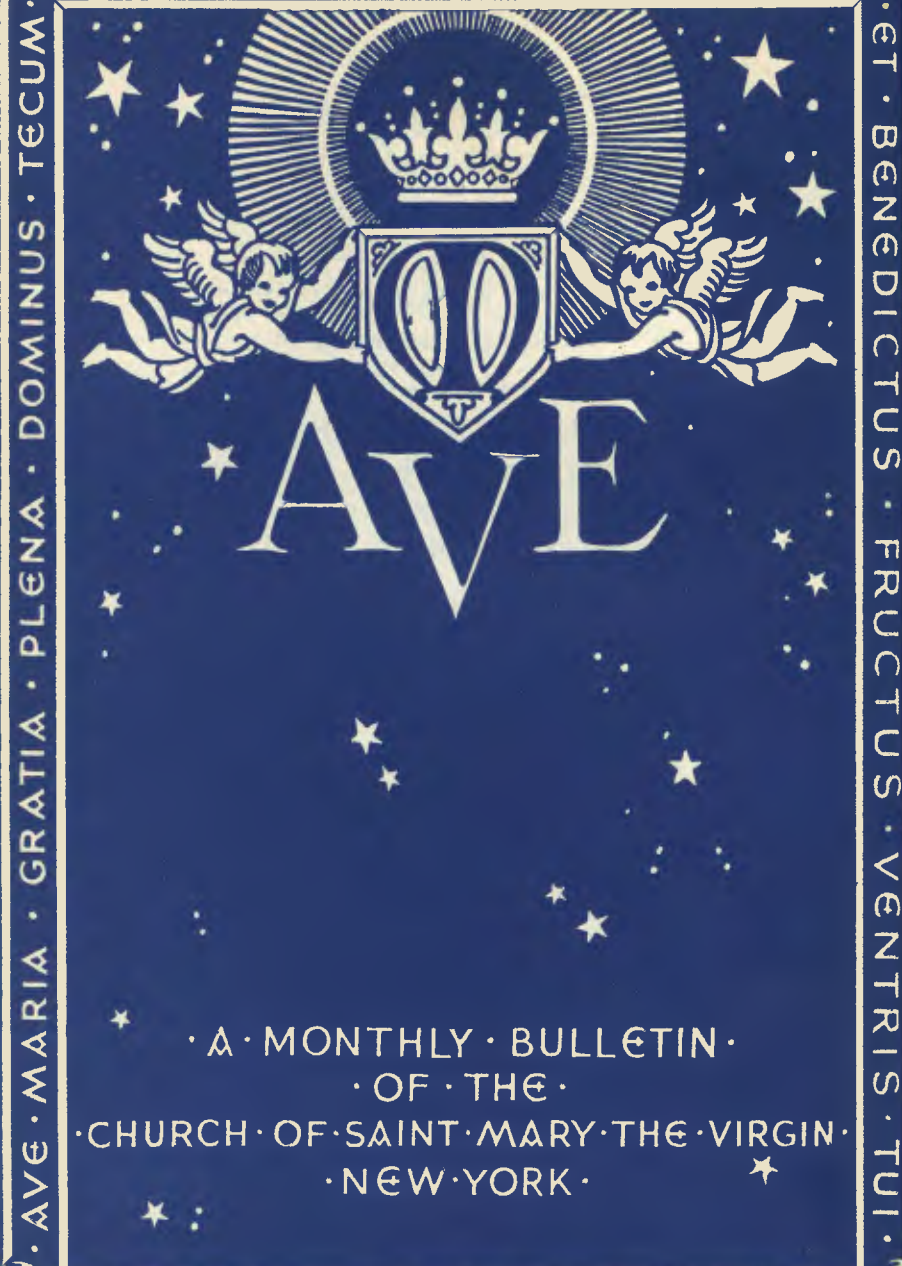
