church is be Friday, Dec. 22nd. Some cleaning will need to be done after this time.

SERVERS' PRACTICE: for those assigned to Midnight Mass is Friday, Dec. 22nd, following Mass.

REJOICE! FOR THE LORD COMETH!

During the season of Advent, our Lord knocks at the door of all men's hearts, at one time so forcibly that they must needs notice Him; at another, so softly that it requires attention to know that Jesus is asking admission. He comes to ask them if they have room for Him, for He wishes to be born in their house. The house indeed is His, for he built it and preserves it; yet He complains that His own refused to receive Him; at least the greater number did. 'But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, born not of blood, nor of the flesh, but of God.' . He will be. born, then, with more beauty



and lustre and might than you have hitherto seen in Him, O ye faithful ones, who hold Him within you as your only treasure, and who have long lived no other life than His, shaping your thoughts and works on the model of His. You will feel the necessity of words to suit and express your love; such words as He delights to hear you speak to Him. You will find them in the holy liturgy. You, who have had Him within you without knowing Him, and have possessed Him without relishing the sweetness of His presence, open your hearts to welcome Him, this time, with more care and love. He repeats His visit of this year with an untiring tenderness; He has forgotten your past slights; He would 'that all things be new.' Make room for the divine Infant, for He desires to grow within your soul. The time of His coming is close at hand: let your heart, then, be on the watch; and lest you should slumber when He arrives, watch and pray, yea, sing. The words of the liturgy are intended also for your use: they speak of darkness, which only God can enlighten; of wounds, which only His mercy can heal; of a faintness, which can be braced only by His divine energy. And you, Christians, for whom the good tidings are as things that are not, because you are dead in sin, lo! He who is very life is coming among you. Yes, whether this death of sin has held you as its slave for long years, or has but freshly inflicted on you the wound which made you its victim, Jesus, your Life, is coming: 'why, then, will you die? He desireth not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live.' The grand feast of His birth will be a day of mercy for the whole world; at least, for all who will give Him admission into their hearts: they will rise to life again in Him, their past life will be destroyed, and where sin abounded, there grace will more abound.