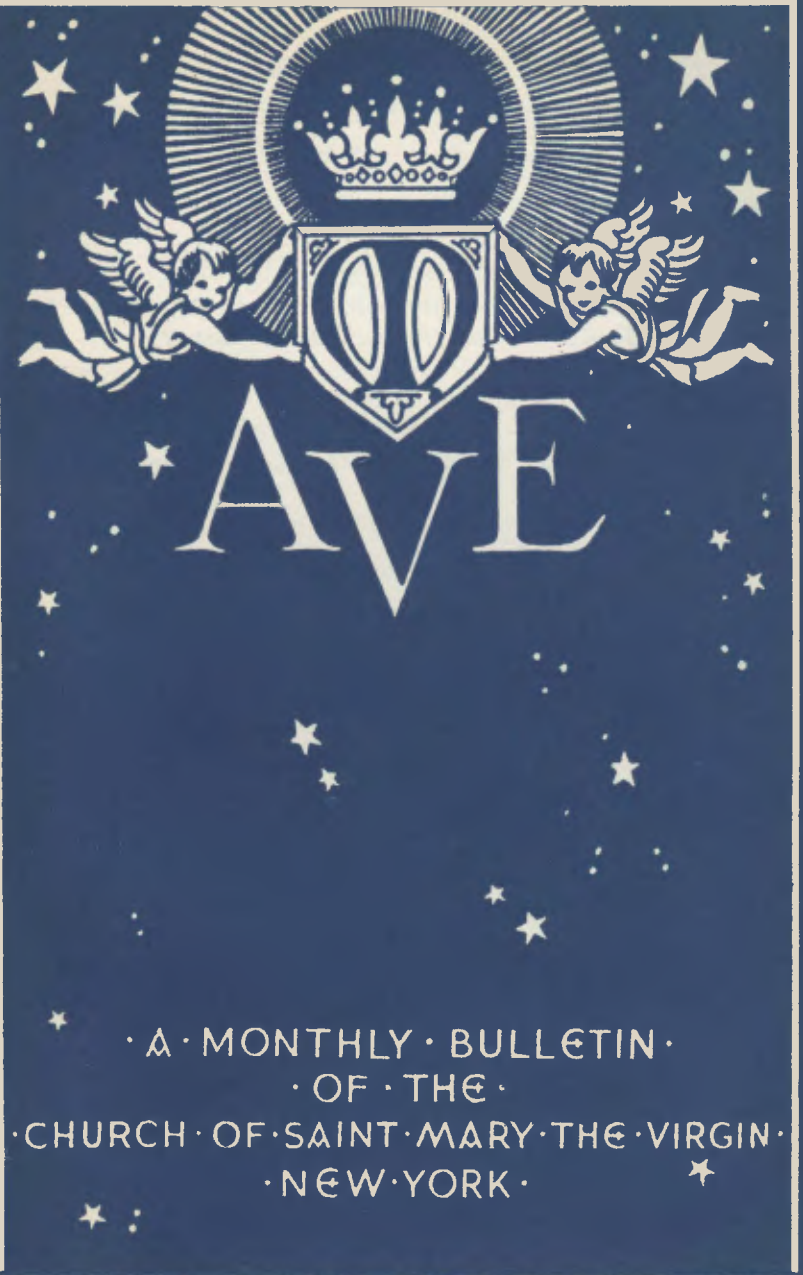
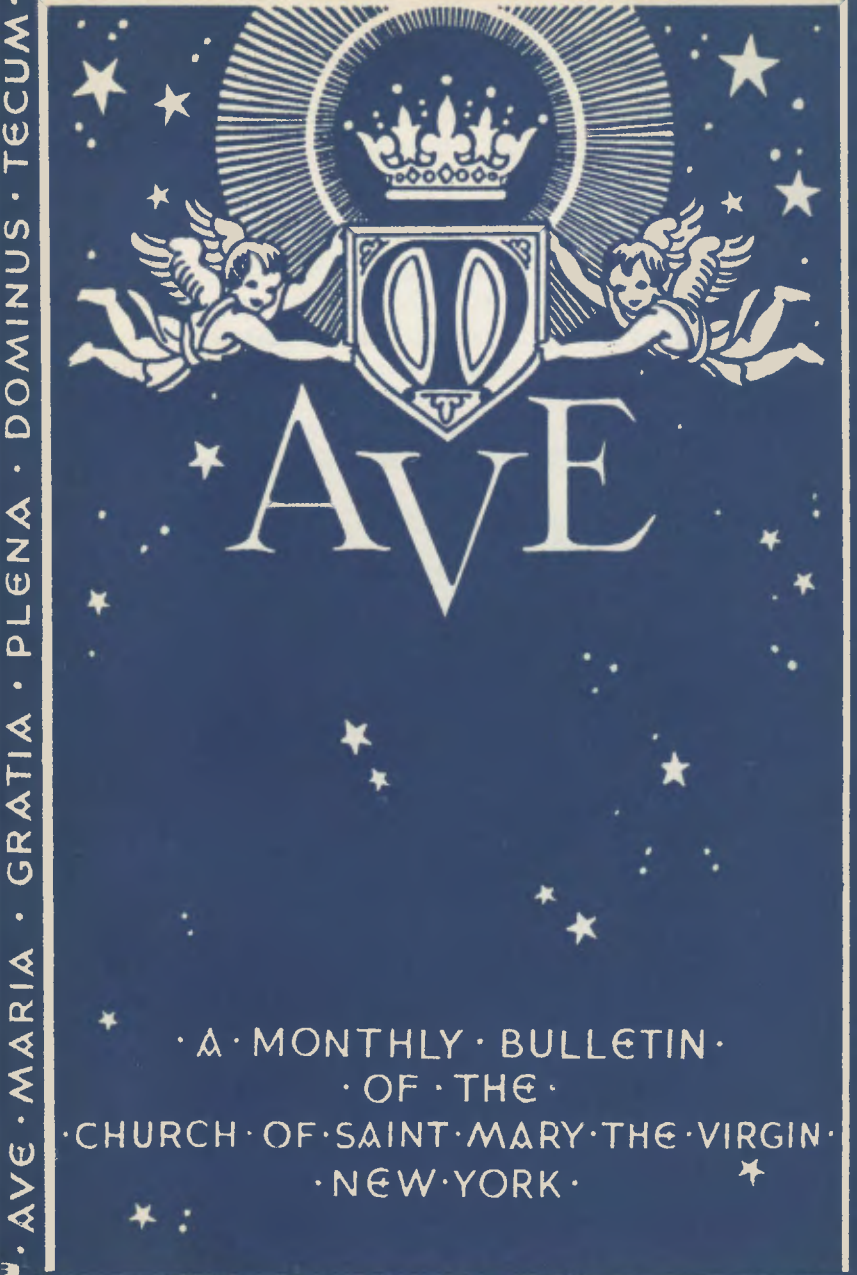


