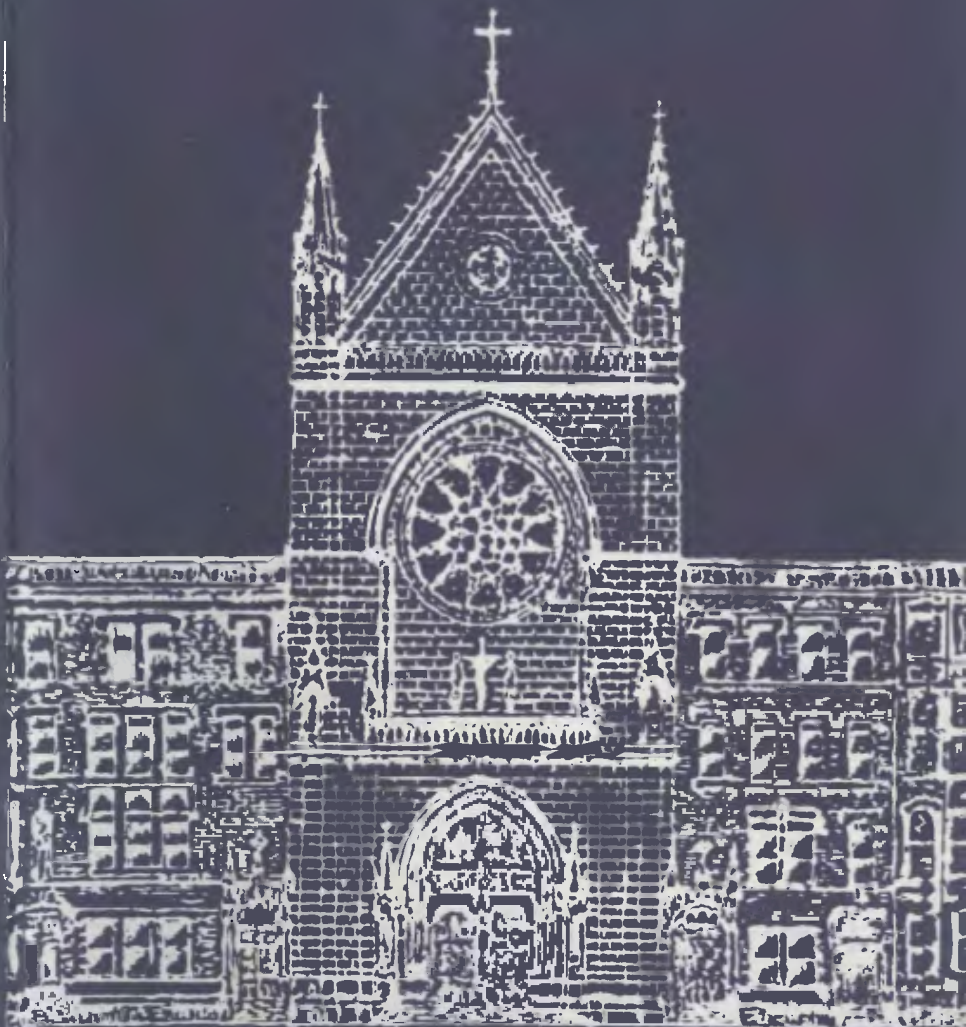


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Morning Prayer	8:40 am
Masses	9:00, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm
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Evening Prayer	4:45 pm

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Morning Prayer	8:30 am
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Daily Mass (except Sat.)	12:15 and 6:15 pm
Saturday	12:15 pm
Evening Prayer (except Sat.)	6:00 pm
Saturday	5:30 pm

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The Feast of Our Lady's Conception
 December 8th, 1988

My dear People:

The Mass is Louis Vierne's *Messe Solennelle*, it can be most effective in an interplay between the great Donald Harrison Organ of this church and a group of singers placed in our chancel, and this in fact will be our fare at Mass this evening as we keep our patronal feast in this parish. I wish you could all be with us for this occasion, not only for the music but also in order to hear one of my oldest friends, Father Edwin Norris, preach to us from our pulpit. The truth is that we have been having a lot of fun with our parish music this fall. With a new Music Director and Organist in residence, it has seemed a good idea to examine our use of music at the liturgy, to test the balance between professional singing and our congregational participation in our music, and to see in what ways these two expressions of our musical life can be brought into greater harmony. Certainly we have been blessed this fall in our new Music Director, Kyler Brown. A native of Iowa, and therefore a solid and sane Midwesterner (!), Kyler came to us in August from a similar position at the Roman Catholic Church of the Resurrection in Rye, New York. He is a 1983 graduate of the New England Conservatory, and his parish experience has been enhanced by his efforts as a coordinator of major musical series in New York and Boston in recent years, and as a fund raiser for musical activities, including benefits. He has brought with him also the experience of instructing younger musicians at the New York School of Liturgical Music and at St. Michael's Academy, both in New York, and within this context has exhibited tremendous ability in such areas as hymnody, psalmody, liturgical music and chorus. The formation of a new liturgical choir here has been especially interesting for us during the past few months as

