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Advent—A New Christian Year

At the beginning of the new Christian year the Fathers wish all their children every happiness and the grace of perseverance in their vocation. How happy all the members of the Church would be if they would follow step by step in the way of their Lord, as marked for them by His Church. It is true that His footsteps are marked with blood, that He calls them each day to bear a cross, but they know where they are being led. The path of trial is the path to Heaven, and their loving Lord and King is leading them to present them to their heavenly Father as the faithful and true children of His Bride the Holy Catholic Church.

The Church seasons are no monotonous annual repetition of the same truths seen in dull routine. They form, on the contrary, a Spiral Stair, by which at times we approach the Manger, the Wilderness, the Cross, the Open Sepulchre, the Mount of Olives, the Upper Chamber, but all the while led upward, step by step. Thus, while viewing the same events year after year, we see them from a slightly altered standpoint, for if we are advancing in heavenly knowledge we gradually approach the position from which we shall contemplate them throughout eternity, whence God sees them now.
IT is very seldom nowadays that we hear from our pulpits any exposition of the Church's teaching on the Four Last Things—Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven—traditional and not inappropriate themes for Advent sermons. This year, on the four Sundays in Advent, the Father Rector will preach such a course at High Mass.

On Sunday evenings he will continue his series of popular instructions at six o'clock Evensong, speaking on the following subjects during Advent: (Dec. 3) The Holy Cross; (Dec. 10) The Church and the Bible; (Dec. 17) The Use of Confession; and (Dec. 24) The Christmas Creche.

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DURING Advent, the Friday evening travel lectures in St Joseph's Hall will be discontinued and, in their place, we shall have a series of brief instructions by Father Otis on "The People's Prayer Book,"—(Dec. 1) Prayer Book Worship; (Dec. 8) Prayer Book Children; (Dec. 15) The Prayer Book Service; and (Dec. 22) Prayer Book Sinners.

At the suggestion of a number of parishioners, we shall have a half-hour of hymn-practice on Friday evenings beginning at 8.15 and followed by the instruction, refreshments and Benediction. At this practice we shall learn the hymns on the new "People's Mass Card" which we now use at the nine o'clock Mass on Sundays and which has been so favourably received.

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A N Advent Retreat for women will be conducted by the Father Rector in the church on Wednesday, December 6. The Retreat will begin with Mass at 9.30 a.m. and end at 4.45 p.m. with Benediction. Addresses will be given in the church at 11, 2 and 4 o'clock.

Breakfast and luncheon will be provided in St Joseph's Hall for those who send in their names to the Sister Mary Virginia, S.H.N., 133 West 46th Street, New York City, before December 5.

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O N Friday, December 8, the feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we shall be keeping once more the patronal festival of this church. It is also the sixty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the parish of St Mary the Virgin by Father Thomas McKee Brown.

Low Masses will be celebrated in the church at 6, 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m. on December 8. At 11 o'clock the Father Rector will be the celebrant of Solemn High Mass, the music of which will be Gounod's Messe solennelle de Ste. Cécile rendered by our full choir and orchestra. The special preacher at this Mass will be the Reverend Wallace J. Gardner, D.D., Vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession, Trinity Parish, New York City.

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O N December 10, the Sunday in the Octave of the patronal festival, there will be a solemn procession in the church before the 11 o'clock High Mass.

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T HE December meeting of the Guild of St Catherine of Genoa for graduate and student nurses will be held on the second Sunday of the month. There will be a devotional address in the Lady Chapel at 4.45 p.m., followed by a tea in St Joseph's Hall. All nurses who worship here at St Mary's are cordially invited to these monthly meetings of the Guild.
UNDER the auspices of the Guild of Help, Mrs William Copper Dickey, Mrs Hoffman Nickerson, and Miss Stephanie Schehatowitch announce *An Hour of Poetry and Music* for the benefit of the City Mission Society and the Church Mission of Help. This recital will be given on Tuesday, December 12, at the York Club, 4 East 62nd Street, New York City, at 3.30 p.m. Tickets, at two dollars each, are obtainable from Mrs John W. Livermore, 34 East 51st Street, or from the Parish Secretary.