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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's—

A new Christian Year begins on the First Sunday in Advent, November the thirtieth. A new year suggests new resolutions. These should be incorporated into the Christian's Rule of Life. If you have not been living by a Rule, make one on November the thirtieth. Seek God's grace to fulfill it during the days of the coming Christian year. If you have been living by a Rule revise it on November the thirtieth in such a fashion as will challenge you to more generously answer the summons "Friend, come up higher".

Now the Rule of Life for each one of us should be sane, that is, it should call us to a slightly higher level of spiritual living than has been customary in the fulfilling of the three notable Christian duties,—prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The individual Christian's Rule should be definite and not vague. It should call for specific and not general spiritual activity. Most of all the Rule should be carried out solely for the purpose of responding to God's great love. If it is thus carried out, the keeper of the Rule will break its limits out of generosity to the good God Whose love is unbounded.

I therefore call upon each member of St Mary's to begin the new Christian year with a new Rule of Life. It should lift the devotional level of the spiritual life in its provisions for Holy Communion, Mass attendance, Confession, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, Bible and other spiritual reading, meditation, etc., etc. It should lift the disciplinary level of the spiritual life in its provisions for fasting, abstinence and regulation of eating, drinking, sleeping, talking, etc., etc., It should lift the almsgiving level of the spiritual life in its provisions for contributions to church and charity, visits to the sick and lonely, writing of letters, making of calls, etc., etc.,

I beg of you, do not formulate a Rule of Life calling for such spiritual living as that which St John the Beloved Disciple could have attained during the last year of his life upon earth. On the other hand, make certain that your Rule calls for a slightly higher standard of spiritual living than that which your past year's spiritual life reached. Then in God's Holy Name have fun in your Christian living. Break straight through the bounds of your Rule by doing more than the Rule calls for. God wants you to be buoyantly joyful and you will be if you leave in the discard all niggardliness in responding to God's love.