summer has carried us into fall. Different groups of singers appeared for awhile as Sunday succeeded to Sunday, and we discovered that Kyler was actually auditioning his choir as prospective singers took their parts in our Sunday liturgy. The result is the pure tone of early church music in the sung portions of our musical repertoire, and for me it carries the reminder that liturgical music and Catholic ceremonial are woven from a common thread. In neither case is individual performance of the essence of what is taking place. In both cases individual performance is melded into the whole, and the result is a common effort that directs our efforts and attention to God himself.

And of course, as I wrote you in September, it was this sort of corporate experience that I was anticipating during my visit to the great Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter at Solesmes in France. Let me simply say that my expectations were entirely fulfilled. Rarely have I been so immersed in the perfection of our Western Catholic worship. And rarely, Francophile that I have become, have I so enjoyed the French. Articulate, cultivated, impossible in the extreme, theirs is nonetheless a civilizing influence that is unmatched in the western world.

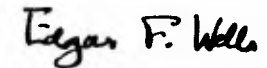
Well, you will say, enough of the French! And I would add that perhaps I have said quite enough about our music also, except for the fact that you would need to have been with us during these past several months in order to share my enthusiasm in this regard. Hopefully, if you are from out of town, you will be able to be with us for Mass on some occasion soon. Come when you can, and you will understand what I have been trying to express.

And all of the above must be by way of preparation for my other purpose in writing you this letter, namely, to reflect on the season of Advent in which we find ourselves, and to express my sincere wishes for a holy and blessed Christmastide for each one of you. Advent is a moment of reprieve in an otherwise hectic existence, and within it we are meant to focus calmly and without anxiety on the ultimate purpose of our lives. That purpose has to do with God, and our life in him, and with the sure sense that our destiny with God is already being experienced in our individual lives today. Advent points us to a future that in eschatological terms has to do with the consummation of this world, with corporate and individual judgment, and with a

destiny that will either bring us into community with other people who have also longed for God, or with a destiny in which each one of us will be horribly and finally alone. That community with others is what we call the Communion of Saints, and its final expression is heaven itself. That finality of aloneness is a destiny too horrible even to anticipate, and the place where we will know it for ever is the place that we often call hell. All of that is yet to be. Its significance for each one of us lies less in the future than in our conscious awareness of God's action in our lives today. My own awareness of eternity, my own sense of the fulfilment of God's Advent message, is something that I can only know in the reality of my life today. This truth is not simply mine, it is yours as well. Accept it as you pass through this advent season. Let it take possession of you as you realize that these weeks before Christmas can in fact be a reprieve from the world. If you do so, you will perhaps see that these weeks can in fact provide an alternate means of journeying through the pre-Christmas season. Remember that at Christmas Christ has already come among us. Remember that his promise is that He will come again. And remember, finally, that you in fact are knowing Him now, that his Incarnate life is yours in your life here, and that heaven will simply be a clearer and complete picture of what He has shown you of Himself already.

May God fill you with peace this Advent, and grant you a Christmas of deep and profound happiness.

With my love in Christ,



Edgar F. Wells

REMEMBER SAINT MARY'S IN YOUR WILL

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In the Mass, this same reality is expressed at every celebration when we are united “with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven” in the life of the whole Church which is one essentially of prayer and praise to Almighty God, through Jesus Christ His Son, Our Lord and in the power and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. No, we are not alone! What an amazing fellowship we are a part of!