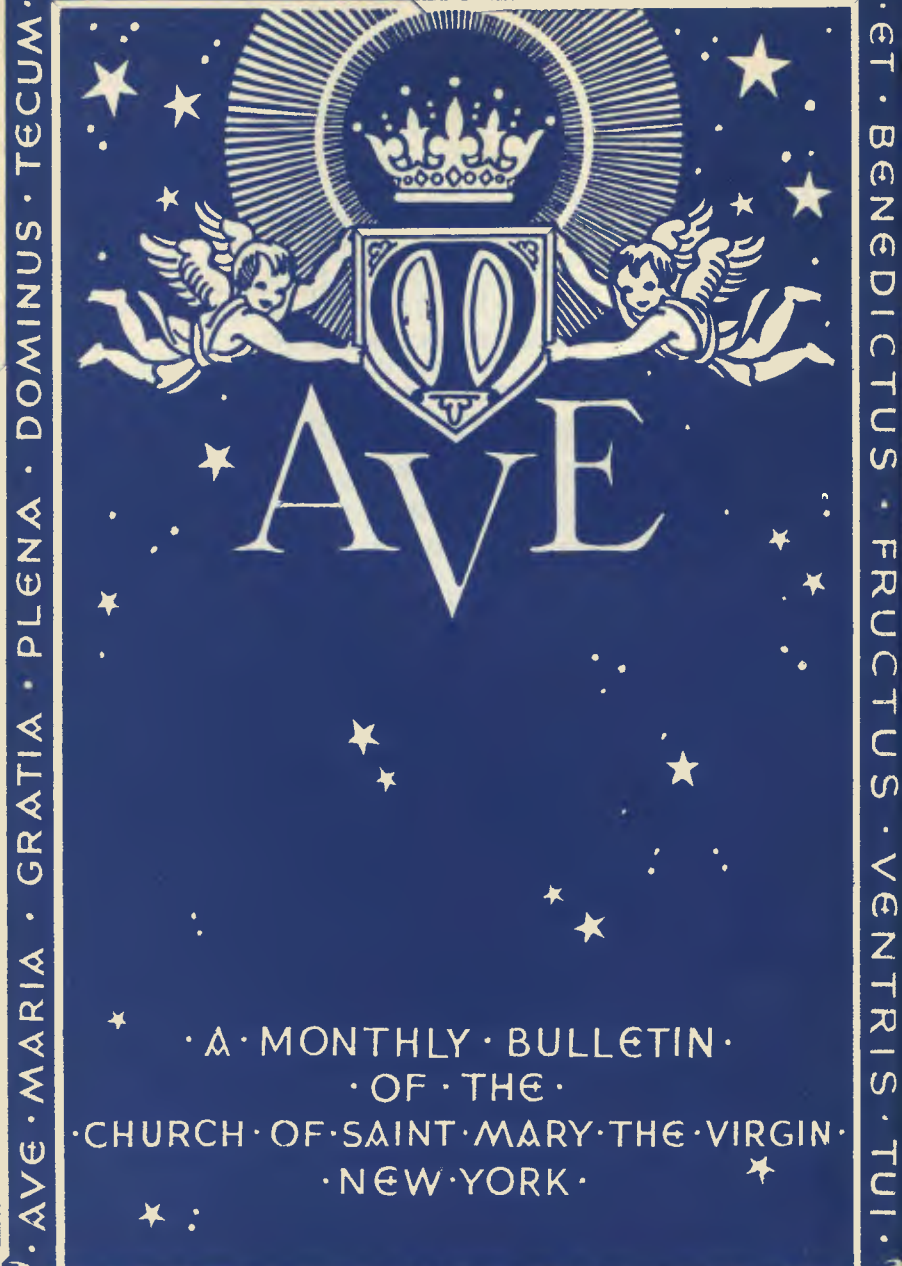