God bless you one and all in the new Christian year.

Affectionately,

Guing Taber



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER

December 22: 12-1
December 23: 11-1; 2-3
December 24: 11-1; 2-3; 7-8

FATHER JACOBY

December 22: 4-5
December 23: 12-1; 4-5
December 24: 12-1, 4-5; 8-10

FATHER LAVEY

December 22: 7-8
December 23: 3-4; 7-8
December 24: 3-4; 10-11:45

SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday, December 24

Church School Festival4 p.m.
Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel)6 p.m.
Midnight Mass and Holy CommunionMidnight

CHRISTMAS DAY, Thursday December 25

Low Mass7, 8, 9, 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer7:40 a.m.
High Mass and Sermon11 a.m.
Evening Prayer6 p.m.

The Church School Christmas Festival, Wednesday afternoon at four, takes the form of Carols, Procession to the Crèche and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Christmas Party in St Joseph's Hall.

Cards of admission to the Midnight Mass are mailed to each communicant of St Mary's and will also be given on application at the Church Office to others who would worship the Newborn King at the Christmas altar.



THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Its Necessity

REMEMBER, God does not need us or our prayers. He is sufficient unto Himself, — three Persons in one Being, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We, however, need Him for we are not self-sufficient, since our sufficiency is of God. Now prayer is the chief means of keeping our contact with God Whom we desperately need. Prayer is indeed our chief necessity in spite of the fact that many well-meaning souls act as though they believe that prayer is a pious luxury for doddering old fools and a sentimental exercise for little children. The fact remains that prayer is a *necessity* for all of the children of God of every age.

We all need to pray, indeed prayer is an obligation on all our parts because it is an act of homage which we owe to God. Poetry has been called "the perfect speech of man" but there is yet a better speech than poetry, namely, that of prayer and more especially silent prayer which is nothing less than homage in which the soul is caught up to God where it belongs. After all, He is the source of all for "in Him we live and move and have our being". Daily then we need to acknowledge our utter dependence on Him. Not just once each day, but at least twice each day, morning and evening, and seven times each day if we say the Breviary Offices do we adore, praise and thank the Giver of every good and perfect gift. When we pray at stated intervals we project ourselves in a real sense into the court of heaven there to join with heaven's gala company of saints and angels in their worship about the throne of God. When we say our prayers we honor the God of heaven and

earth by specific acts of faith and hope and love. It is when we neglect prayer that we neglect the homage which we actually owe to God.

Then too we need to pray because prayer is the most important channel through which stream the grace and blessing of God. Our blessed Lord said "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you". When we really pray after the manner in which our Divine Saviour has taught us to pray, we busy ourselves asking and seeking and knocking and lo, the grace of God pours into our souls and the blessing of God streams from heaven into our spiritual lives. God does indeed love us and it is because He loves us that He delights to have us ask for His grace and blessing.

Let us never forget that life is a battle. This side of the grave we are in constant warfare. It is only on the other side of the grave that the warfare is ended. Yes, the battle is on and our common enemies are the world, the flesh and the devil. The world is wicked, at least so the papers tell us, and the worldlings darken our path though it leads to heaven. The flesh is tyrannical. The body insists on being our master. St Paul has so truly said "The flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would". The devil, a murderer from the beginning and the father of lies, sets many a trap in our way. Cohorts of evil angels join him in the fight against us. Indeed we cannot fight our common enemies single handed and so we must call on God for aid. If He is for us, who can be against us? God is omnipotent and we must pray for the victory in the battle which God alone can give. Actually prayer is our best defense in life's battle for prayer persevered in and serious habitual sin cannot exist together.