The awareness of that reality is at once humbling and encouraging. As has been said in these pages and elsewhere many times, a rather crude definition of the word “Catholic” could be, quite simply, “bigger than we are”. We are so often very self-centered and ridiculously self-important, and this seems to be a besetting sin of Episcopalians in particular. Our own church, with its comparatively tiny membership, is always presumptuous of its own importance nationally and internationally, within the Anglican Communion and ecumenically. Arrogance is always a very dangerous first step in any attempt to express Truth, and almost always leads to the errors of relativism and parochialism. When humbled before the “Cloud of witnesses” down the ages, we become aware of the expression of Truth for all people in all times and in all places, in other words that expression by and for that which is “bigger than we are”. Is the Truth, expressed in humility and a healthy and faithful ambiguity, more “true” than the arrogance of fanaticism unbending in its expression for the ‘select few’, for guaranteeing “NOT bigger than we are”? And lest any particular interest group among us become too smug in the answer to this, the traps are there for “left” and “right”, for “liberal” and “conservative” alike. The Communion of Saints throws us towards a broader horizon which humbles us, and so makes us more open to the Spirit of the risen Christ, than to the spirit of the age. We are confronted with a fellowship who have been “chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations”, and with “prophets” who, from a sense of unworthiness rather than arrogance, have voiced that Grace which has touched and informed them.

A fellowship, or Communion, if it is going to “work”, must have a common source, a common task and a common goal. The encouragement given to us by the “cloud of witnesses” is precisely that. Jesus Christ is our source; whatever stage the

Christian soul may have reached in its journey, it began that journey in this mortal frame and in its initiation into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is our common source. Whatever stage the Christian soul may have reached in its journey, its task is to bring all to Christ, that God’s reconciling work in Him might be fulfilled. Here the work begun in Christ, continues in the ongoing work of the Body of Christ, the Church - the whole church - and herein lies the common task of this great community of fellowship, support and witness, this great Body of prayer and praise. Whatever stage the Christian soul may have reached in its journey, its goal is to be “in Christ”, when we “receive the crown of glory that never fades away”. Some Christian souls have received that crown of glory in this world; they have been special signs of God’s Grace in their generations; others, growing more and more in the Love of God come closer and closer to the ultimate goal in God’s good, eternal time; others of us simply catch a glimpse of that Glory which shall be revealed in us as we faithfully and humbly walk our pilgrimage here on earth, encouraged and supported by the examples of those who have gone before us; but the goal is one and the same. With that kind of encouragement, held together by such Love and such Unity, we should be a happy people of God. Not the kind of frenzied, vacuous jollity which ignores or breaks down in the face of crisis, tragedy or disaster. Rather, a joy which cuts through gloom, depression and despondency transforming it, by the Grace of God, with the contagious joy of the Resurrection. I wonder how many of our visitors, wherever our parish church may be, feel that joy in our liturgies and in our fellowship one with another? Do we live out that joy in the world which cries out to have it?

We are part of an almost incredible enterprise. The enterprise of God in Christ down the Ages. Each of us is but a tiny grain of sand. All of us together are the Body of Christ, humbled by the vastness, the Catholicity of it all; inspired by the witness to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church by those who have gone before, together we are called in worship and service joyfully to live out the goal lovingly intended for all creation, to dwell eternally in the fullness of the Love of God in Christ, gathered in by Him not for death, but for Life Eternal.

— Andrew L. Sloane

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Tu. ALL SAINTS DAY
Procession & Solemn Mass, 6 PM
- 2 W. COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Solemn Mass, 6 PM
- 3 Th. Martin de Porres, religious (com. Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600)
- 4 F. Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan, 1584 *Abstinence*
- 5 Sa. *of Our Lady*
- 6 Su. THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 7 M. Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
- 8 Tu. *Requiem*
- 9 W. *Requiem*
- 10 Th. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor, 461
- 11 F. Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397 *Abstinence*
- 12 Sa. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- 13 Su. THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 14 M. Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784
- 15 Tu. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor, 1280
- 16 W. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093
- 17 Th. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
- 18 F. Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul, Apostles (comm. Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680) *Abstinence*
- 19 Sa. Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
- 20 Su. THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
Procession & Solemn Mass, 11 AM
- 21 M. *Requiem*
- 22 Tu. Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230
- 23 W. Clement, Bishop of Rome, c.100
Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving Day, 6 PM
- 24 Th. THANKSGIVING DAY
Low Mass, 10 AM
- 25 F. James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935
Abstinence
- 26 Sa. *Requiem*
- 27 Su. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 28 M. Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1863, 1885
- 29 Tu. Advent Weekday
- 30 W. SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Th. Advent Weekday (com. Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637)
- 2 F. Advent Weekday (com. Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910) *Abstinence*
- 3 Sa. Francis Xavier, Priest, Missionary to Japan, 1552
- 4 Su. THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 5 M. Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c.210
- 6 Tu. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, 342
- 7 W. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor, 397
- 8 Th. THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Procession & Solemn Mass, 6 PM
- 9 F. Advent Weekday *Abstinence*
- 10 Sa. *of Our Lady*
- 11 Su. THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 12 M. Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 Tu. Lucy, Martyr in Sicily, 304
- 14 W. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor (com. Ember Day)
- 15 Th. Advent Weekday
- 16 F. Ember Day *Abstinence*
- 17 Sa. Ember Day *O Sapientia*
- 18 Su. THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 19 M. Advent Weekday
- 20 Tu. Advent Weekday
- 21 W. SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
- 22 Th. Advent Weekday
- 23 F. John of Kanty, Priest *Abstinence*
- 24 Sa. Vigil of the Nativity *Abstinence*
Procession and Midnight Mass of the Nativity, 11:45 PM
- 25 Su. THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
CHRISTMAS DAY
Low Masses, 9 & 10 AM; Solemn Mass of Christmas Day & Procession to the Creche, 11 AM
- 26 M. SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR
- 27 Tu. SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
- 28 W. THE HOLY INNOCENTS
- 29 Th. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170
- 30 F. Friday of Christmas Week *No Abstinence*
- 31 Sa. Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335

MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- November 1 (All Saints' Day) 6:00 pm
Missa O quam gloriosum est regnum
 Tomas Luis de Victoria (ca. 1548-1611)
- November 2 (All Souls' Day) 6:00 pm
Missa pro defunctis
 Tomas Luis de Victoria (ca. 1548-1611)
- *November 4 (Solemn Requiem for the Victims of AIDS) 6:00 pm
Requiem
 John Rutter (b. 1945)
- *November 6 (Pentecost XXIV) 11:00 am
Mass in D Minor, Op. 45
 Kenneth Leighton (b. 1929)
- November 13 (Pentecost XXV) 11:00 am
Mass for Four Voices
 William Byrd (1543-1623)
- November 20 (Feast of Christ the King) 11:00 am
Missa Brevis
 Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967)
- November 23 (Eve of Thanksgiving) 6:00 pm
Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
 Healey Willan (1880-1968)
- November 27 (Advent I) 11:00 am
Missa Brevis
 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (ca. 1525-1594)
- December 4 (Advent II) 11:00 am
Mass in A Major
 Cesar Franck (1822-1890)
- *December 8 (Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) 6:00 pm
Messe Solennelle in C Minor, Op. 16 (Choir and Two Organs)
 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
- *December 11 (Advent III) 11:00 am
Missa brevis alla capella "Rorate coeli desuper"
 Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
- December 18 (Advent IV) 11:00 am
Mass in D Minor
 Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
- December 24 (Christmas Eve)
 11:00 pm Organ Recital
 11:45 pm Solemn Procession and Mass
Missa Sancti Nicolai (with Orchestra)
 Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
- December 25 (Christmas Day) 11:00 am
Missa "Cum jubilo"
 Plainsong

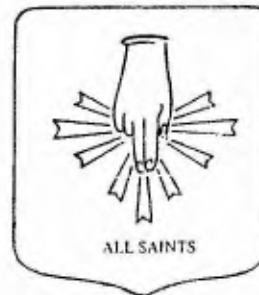
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ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

- Nov. 1— ALL SAINTS: Inez Louise Blackshire;
 The Departed Members
 of St. Mary's Guild.
- Nov. 6— PENTECOST XXIV: Constance T. Earle; John Gilbert
 Winant, Maude Wright Gassin and
 Dorothy Gassin Wray.
- Nov. 13— PENTECOST XXV: Margaret C. Larsen; Wallace and
 Florence Brackett; Phyllis Brackett.
- Nov. 20— CHRIST THE KING: Frances Burton & Frederick George
 Murray Burton; Manuel S. DeRosa
 and Mary Flores DeRosa; Matthew
 Mark Farley & Elsie Christian
 Farley; Kevin P. and Zita L.
 Heffernan; Omer & Rose Villemaire.
- Dec. 8— CONCEPTION OF
 THE B.V.M.: The Departed Trustees.
- Dec. 25— CHRISTMAS DAY: Thomas McKee Brown, Priest,
 Founder and First Rector.

MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE AND MAY LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS may be given by anyone who desires to do so, and at any time except the seasons of Advent and Lent (save for Lent IV). It is permissible to give flowers on the same Sunday or weekday when other commemorations are being made. Should you care to share in this work, please phone our parish secretary on any weekday between 9 am and 4 pm: (212)869-5830.