*THE Knights of St Mary have engaged a very good orchestra and announce another dance to be held in St Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening, December 14, from 9 to midnight. Tickets at fifty cents each may be procured from the Knights or from the Parish Secretary.*

*THE December meeting of St Mary's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary is postponed to the third Friday of the month, December 15, on account of the patronal festival and High Mass on December 8.*

TUESDAY, December 19, is the anniversary of Father Brown's obit. On that morning there will be a sung Mass of Requiem in the Chantry at 9.30.

CORPORATE Communions during December are announced for the following times:

- **Friday, Dec. 1.** Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 5.** The Guild of All Souls, 8 a.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 8.** General Communion of the Parish.

Wednesday, Dec. 13. St Mary's Guild, 9.30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 15. The Woman's Auxiliary, 9.30 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 25. General Communion of the Parish.
Wednesday, Dec. 27. Fellowship of St John and Associates of S.S.J.E., 8 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28. The Guild of Help, 9.30 a.m.

*THE complete program for the Christmas observance at St Mary's will be printed in the January AVE which will be in the hands of our readers well before the festival. There are certain events, however, which you will want to note in your diaries at once, and for your convenience we list them here:

December 24, Sunday. Christmas Eve.
- First Evensong of Christmas and Benediction, 6 p.m.
- Solemn High Mass (admission by ticket only), 12 midnight.

- Masses, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Sung), 10, and 11 (Solemn High).
- Second Evensong and Benediction, 6 p.m.

- Children's Party and Christmas Tree, St Joseph's Hall, 4 p.m.

December 29, Friday in Octave of Christmas.
- The Dramatic Society's Christmas Play, St Joseph's Hall, 8.15 p.m.

December 31, Sunday in Octave of Christmas.
- Annual Christmas Carol Service, 6 p.m.

*AS on last Christmas Eve, admission to the midnight Mass in the church will be by ticket only. This is the only method by which we can exclude the inebriated reveller and the mere curiosity seeker and be assured of a reverent and devout congregation at this solemn service.

The tickets will be ready for distribution after December 10, and may be obtained from the Parish Secretary upon application in person or by mail. May we be pardoned for reminding you in
this connection that a stamped and self-addressed envelope from you will lighten secretarial work and help to reduce the expense of distributing a thousand tickets?

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**H**OLY Hour in the Lady Chapel each Saturday afternoon from five to six o’clock offers us in these difficult and trying times a haven of peace where we gather in response to Our Lord’s loving invitation: Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. There, in His Presence, the soul may open out to His willing ear all its griefs, doubts, fears, temptations, sins, and hear His voice, and find His will making itself manifest in all the tokens of His controlling providence.

Benediction is given at 5.45, and Evensong follows immediately.

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**W**e are having enquiries concerning the next Confirmation, and already a number of persons are under private instruction. The Bishop’s next visitation to the parish will be on Friday evening, March 15, 1934. After Christmas a series of public instructions will be given in the church. In the meantime, the Clergy and Sisters will be glad to arrange private instruction and direction in reading for any adults who are planning to be confirmed in Lent and wish to begin their preparation now. If there are any such, will they please communicate with Father Otis?

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**T**HE parish has recently received a notable acquisition to its sacristy in the gift of a beautiful banner of Our Lady embroidered for us by the Sisters of Bethany, Lloyd Square, London. The donor is Mr F. Saxham Elwes Drury, a member of our congregation. The banner will be borne in the procession before High Mass on December 10, the Sunday in the Octave of the Conception of Our Lady.

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**A**NOTHER gift of a rose-coloured cope now completes our liturgical equipment for ‘Rose Sundays’, as the third Sunday in Advent and mid-Lent Sunday are sometimes called. The cope will be used for the first time on December 17.

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**T**HOMAS Tomkins, of that famous Tudor School of Music of which William Byrd was the supreme representative, sprang from musical parentage. His father was organist of St David’s Cathedral. He himself became organist of Worcester Cathedral about the beginning of the seventeenth century. Later, while one of the organists of the Chapel Royal and Composer in ordinary to Charles I, he wrote the large number of Church Services and Anthems which were published after his death under the title of Musica Deo sacra. His Songs of 3, 4, 5, and 6 Parts, published in 1622, are to be reckoned among the most valuable contributions to the great series of English madrigals which began with Byrd’s Psalms, Sonnets and Songs. Tomkins’ faux bourdons on the Magnificat and the Nunc dimittis will be sung at Evensong on the first Sunday in Advent.