We came into very close contact with God in Christ when at our Baptism we were made members of His Mystical Body, the Church. It was then that we became branches of the Vine. This contact, however, stands ever in need of renewal. This is why our morning prayers are so necessary. The contact with God has been unconsciously broken during the night and stands in need of renewal the first thing in the morning. If we set forth about the work of

the day with no such renewal then we become prisoners of our own time and of our own surroundings. In other words we become provincial and not other-worldly, petty and not great. Almost without thinking we become submerged in our self-sufficiency and suffer the loss of spiritual stature through our own stupid pride. Yes, if we do not pray we lose contact with God and our love for Him. It is a truism that "that which is not expressed dies". Therefore we need to express in our prayers our love for God and our desire for union with Him. The age in which we live is one that for the most part spurns the God of ages of ages. Only men of prayer can turn back God's just anger against the world of today with its greed, its indifference to the spiritual, and its inhumanity to man. In this age, without spiritual depth it is impossible for man to realize his utter poverty and without faith it is impossible for him to have any hope or confidence in the future. Prayer it is that man needs, prayer that will help him to launch out into the deep and let down his net for the faith which alone can be the basis of his hope.

You see prayer opens the way to loving familiarity with God. The man of prayer is never alone. The man at his *prie dieu*, spiritually speaking, looks God in the face. No praying man looking God in the face says No to him and no man who has not the deliberate intention of saying No to God need ever fear to look Him in the face. Such is the situation because prayer is the animating and lively force that moves the soul to respond to the love of God. This is why prayer has been called the source of all spiritual progress and of all growth in holiness "without which no man can see the Lord".

Too, we need to pray since by prayer light is poured by God into our minds. We do need more than book learning for our minds. We need God's light. When once we receive this light through our prayers, then we gain a new perspective, we see all things in their rightful relationship, the eternal becomes everlastingly more important than the temporal, and first things are put first as we see that we were actually only chasing shadows and plunging ourselves into depression. With the man healed by our blessed Lord of his blindness we can exclaim "Whereas I was blind, now I see".

WITH THE HOLY THOU SHALT BE HOLY

St Francis Xavier

1506 - 1552

IN the season of Advent Christians have ever heralded the coming of the Messiah, yet in each and every age the Messiah has been far from being announced to all people. In the sixteenth century there sprang up by God's grace one who should be an Apostle to the Indies, blessed Francis Xavier. His missionary zeal was a shining beacon in an age of heresy, political intrigue, covetousness and false learning.

Francis was born of noble parents, taking the name of Xavier from his mother's family. When only seventeen years old he studied at the University of Paris where he subsequently lectured in logic and philosophy. Ignatius Loyola attended his lectures and was fascinated and charmed both by his personality and his brilliance in lecturing. Soon Ignatius won the friendship of Francis who became one of six to take Jesuit vows at Montmartre. He spent some time in Italy — more particularly in Rome.

Well did Francis Xavier know what a disciplined Christian life means. He ate no flesh meat, drank no wine, lived on coarse food and slept on the ground with a stone for his pillow. Indeed, he permitted himself but four hours of sleep each night and the remaining night was spent in prayer and visiting the sick who were keeping their long night watches. The constant companion of his austerity was holiness. He radiated sanctity.

Now King John of Portugal requested of the Jesuits that they send a missionary to the Indies. Francis was straightway chosen. In 1541 he sailed from Lisbon on a vessel having nine hundred souls aboard. Readily he made friends with the crew and with the passengers. The voyage took nearly eleven months and during this time he made up quarrels engaged in by those who had gotten on the nerves of others, nursed the sick, heard confessions, and Sunday by Sunday preached at a service held on the deck of the sailing vessel.

Finally Francis landed in Goa, India, where he set about converting thousands of natives. He always travelled about on foot and usually he went barefooted, wearing a torn cassock and a black cap on his head as a protection against the hot sun. He visited all

the Portuguese settlements along the coast of India and then went East to the Celebes and Molucca Islands. Later he sailed to Japan in a frail Chinese junk. This voyage was so perilous that he was more than once nearly thrown overboard by the rough seas. During the twelve years he spent in Japan he received exceedingly brutal treatment. Once he was wounded with arrows, another time he was pelted with mud and still another time he was very nearly stoned to death. He remained constant to his crucified Lord all during his persecutions.

On leaving Japan Francis returned to India to strengthen the work of the Church he had planted there. Then he sailed for further missionary work in China, taking along with him an interpreter. They landed on the island of San Chan where Francis died of fever, thoroughly disappointed at not having reached his goal, namely, Canton, China. At the end of his earthly pilgrimage, he fixed his eyes on the Crucifix, his face alight with joy as he repeated over and over again the words of the *Te Deum* "In thee O Lord have I trusted, let me never be confounded".