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Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,—

Most of December is taken up with the season of Advent. The keynote of this penitential season is the Christian profession "I believe . . . in the life everlasting." Such profession is not purely academic but rather it will color our praying and our thinking and our living.

To believe in the life everlasting is to proclaim that the real life, the life of the soul, does not end when death claims the life of the body. So it happens that in Advent the Church bids us seriously consider what may happen to the soul after it leaves the body and goes through the gate of death. She bids us think about judgment, hell, purgatory and heaven.

After death through judgment we shall know of a certainty what our final destiny is to be, — hell or heaven. If we have deliberately turned our understanding and our will away from God's light and His holy will, hell will be our everlasting destiny where we shall live in darkness and in the constant pain of the realization that of our own free choice we have brought everlasting damnation upon our souls. If, however, we have tried to turn our understanding and our will toward God's light and His holy will, heaven will be our everlasting destiny where we shall live in the light and glory of the Beatific Vision and an appreciation of this light and glory in proportion to the merits we acquire on our earthly pilgrimage in answering the call to holiness. However, we shall be in heaven through the merits of our Most Holy Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who has promised to share His merits with us. Surely He will also permit His saints in glory to share their merits with us who are members of the same family.

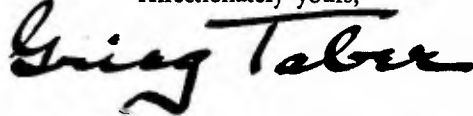
Nevertheless, at our death, though heavenward bound, we shall be so conditioned by self-love and so stained by sin that we shall need the cleansing and reconditioning of purgatory, — that God-

given vestibule of heaven. Our friends of the household of faith here on earth and in heaven will be praying for our happy progress through purgatory into heaven.

Finally all will await the Last Great Day, the end of the world as we understand it, when those living at the time and those who have already entered hell or heaven will see the sign of the Son of Man, the Cross, and will behold Jesus coming for final judgment to separate forever the sheep (those in heaven or headed for heaven) and the goats (those in hell or headed for hell).

Pray that through answering the call to holiness we may be numbered now and at the last among Christ's very own, — the sheep of His family of the redeemed.

Affectionately yours,




CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
CONFESSIONS

FATHER TABER

December 21: 12-1
December 22: 2-3, 8-9
December 24: 11-1, 2-3, 7-8

FATHER BOSSHARD

December 20: 4:30-5:30
December 22: 4-5, 7-8
December 24: 12-1, 4-5, 10-11

FATHER SCHUMAN

December 21: 4:30-5:30, 7-8
December 22: 3-4
December 24: 3-4, 11-11:45

SERVICES

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

Church School Festival 4 p.m.
Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel) 6 p.m.
Midnight Mass and Holy Communion Midnight

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

Low Mass 7, 8, 9, 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer 7:40 a.m.
High Mass and Sermon 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6 p.m.

The Church School Christmas Festival, Monday 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.



SAFEGUARDS OF SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Generosity

OUT in the world of men and things there are misers. These are those miserable, wretched individuals who hoard their wealth and their talents. They spend these only if they can thereby gain something for themselves. Sometimes these misers, if they are ultra refined, cloak themselves with the garment of thrift whereas actually they are stingy and selfish and covetous and greedy and downright mean. Pray for them for they are sick members of human society with a sickness that repels those who might otherwise be their friends. They are lonely individuals, lonely by their own choice.

Well, in the spiritual life, yes even among the members of Christ's Mystical Body, the Christian Church, there are misers. They spend of themselves and of their time and of their gifts and of their talents only if they can see a spiritual gain or reward in the offering for themselves. The trouble is that they are calculating in their giving, not cheerful and free. St Paul once wrote to the Christians in Corinth "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver." The miser is not a cheerful giver. Who then is the cheerful giver? He it is who gives not wishing that he had not given nor yet fearing that he will suffer the reputation of stinginess if he does not give.

Now, in the spiritual life, giving is not primarily concerned with money gifts, although these may be and often are genuine tokens of generosity. No, giving is concerned with offering to God for His glory and for the service of His children, our fellowmen, whatever He has given us, — graces, talents, time, opportunities, or whatnot. If we do not give of these gifts of God to us, then meanness which is horribly incompatible with holiness will best describe our spiritual life. And meanness is a very serious spiritual sickness!