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**F**aux bourdons, faiso bordoni (English, faburden): a corruption of the former ‘false bass’ or drone; the process of adding to a given melody (canto fermo or plain chant), other parts to be sung at the same time. At first a rude succession of thirds or other intervals, the parts grew gradually more free and independent until even the plain chant disappeared. As now used, the term simply refers to the harmonized or polyphonic settings of alternative verses of a psalm or canticle. The sixteenth and seventeenth century polyphonists excelled in the composition of such settings. Faux bourdons provide a highly effective and agreeable contrast to the unisonous plain chant.
What is loyalty? People sometimes tell us that they are afraid that they are not able to give a loyal allegiance to the Church to which they go, and which for various reasons they love, because there are some services which they do not care for, or because some methods of prayer are encouraged there to which they themselves do not feel drawn, or to which they have not hitherto been accustomed, or which some of their friends would not like or understand. We want to assure these conscientious people that they need not be anxious about the honesty or sincerity of their position; we do not regard them as being disloyal or untrue or un-Catholic because they do not care for everything that is done in their Church. On the other hand, any Church would fall short of the true ideal, if its practice were impoverished by being limited to the exact measure of individual taste, instead of including as much as possible of the largeness of Catholic devotion.

Not all our religious likes and dislikes need be labelled Catholic or Protestant. A person’s taste depends upon a number of special circumstances. We can find no fault with this—it cannot be otherwise—but when the exact position at which an individual has arrived is allowed to determine the devotion of a whole congregation, we immediately have something that is essentially different from Catholicism, even though it may include many of those particulars of faith and practice for which Catholics have had to contend.

If a Catholic in Paris or Florence or Seville or Munich were to prefer Low Masses to High Masses, or if he were to come to the conclusion that the Rosary or the Litany of the Saints, Benediction or the Way of the Cross were not congenial devotions for his own use, we should not therefore think that he was dishonest or disloyal in continuing to go to those Churches in which he would be bound to practise his religion, make his Communion and say his prayers. It is as permissible not to care for all the expressions of devotion in a Church as it is permissible not to care for all the windows or all the altars or all the priests.

Like a large hotel, the Catholic Church must provide for a variety of persons, and there must always be more good things in her house than any single person can happily appropriate. The attempt to limit the Church’s supply by the measure of individual taste and demand is responsible for much spiritual poverty in that part of the Church Catholic to which we belong.

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The altar flowers during the month of December are given in memory of the following:


Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed.

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From the Parish Register

BAPTISMS

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

October 2. Howard Bradley Kayser (Adult).

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

7. Donald Harvey Heiser and Beth Herring.

BURIALS

"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may light perpetual shine upon them."

October 15. Helen M. Fallon Strothkemp.

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Kalendar for December

1. F. ST ANDREW, APOSTLE (from November 30). Abstinence.
5. Tu. Feria.
7. Th. Feria.
10. Su. ADVENT II. Com. in Octave of Conception B.V.M.
17. Su. ADVENT III, (Gaudete).
18. M. Feria.
21. Th. ST THOMAS, APOSTLE. Com. of Feria.
22. F. Ember Day. Abstinence.
27. W. ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST. Com. of the Nativity.
28. Th. HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS. Com. of the Nativity and St John.

Days indicated by ✠ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass. Days on which votive and requiem Masses may be said are printed in italics.
Music List for December

DECEMBER 3.—FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
Mass in honor of St Calasanctius von Wöss
Motet, “Pange lingua” Campra
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, Tone VI, with faux bourdons Tomkins

DECEMBER 8.—CONCEPTION OF THE B. V. M.
Mass, “Messe solennelle de Ste. Cécile” Gounod
Motet, “Tota pulchra es Maria”* Bruckner

DECEMBER 10.—SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
Mass in honor of St Clare of Assisi Refice
Motet, “Ave Maria” Barlow
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone II, with faux bourdons Willan
Nunc dimittis, Tone III, with faux bourdons Willan

DECEMBER 17.—THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
Mass, “Missa Misericordias Domini” Rheinberger
Motet, “And I saw a new heaven” Bainton
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Farrant
(Evening Service for four voices)

DECEMBER 24.—VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY.
Mass, “Missa il bianco e dolce cigno” Bernardi
Motet, “Wachet auf” Nicolai
Evensong:
Magnificat, Tone VI, with faux bourdons Whitlock
Nunc dimittis, Tonus peregrinus, with faux bourdons Whitlock

DECEMBER 25.—FIRST MASS OF THE NATIVITY (MIDNIGHT).
Mass in B flat Süssmayer
Carols

DECEMBER 25.—NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
Mass, “Kronungs-Messe” Mozart
Motet, “O magnum mysterium”* Byrd

DECEMBER 31.—SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY.
Mass in C Schubert
Motet, “Hodie nobis” Maleinreuc
Evensong:
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Short Service) Byrd
Carols

* First time.