Probably no saint in the Church's entire history has converted so many souls to Christ. The success of blessed Francis Xavier's work was due to God's abundant grace and to his own sensible methods. He had learned the varied and difficult languages of the Orient and so he could always preach with power and in the language best understood. At every mission station he always insisted on translating the Catechism, together with a few prayers and some hymns, into the native tongue. Then the children could be taught and with them Francis always left a native teacher while he continued the Church's message in the next mission station. Francis could often be seen going through the streets ringing a bell and followed by hosts of children. Indeed, he baptized all the children who answered the summons of the bell and on more than one occasion he baptized so many children that he could scarcely raise his hands from fatigue.

The natives in the Indies called Francis the "true father". With all of his spiritual depth, he was very practical and he gave full attention to the details of mission work and teaching and worship. Most of all he radiated joy wherever he went. Once he was observed walking in a garden on a moonlight night and as he

walked he cried "No more, O Lord, no more". The joy that his Lord had given him was more than he could bear.

St Francis Xavier, pray for us!



A MEDITATION

The thought that one can talk to God is overwhelming!
 Think, my heart, there never need be loneliness.
 There stands by us a Friend whose all embracing Love
 Will go with us into the deepest grief
 To lay His healing hand upon the pain.
 A Friend who hearkens to our pettiest miseries,
 Yet, gently lifts a veil from off our eyes
 That we may see our foolish vanity,
 And learn perhaps to laugh at it!
 A Friend whose tender sympathy with human happiness
 Lends glory to all joy.
 Sing, my heart, oh let your voice rise clear and true
 In praise and gratitude to Him — our God, our Friend!



E. G. D.

PARISH NOTES

THE Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday, December the eighth, is happily the Patronal Festival of our beloved parish. Every Communicant of St Mary's will strive to be at one of the Masses on this Festival and if possible receive Holy Communion. There are Masses at 7, 8, 9:30, 11 and 12:10, — all at the High Altar.

On the Sunday in the Octave, December the fourteenth, the High Mass of the Patronal Festival will be celebrated at eleven at which time the Right Reverend David E. Richards, Suffragan Bishop of Albany will preside and preach. The entire parish family should be at this High Mass to give corporate thanks for the loving patronage of Our Lady by whose intercessions we press forward as a parish church.

THE Advent Retreat for Men and Women will be held on Saturday, December the thirteenth, when we are most fortunate in having as the Retreat Conductor Bishop Richards. The Retreat Mass will be celebrated at eight, followed by breakfast. Meditations at the Retreat will be given at 10:15, 11:30 and 2:15. Luncheon will be served at 12:45. The Retreat will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at three. Those who accept the privilege of this Retreat will kindly notify before December the tenth the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, St Mary's Mission House, 133 West 46th Street (PLaza 7-6464), in order that proper provision may be made for breakfast and luncheon.



THE Advent United Thank Offering will be presented at the Cathedral of St John the Divine at the ten-thirty Mass Tuesday, December the second. Contributions should be sent to the Parish Custodian, Mrs Charles Edgar, 215 West 13th Street, New York 11, or given to her after High Mass on Sunday, November the thirtieth. All the women of the parish are invited to attend the service at the Cathedral following which there will be a box luncheon in the Undercroft. A missionary meeting will be held in Synod Hall after luncheon.



THE Guild of St Mary of the Cross is holding their annual bazaar and dinner on Wednesday, December the third in St Joseph's Hall. The bazaar will begin at three o'clock and will continue until eight-thirty in the evening. Tea and cake will be served at three-thirty. This year the Guild is planning a ham dinner to be served at six-fifteen. The proceeds from the bazaar and dinner will be used towards a gift for St Mary's.



AT the Annual Meeting of St Stephen's Guild the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

<i>President</i>	RICHARD SHEPHERD
<i>Vice-President</i>	RENA GARLICK
<i>Treasurer</i>	LEONIE ELLIOTT
<i>Secretary</i>	CATHERINE MORTON

Executive Committee Members.....FRANK ASHLEY
ERIC CAMPBELL
MARCIA TAFF

All communicants of St Mary's, between the ages of twenty and thirty-five are most cordially invited to become members of St Stephen's Guild which exists for the purpose of fostering the social life of the young people of the parish within the setting of the Catholic Religion. The meetings of the Guild occur but twice a month, the first Thursday evening and the Third Sunday evening.