You see if we love God generously there will be no place for

meanness in our spiritual lives. Indeed, then we cannot even be mean toward sinners for we shall recognize how much God loves them nor can we be meanly jealous of saints for we shall thank God for giving them the light and strength to be holy.

Too often Christians with the best of intentions set out on a series of planned acts of generosity. They should remember, however, that generosity must be a constant state or attitude or condition of living. Now generosity, if it is to be a state and not an act or even series of acts, must be firmly grounded on the principle that the more a thing costs the more it is appreciated. This accounts for the fact that when your fellow Christians claim that they see no good in religion you may be sure that their religion has not cost them very much of anything. They know not generosity. They know not how to spend and to be spent.

Have you ever said that you would willingly make great sacrifices for God if only you could share with the saints the taste of His sweetness? Have you ever affirmed that you would gladly spend more time at your prayers and meditation if you could only discover some good obtained from your devotions? Have you ever proclaimed that you would gladly suffer much if you could obtain the grace to make all suffering bearable? Have you possibly averred that you would make frequent confessions and communions but for the fact that you have found yourself little if any better after receiving the sacramental grace? Well, what you really mean by any or all of this is that you will not work in the vineyard of the Lord other than for an immediate and definite reward. You really mean that you will not spend in the service of God unless such spending redounds to your personal advantage. Frankly, your religion is selfish, miserly, mean. You are sick. Fortunately you are already in the hospital, the Church, along with other sick sinners.

Would you enjoy spiritual health? Then throw away all ideas and principles that are selfish. Begin right now to pay the cost of Christian living without demanding a return. If you do, you will find to your great joy that the reward will actually baffle your understanding.

In God's name, do not try to buy the spiritual life as cheaply as you can. Like the miser, store up and save God's graces and blessings extended to you, but unlike the miser store them up only to lavishly spend them in God's honor and for the service of His children.

Probably no one questions the fact that the child the mother most loves is the one who has cost her more in self-sacrifice and even

tears. You will love God and your fellowmen most when you have spent generously of your time and strength and talent in their service. Don't be stingy. Spend and spend and spend. Think how much Christ loves us, sinners though we be. This is because we cost Him most. Yes, we cost Him every drop of His Precious Blood on the Cross of Calvary. He spent His life for us. He the All Holy was happy to endure the Cross for the joy of redeeming us unholy sinners. Remember, we can reflect just a little of His holiness and happiness if we prove our love for Him and those for whom He died by generosity in spending.



OUR LORD (3)

LOOKING now at the New Testament as our source for the roots of the Church's teaching about the nature and person of Jesus Christ, we shall have space to consider only a few of the books which contain the greater part of this teaching. St Paul believes in one Person, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is of the seed of David according to the flesh; and who is declared by the Resurrection to be the Son of God. We have to remember here that St Paul was a Jew, and a member of the Jewish sect which kept most strictly to the traditional interpretation of Jewish teaching, the Pharisees. In Jewish thought about human personality the primary emphasis was upon its oneness. They made no sharp distinction between body and soul as we do. They did not, indeed, have any strong sense of a difference between the material and spiritual worlds. And when they used the word that is usually translated as "soul," they often meant by it something like what we should call in modern language, "personality." So for them "soul" often included a man's body, his name, and to some extent even his clothing, his family and his house — all the factors that joined together made him one, whole person. Therefore it is not surprising to find that St Paul's chief emphasis is upon the oneness of our Lord's person. Not that he ignores the two natures, the divine and the human, but he doesn't make a great point of the distinction between them. Sometimes he looks at our Lord from the earthly point of view as when he speaks of Him as of the seed of David; and sometimes from the heavenly, as when he speaks of Him as the Son of God.

St Paul thinks of Jesus as the Son of God, existing before all creation and equal with the Father. And He is also, besides being an individual man, the representative Man, the new Adam. That is,

He stands in the same relation to the new and redeemed human race, the Christian Church, as the original Adam does to the old and unredeemed human race. He is its founder and progenitor. In the old Adam life and sin came into the world. In this new Adam comes the new life (as man is born again in baptism) and the conquest of sin. For God is in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.