ALL SAINT'S DAY

Tuesday, November 1st

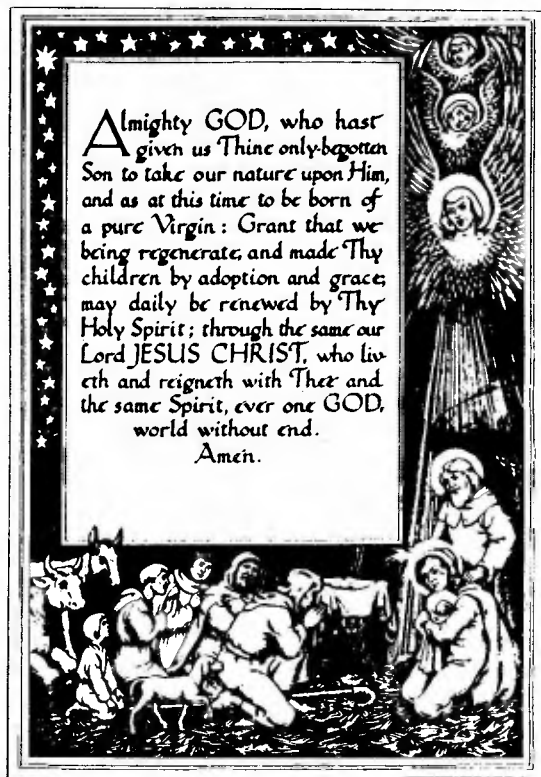
Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 p.m.

Sermon: Fr. Sloane

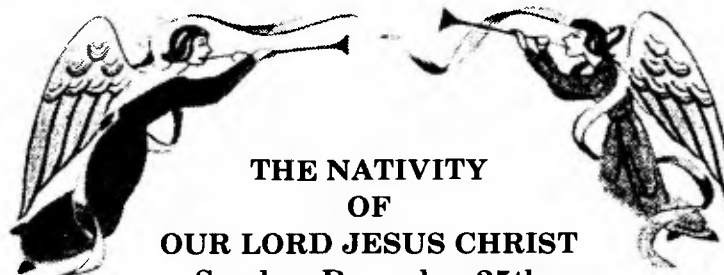
Missa O quam gloriosum

Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

TO OUR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS
with best wishes for a
HOLY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS



from the
Clergy & Staff of St. Mary's



THE NATIVITY
OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Sunday, December 25th
SOLEMN MASS OF MIDNIGHT

(Preceded by Procession at 11:45)

Sermon: Father Wells

Missa Sancti Nicolai
Joseph Hadyn

SOLEMN MASS OF THE DAY 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: Father Sloane

Missa "Cum júbilo"
Plainsong

Masses of the Day, 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
(No afternoon Mass)



PREACHERS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November 1	All Saints - 6 PM	Father Sloane
November 2	All Souls - 6 PM	Father Jackson
November 4	Requiem for all Who have Died with AIDS - 6 PM	Bishop Moore
November 6	Pentecost XXIV	Father Wells
November 13	Pentecost XXV	The Rev'd Berry Parsons
November 20	Christ the King	Father Wells
November 23	Thanksgiving - 6 PM	Father Sloane
November 27	Advent I	Father Crosby
December 4	Advent II	Father Wells
December 8	Conception of the B.V. M. - 6 PM	The Rev'd Edwin A. Norris
December 11	Advent III	Father Sloane
December 18	Advent IV	Father Jackson
December 24	Christmas Eve - Midnight	Father Wells
December 25	Christmas Day - 11 AM	Father Sloane

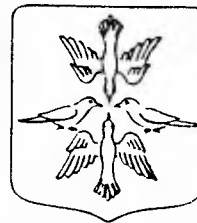


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COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday, November 2nd



**Solemn Requiem Mass
with Absolution, 6 p.m.**
Sermon: Father Jackson

Missa pro defunctis
Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

Kontakion for the dead
Kiev melody arranged by: Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th PROCESSION AND SOLEMN MASS 11:00 am

SERMON: Father Wells

Missa Brevis
Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967)



THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Our Patronal Feast)

Thursday, December 8th
PROCESSION and SOLEMN MASS 6:00 p.m.

Sermon: The Rev. Edwin A. Norris

Messe Solennelle in C# Minor, Op.16
(Choir and Two Organs)
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)



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SAINT VINCENT'S GUILD

Acolytes' Guild for men serving at Sunday and weekday services. Those interested should should speak to the clergy. Guild members occasionally serve as Readers as well.

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