THE Guild of Help holds its autumn meeting Thursday afternoon, December the fourth, at three-thirty in the apartment of Mrs William C. Dickey, 200 East 66th Street. Father Taber will greet those attending and Mrs Margaret Stewart Hoag, Executive Director of Youth Consultation Service will give a talk on recent developments in the work of that worthy organization. The women of the congregation, whether members of the Guild of Help or not, are invited to attend this meeting and thereby show their interest in the charitable work of the Church.



THE Day Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary holds its Corporate Communion at the nine-thirty Mass on Friday, December the twelfth, following which there will be a business meeting and Toy Shower in St Joseph's Hall at ten-forty-five. The Speaker will be Mrs Charles Reid, Vice-President of the Auxiliary in charge of the Manhattan District.



THE Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall, Tuesday evening, December the second at eight, followed by the Corporate Communion at the nine o'clock Mass on Sunday, December the seventh. The Speaker at this December meeting will be Miss Helen B. Turnbull, Director of Windham House, the National Graduate Training Center for Women Church workers. All women of St Mary's congregation are most cordially invited to be present.

YOUR parish has made a New Year's resolution to be put in operation on the first day of the new Christian Year, the First Sunday in Advent, namely, to make the saying of the *Angelus* at the close of the Mass each Sunday a corporate instead of an individual act. A priest will lead the entire congregation in this glorious devotion through which we show our gratitude for the Incarnation of Jesus Christ and at the same time pay our honor to her chosen to be the human agent of that Incarnation, blessed Mary, Mother of God.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

October 12 — William Edward Ferguson

October 22 — Cheryl Janine Winant

CONFIRMATION

By the RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES F. BOYTON

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye were sealed unto the day of redemption."

October 4 — Elmer Tennyson Welch

MARRIAGE

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

October 11 — Harry Bradley Root II and Mary Virginia Gear

BURIALS

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

October 10 — Robert H. Sommer

October 13 — Lawrence Alexander Davis

October 18 — Kathleen G. Spencer



THE Altar flowers for the month of December are given in memory of the following:

December 8 — The Patronal Festival. Departed Trustees.

December 14 — The Third Sunday in Advent. Clara Pike.

December 25 — Christmas Day. Thomas McKee Brown, Priest, Founder and Rector.

December 28 — The First Sunday after Christmas. George Coldham.

THE Corporate Communion for the month of December are as follows:

Wednesday, December 3, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

Sunday, December 7, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross. The Woman's Auxiliary (Evening Branch).

Friday, December 12, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary (Day Branch).

Sunday, December 14, 9:00, The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St Dominic.

Saturday, December 27, 8:00, The Fellowship of St John.

Sunday, December 28, 9:00, The Church School. The Order of St Vincent. The Guild of St Stephen.



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KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1. M. ST ANDREW AP. (Transferred). Com. Feria.
2. Tu. St Bibiana, V.M. Com. Feria.
3. W. St Francis Xavier, C. Com. Feria, and St Birinus, B.
4. Th. St Peter Chrysologus, B.C.D. Com. Feria, St Barbara, V.M., and St Clement of Alexandria, C.D.
5. F. Feria. Com. St Sabas, Ab. *Abstinence*.
6. Sa. St Nicholas, B.C. Com. Feria and Vigil.
- ✕ 7. Su. ADVENT II. Com. St Ambrose, B.C.D.
8. M. CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Com. Feria.
9. Tu. Of the Octave. Com. Feria.
10. W. Of the Octave. Com. Feria, and St Melchiades, B.M.
11. Th. St Damasus I, B.C. Com. Octave and Feria.
12. F. Of the Octave. Com. Feria. *Abstinence*.
13. Sa. St Lucy, V.M. Com. Octave and Feria.
- ✕ 14. Sun. ADVENT III (Gaudete).
15. M. Octave Day of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Com. Feria.
16. Tu. St Eusebius, B.M. Com. Feria.
17. W. EMBER WEDNESDAY. Com. Feria, and Raising of Lazarus, B. C. *Fast and Abstinence*.
18. Th. Feria. Requiem, 8.
19. F. EMBER FRIDAY. Com. Feria. *Fast and Abstinence*.
20. Sa. EMBER SATURDAY. Com. Feria, and Vigil. *Fast and Abstinence*.
- ✕ 21. Su. ADVENT IV.
22. M. ST THOMAS, AP. (Transferred). Com. Feria.
23. Tu. Feria.
24. W. Vigil of the Nativity. High Mass (First Mass of the Nativity), 12 Midnight. *Fast and Abstinence*.
25. Th. NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. Com. St Anastasia, M. in 2nd Mass.
26. F. ST STEPHEN THE PROTOMARTYR. Com. Octave.
27. Sa. ST JOHN, AP. EV. Com. Octave.
- ✕ 28. Su. HOLY INNOCENTS, MM. Com. Octave.
29. M. St Thomas of Canterbury, B.M. Com. Octave.
30. Tu. Of Christmas I. Com. Octave.
31. W. St Sylvester, I, B.C. Com. Octave.