This thought is elaborated in the Epistle to the Hebrews where it is said that the Divine Son took human nature in its fullness, perfection and universality. He is the supreme representative of humanity and therefore is the High Priest of the whole world. The work of the Jewish High Priest in offering sacrifice for the sins of the Jewish nation was symbolical. But our Lord does that work in reality and does it completely, once for all, and for the whole world.

St John interjects some Greek language into his teaching about Christ and calls Him the Word, meaning to emphasize the fact that He is identical with God in substance though distinct from the Father. He is the primary revelation of God to the world and is the light and life of men. So he puts more emphasis on these things, leaving it to St Paul (who had written his letters some time before St John wrote his Gospel) to emphasize our Lord's work of atonement in making the effective sacrifice for sin. Neither one neglects any of these ideas, but each develops them in a different way.

In Revelation the most conspicuous idea of the person of Christ is that of His equality with God the Father. In other words we find here more insistence on the fact of His Divine Nature. The symbolism of the Alpha and Omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), the beginning and the end — a statement of the eternity of God — is applied to both the Son and the Father.

So we find the same conception of our Lord's person in all the groups of writings in the New Testament but with different emphases in different places. Because this is so, it is fair to say that this represents His teaching about Himself. Such agreement would have been impossible otherwise.

We must remember that the development of our belief about Jesus Christ is not the gradual building up of the conception of a divine Christ by ideas drawn from different sources. It is all there in the beginning in the Church's experience. And it is then elaborated with the help of thought and language which is drawn from many different sources — Jewish legal, apocalyptic and rabbinical teaching, and Greek philosophy.

— E. B.

PARISH NOTES

ONE of the great festivals in any parish is the Patronal Feast. In our beloved parish it is the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary which falls this year on Saturday, December the eighth. High Mass with communions will be celebrated that morning at eight, with Low Masses at 7, 9:30 and 12:10. All the faithful in our congregation will be at some Mass on the Patronal Feast.

Then on the Sunday in the Octave, December the ninth, another High Mass will be celebrated when as many of the parish family as possible will gather together to give thanks for the patronage of Our Lady over their many spiritual blessings and joys. Father Williams, Superior of the Society of St John the Evangelist and formerly Rector of St Mary's, will be the preacher.



THE Annual Advent Retreat for men and women will be conducted by Father Williams, S.S.J.E., on Saturday, December the eighth. The Retreat Mass will be the High Mass of the Patronal Feast at eight, followed by Meditations at 10:15, 11:30 and 2:15 with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at three. Breakfast will be served after Mass and luncheon at 12:45 to those who have made reservations before December the fifth, with the Sister-in-Charge-of-the-Retreat, 133 West 46th Street (PL 7-6464).

Members of the New York Regional Branch of the American Church Union are joining us for the Retreat.



THE Advent United Thank Offering of the women of the Church will be presented in the Cathedral of St John the Divine at a Corporate Communion on Tuesday, December the fourth, at the tenthirty Mass. Contributions should be sent to the Parish Custodian, Mrs James R. English, 4 East 95th Street, New York 28, or given to her after High Mass on Sunday, December the second.

The members of the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will make their offerings through their U.T.O. Custodian, Miss Adelaide D. Simpson, 520 West 114th Street, New York 25.

All the women of the parish are invited to attend this service at the Cathedral after which there will be a box luncheon in the Undercroft. Immediately following the luncheon there will be a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Synod Hall.

THE Annual Bazaar of the Guild of St Mary of the Cross will be held on Wednesday, December the fifth, in St Joseph's Hall from three in the afternoon until eight-thirty in the evening. An excellent Ham Supper will be served at six-thirty for which reservations at one dollar and fifty cents each may be made with a member of the Guild or one of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity, before December the third.