Services

SUNDAYS
Low Mass . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7 and 8 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m.
Low Mass . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m.
Matins . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10:30 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon . . . . . . . . . 11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction, with instruction . . . . 6 p.m.

WEEK DAYS
Mass, daily . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m.
Also on Holy Days of Obligation . . . . . . . . . 6 a.m. and 12 noon
Children’s Mass and Catechism, Saturdays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9:30 a.m.
Matins . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m.
Vespers . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 p.m.

Evening Services and Instructions
Parish Instruction (St Joseph’s Hall), Fridays . 8:15 p.m.
Benediction, Fridays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9:30 p.m.
Holy Hour, Saturdays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5 to 6 p.m.

Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals, as announced on the preceding Sunday.

The Church is open week-days from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m. On Sundays, until 7:30 p.m.

Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
Sacraments and Other Rites

Confessions
Father Williams, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Dale, S.S.J.E., Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
Father Otis, S.S.J.E., Thursdays, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m., and Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m.
Father Peabody, Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
A Priest can always be seen daily at 7.30 a.m., upon application.

Baptisms.—Sundays at 3 p.m., by arrangement with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen, and the mother should be churched.

Marriages are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days’ notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God’s law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living. Marriages are not solemnized during Lent, nor on Sundays or Christmas Day.

Sick Calls, Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy; in person, by telephone, or by post.

Burials.—The clergy should always be consulted before any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the Church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St Mary’s to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

Music.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr Nold, the Director of Music.

Parish Guilds and Organizations

All persons who come regularly to the Church of St Mary the Virgin are urged to ally themselves with one of the Guilds and thus take their share in the work of the Church and its missionary activities. Any inquiries concerning each particular Guild may be addressed to the Chaplain, who will gladly give information.

The Woman’s Auxiliary.—Second Fridays, Corporate Communion, 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.

St Mary’s Guild.—For making and care of vestments. Working meetings, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corporate Communion, second Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. Monthly business meeting, 10:30 a.m. The Father Rector, Chaplain.

Guild of St Mary of the Cross.—Works for the support of St Mary’s Summer Home, Keyport, New Jersey. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Monthly devotional meeting, third Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.

Guild of St Mary of Nazareth.—For Young Women Sewing and Games. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Father Otis, Chaplain.

Guild of Help.—Corporate Communion, fourth Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Business meeting, 10:30 a.m. The Father Rector, Chaplain.

St Mary’s Dramatic Society.—Father Dale, Chaplain.

Guild of St Vincent.—For Altar Servers. Last Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Father Dale, Chaplain.

Church School.—Saturdays, Children’s Mass and Catechism, 9:30 a.m. Sundays, Sung Mass, 9 a.m. The Father Rector, in charge.

Friday Evening Parish Social Hour.—Instruction or lecture, in St Joseph’s Hall, every Friday, 8:15 p.m., followed by refreshments. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church, 9:30 p.m.
Devotional Guilds

CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.—St Mary’s Ward. FATHER DALE, Chaplain.

GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary’s Ward. FATHER DALE, Chaplain.

LIVING ROSARY OF OUR LADY AND ST DOMINIC.—St Mary’s Ward. FATHER DALE, Chaplain.

Other Organizations


GUILD OF ST CATHERINE OF GENOA.—A non-parochial Guild for Graduate and Student Nurses. Devotional address (Lady Chapel) second Sundays at 4:45 p.m., followed by tea in St Joseph’s Hall. Retreats and other meetings, as announced. For further information, application should be made to SISTER MARY VIRGINIA, S.H.N., Directress.

The Parish Library

WILLIAM EDWARD JONES MEMORIAL LENDING LIBRARY.—In the Sisters’ Mission House there is available a collection of books in theology, apologetics, ecclesiastical history, religious biography and devotional literature. Books may be borrowed for home-reading. Hours: Week-days, 4 to 6 p.m. Sundays, half-an-hour after High Mass and before Vespers.

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