Days indicated by ✕ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass.

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 7 — ADVENT II

Mass, Missa vidi speciosam.....Victoria
 Motet, O admirabile commercium.....Handl

Evensong

The Litany in Procession.....Gregorian
 Motet, Ave MariaRachmaninov
 O salutaris hostiaGoodman
 Motet, Jesu Rex admirabilis.....Goodman
 Tantum ergoGoodman

DECEMBER 14 — WITHIN OCTAVE OF CONCEPTION B.V.M.

Mass, Missa brevisKodaly
 Motet, Beata es, Virgo MariaGabrieli

Evensong

The Litany in ProcessionGregorian
 Motet, Rorate caeli desuperPalestrina
 O salutaris hostiaRheinberger
 Motet, O bone JesuIngegneri
 Tantum ergo (5 parts)Victoria

DECEMBER 21 — ADVENT IV

Mass, Missa FerialisRehm
 Motet, Ecce Dominus venitHandl

Evensong

The Litany in ProcessionGregorian
 Motet, Ave MariaBruckner
 O salutaris hostiaCarey
 Motet, O Domine JesuPalestrina
 Tantum ergo (No. 6)Bruckner

DECEMBER 24 — FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS (Midnight)

Mass, Kronungs-MesseMozart
 Carols

DECEMBER 25 — THIRD OF CHRISTMAS

Mass, Missa Sanctae LutgardisPeeters
 Motet, Rejoice, rejoiceByrd

DECEMBER 28 — HOLY INNOCENTS

Mass, Messe SolennelleLanglais
 Motet, Hodie nobis caelorum RexDesderi

Evensong

Carols
 Magnificat and Nunc dimittisByrd
 O salutaris hostiaRehm
 Motet, Adoramus te, ChristeRosselli
 Tantum ergo (Opus 11, No. 5)Kromolicki

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Low Mass 7:00 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 7:40 a.m.
 Low Mass 8:00 a.m.
 Sung Mass (St Francis' Altar) 9:00 a.m.
 Low Mass (Lady Chapel) 10:00 a.m.
 High Mass, with sermon 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service and Benediction, with address . 8:00 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily 7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.
 Also on greater Holy Days as announced
 11 am. and 12:10 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessions

Wednesdays 12:10-12:40
 Mass, Fridays 12:10 p.m.
 Morning Prayer (with Litany, Fridays) . . . 9:00 a.m.
 Evening Prayer (with Litany, Wednesdays) . 6:00 p.m.
 Special Devotions, Fridays (St Francis' Altar) . 8:15 p.m.

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

The Church is open daily from 6:30 a.m. till 9 p.m.

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

The Parish Secretary's office is open at the following times:

Mondays to Fridays 9:15 to 1 and 2 to 5
 Closed on legal holidays.

SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER: Fridays, 12 to 1; Saturdays, 2 to 3 and 8 to 9 p.m.

FATHER JACOBY: Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30; Saturdays, 4 to 5 and 7 to 8 p.m.

FATHER LAVEY: Fridays, 4:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.

Confessions will also be heard Sundays, 8:40 to 9:00 a.m.

A Priest can always be seen after any service.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays after High Mass by arrangements with the clergy. Proper sponsors should be chosen.

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.

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 White, the Director of Music.

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