You will find a wide and attractive variety of articles on sale. Do help the members of this Guild of St Mary of the Cross in their work for the parish and for charity.



THE Guild of Help holds its Annual Meeting on Thursday afternoon, December the sixth, at three at the apartment of Mrs William C. Dickey, 200 East 66th Street. The Chaplain, Father Taber, will open the meeting and a talk will be given by Mrs Margaret Stewart Hoag, Executive Director of the Youth Consultation Service. The meeting will happily be brought to a close with afternoon tea. The women of St Mary's are most cordially invited to be present to learn more of this important work for young people of the Diocese.



IN the St Francis de Sales Shop, just off the church vestibule, you will find many religious articles suitable for Christmas gifts, as well as the Ordo Kalendars (fifty cents each) for 1957, bearing an excellent picture of St Mary's Baptistery and Shrine of Our Lady.

Religious Christmas cards are on sale by the Sisters of the Holy Nativity in the St Mary's Mission House, 133 West 46th Street.



THE Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meets in St Joseph's Hall on Tuesday evening, December the eleventh, at seven-fifteen. All business and professional women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend this meeting. A Corporate Communion will have been held on Sunday, December the second, at the nine o'clock Mass.

The Day Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary meeting on Friday, December the twenty-first at ten-forty-five in St Joseph's Hall. There will be a garment shower for the aged and chronically ill men and women in St Barnabas' Hospital and the House of the Holy Comforter. A talk will be given by Miss Elizabeth Evans, Executor

Director of the Episcopal Service to the Aged. A Corporate Communion will be held at the nine-thirty Mass that morning.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

October 7 — Anna Guilhamet Hageman
October 21 — Gregory Scott Shafer

CONFIRMATIONS

By the RIGHT REVEREND HORACE W. B. DONEGAN, D.D.

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

October 6 — Florence Cantrell Beecher
October 6 — Faith Cleaveland Booth
October 6 — Russell Booth
October 6 — Nancy Douw Frame
October 6 — Randall Philip David Garrett
October 6 — Norman Garth Kelsey
October 6 — Lorelai Virginia Paul

MARRIAGE

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

October 27 — Gustave Chartrand and Leonie Mercedes Elliott

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"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."

October 14 — Eleanor Ann Edwards Colby
October 22 — Rhoda Aranha



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

December 8 — The Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Departed Trustees.
December 16 — The Third Sunday in Advent. Clara Pike.
December 25 — Christmas Day. Thomas McKee Brown, Priest, Founder and first Rector.
December 30 — The Sunday after Christmas. George Coldham.



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

Sunday, December 2, 9:00, The Guild of St Mary of the Cross. The Woman's Auxiliary (Evening Branch).

Wednesday, December 5, 9:30, St Mary's Guild.

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

Friday, December 21, 9:30, The Woman's Auxiliary (Day Branch).

Sunday, December 30, 9:00, The Church School, The Order of St Vincent, The Guild of St Stephen.



White is the Christmas star,
And white the Mother mild.
But whiter far
The little holy Child.

The shriven soul is white,
And white the holy bread;
The Child laughs in delight
As the soul is fed.

— ani mnC



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THERE WAS NO NIGHT . . .

There was no night that Christmas night God came to earth!
Blind mortal eyes could not behold it,
But Heaven's own light illumined all the world.
It touched dark shadows and they glowed with beauty,
On a lowly stable the full splendor streamed —
And it became a palace meet for a Royal Birth!

— E. G. D.

KALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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

Missa Jesu nostra Redemptio	Palestrina
Motet: Ecce Dominus	Handl
Evening: The Liturgy in Procession	Plainchant
Motet: O sacrum convivium	Bernabei
O salutaris	Tallis
Motet: Ave Verum	Bruckner
Tantum ergo	Griesbacher

DECEMBER 9 — ADVENT II. Within the Octave of Conception B.V.M.

Mass in D	Rehm
Motet: Beata es	Byrd
Evening: The Litany in Procession	Plainchant
Motet: Magnificat	Rachmaninov
O salutaris	Henschel
Motet: Adoramus te	Aichinger
Tantum ergo	Henschel

DECEMBER 16 — ADVENT III

Missa Quarti toni	Victoria
Motet: Rorate caeli	Palestrina
Evening: The Litany in Procession	Plainchant
Motet: Who shall separate us	Schutz
O salutaris	Handl
Motet: Adoramus te	Corsi
Tantum ergo	Victoria

DECEMBER 23 — ADVENT IV

Missa Secunda	Hassler
Motet: Miserere mei	Byrd
Evening: The Litany in Procession	Plainchant
Motet: If God be for us	Schutz
O salutaris	Caplet
Motet: Jesu Rex	Goodman
Tantum ergo	Bruckner

DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT

Mass: Krönungs-Messe	Mozart
Carols	

DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

Missa in simplicitate	Langlais
Carol: Noël Bressan	Darcieux

DECEMBER 30 — CHRISTMAS I

Mass in D	Henschel
Motet: Alleluia	de Maleingreau
<i>Evensong</i>	
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis	Byrd
Motet: Carols	
O salutaris	Desderi
Motet: Adoramus te	Handl
Tantum ergo	Lechthaler

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Low Mass	7:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	7:40 a.m.
Evening Service and Benediction, and address	8:00 p.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.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily	7, 8, and 9:30 a.m.
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Also on greater Holy Days as announced

11:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessions

Wednesdays	12:10-12:40 p.m.
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 the 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 4:30
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SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

CONFESSIONS

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

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

FATHER SCHUMAN: 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 of 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.

PARISH GUILDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE CHURCH SCHOOL.—Sundays, Sung Mass and Instruction, 9 a.m. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.—Day Branch, third Fridays, Corporate Communion 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 10:45 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*, Evening Branch, third Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. Corporate Communion first Sundays, 9 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

ST MARY'S GUILD.—For making and care of vestments. Working meetings, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., monthly business meeting, 10:45 a.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS.—For charities and for missions of the Church. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Monthly devotional meeting, third Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Corporate Communion, first Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Schuman, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF HELP.—For forwarding the social service work of the Church. Meetings as announced from time to time. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

ORDER OF ST VINCENT.—For Altar Servers. Meetings, as announced. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Bosshard, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN.—For young people, ages twenty to thirty-five. Meetings as announced. Corporate Communion, last Sunday, 9 a.m. Father Schuman, *Chaplain*.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.—St Mary's Ward. Holy Hour (St Francis' Altar) first Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

LIVING ROSARY OF OUR LADY AND ST DOMINIC.—St Mary's Ward. Corporate Communion, second Sundays, 9 a.m. Meetings second Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Schuman, *Chaplain*.

GUILD OF ALL SOULS.—St Mary's Ward. Stations of the Cross, third Fridays, 8:15 p.m. Father Bosshard, *Chaplain*.

THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S

A group of Anglican Catholics here and abroad, who love Saint Mary's but who for geographical reasons cannot be communicant members of the parish, make up the Friends of Saint Mary's.

Would you like to become a Friend of Saint Mary's? The only requirements are, first, prayer for God's blessing on Saint Mary's and, second, an annual thank offering at the Patronal Feast, December the eighth. If you have said "It is a source of encouragement to me to know that Saint Mary's is always there," here is your chance to encourage that which encourages you. Write Father Taber today and receive your membership card.



OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP OF ST JOHN.—Object: Prayer and work for the Society of St John the Evangelist. Corporate Communion, December 27th and May 6th. Father Taber, *Chaplain*.

ASSOCIATES OF THE SISTERHOOD OF THE HOLY NATIVITY.—Object: Prayer and work for the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity. Meetings, as announced. Corporate Communion, first Mondays, 8 a.m., in the Sisters' Chapel in the Mission House.



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, immediately after High Mass and before Evensong.



REMEMBER ST MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

The following is the form of bequest:

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to THE SOCIETY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office at 145 West 46th Street, New York City, (here stating the nature or amount of the gift)."

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