



NOVEMBER 27, 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 7:30am & 5:30pm

- 28 Deacon Jeff Eirvin**
Parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral
- 29 For the Homeless**
Frances Nichols Swigert, dec
- 30 Victims of Child Abuse**
Earle A. Chiles, dec

Dec

- 1 Poor Souls in Purgatory**
Elma Rose Costello, dec
- 2 Deacon Matt Libra**
Fr. Patrick Brennan
- 3 Blanchet House**

Please keep in your prayers our **RCIA** candidates who will start their journey of faith with the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming during the Vigil and 11am Mass this weekend.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, we begin using the new Roman Missal. The Latin text was actually approved in 2008, but it took three years for the new Missal to be translated. The most obvious change is the response, "And with your spirit," as well as the new wording for the consecration ("for you and for many"). There are many other changes, mostly on the part of the priest, and they will gradually become familiar to us as we move into the new year.

The First Sunday of Advent seems an appropriate time to begin the new Missal since we also begin a new liturgical year, Year B. This is the year of the Gospel of Mark, with a summer interlude from the Gospel of John (a catechesis on the Eucharist).

In the midst of this transition, we don't want to forget that we are also beginning the season of Advent. Many people would describe Advent as their favorite liturgical season. Perhaps it has to do with the excitement of the coming feast of Christmas. Perhaps it has to do with the darkness outside and the light inside—the coziness of this season, with all of its traditions. Perhaps it has to do with the beauty of the readings in preparation for the birth of the Messiah. Whatever it is, there is something special about this time of year. Words like hope, peace, quiet, salvation, forgiveness, watchfulness, waiting, expectation, joy, glory, darkness, light, redemption come to mind.

For me, the fascination of this season comes from its many contradictions—the contradictions that reflect the deep mystery of the Incarnation. Heaven touching earth, the Word becoming flesh, the already and the not yet, the light and the darkness, looking backward and looking forward, the first coming and the second coming. I find these contradictions reconciled in what the poet T.S. Eliot called "the still point." It is here that we find

*. . . hints and guesses,
 Hints followed by guesses; and the rest
 Is prayer, observance, discipline, thought and action.
 The hint half guessed, the gift half understood, is
 Incarnation.*

May this season be a blessing for all of us, "a still point," opening our minds and hearts to the mystery of the Incarnation.

Father Patrick S. Brennan

Week of November 27

- Sunday:** *First Sunday of Advent*
Introduction of the New Roman Missal
Coffee & Donuts after 9am Mass
Discussion Group 10:10-10:50am
- Wednesday:** Seniors' Communion Service 11am & Lunch
RCIA 7pm
- Thursday:** Adoration & Benediction 6pm
- Saturday:** PSC Concert 7:30pm
- Sunday:** *Second Sunday of Advent*
PSC Concert 1:30pm
Tallis Scholars 8pm

Financial Report for November 20
 Will be in next week's bulletin.

**CELEBRATION IN OUR PARISH
 THIS PAST WEEK**

Baptisms:
 Katherine Lorraine Austria
 Kimberly Michelle Farmer
 Alessandro Todd Gang

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 4
 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Mark 1:1-8

LITURGIES

Adoration will follow the 5:30pm Mass on Thursday, December 1 at 6pm and close with Benediction at 6:30pm.

The Advent Ember Day on Wednesday, November 30 is set aside for voluntary prayer and fasting. The Archdiocese of Portland has dedicated this day to pray for the victims of child abuse and their families.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Cathedral's patronal feast day is Thursday, December 8. Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be Wednesday, 5:30pm Vigil, 7:30am, 8:30am (School Mass), 12:15pm and 5:30pm on Thursday.

A Contemplative Rosary, Praying the Rosary with Scripture and Song. Join us Monday, December 12 at 6:30pm for an inspiring hour of prayer on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in this Advent Season.

The Advent Reconciliation Service: We are invited to make our confession in preparation for Christmas at the Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm. Multiple confessors will be present.

The Children's Christmas Eve Mass: The children of the parish are invited to participate in the annual Children's Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, December 24 at 3:30pm. The children present the story of Jesus' birth through singing and acting. Roles are needed for the presentation including readers, gift bearers, angels, shepherds and kings and queens. Costumes are to be provided by participants. Parent volunteers are also needed to assist during the Mass. Sign-up forms are available online at www.cathedral-or.org on the main page titled *2011 Christmas Eve Mass participant form*.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Development: St. Mary's Cathedral RED program is still accepting registrations for the 2011-12 school year. We would love to serve your child and help in their religious education. Please call Stephanie Fisher-Hunt for more information or to register at 503.292.5679 in the evenings. You may also pick up a registration form at the Cathedral doors.

Baptismal Preparation for Parents of Infants: The next session will be Thursday, December 15 at 7pm in the Upper Center (Second Floor). Enter from NW 17th.

Portland, Symphonic Choir's *Wintersong!* concert Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4. Discounted ticket admission price is \$15. To order on-line go to pschoir.org. Click on tickets, choose "*Wintersong* - Buy tickets" and when a "code" box appears in the ordering process type in "church".

SOCIAL SERVICES

Calling All Seniors!! Please join the Third Graders on Wednesday, November 30 at 11am for prayer and celebration at the start of the holiday season! We will meet in the church at **11am** for a communion service, then move to the Lower Cathedral Center for lunch and festivities. Please note this is a change from our usual meeting date and time. Please call Gail Kingsley if you have any questions.

A Little Help: Can you spare some time in your day to deliver items to social agencies around town? The agencies will appreciate the much needed items they receive. The time investment will be small but well spent. Please call Gail at 503.241.2521 to volunteer.

The Giving Tree: St. Mary's Cathedral is having its annual Giving Tree for poor low-income families and children served through *Catholic Charities & Cares NW*, as well as for needy families in our parish neighborhood. Please take a tag from the tree which will be in the vestibule during Advent and share the Christmas spirit with those in need. **Please give only NEW items and do not wrap the packages.** This helps us match the gift to the appropriate client. Donations can be dropped off in the basket, which will be located in the vestibule of the Cathedral or at the parish office by December 15. This allows time for sorting, wrapping and delivery of the presents.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Art of Cinema Series hosted by Fr. Francis Chun. Rent and view the movies *As It Is in Heaven* and *The Chorus* before the discussion on Monday, December 12, from 7 to 8:45pm in the Lower Cathedral Center. **Note the change of date from December 5 to December 12.**

A Catholic Charities Advent Day of Recollection for those who Minister to the sick and elderly in any capacity on Friday, December 9, from 9:30am-2:30pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 2310 SE 148th Avenue in Portland. The event is presented by Nancie Potter, MA, MFT, Marriage and Family Therapist for the NW Catholic Counseling Center. Pre-registration is required and a \$15 fee will be charged for lunch. To register, please mail your name, address, phone number, parish name and a \$15 check (made out to Catholic Charities) to: Day of Recollection, Catholic Charities, 2740 SE Powell Blvd. #1, Portland, OR 97202.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Cathedral School Auction: Would you like to place an ad in the auction catalog? Contact Lance Marrs at 503.701.5323 or email him at marrsl@hasson.com. He will make you an offer you can't refuse!

**ST. MARY'S
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ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL:

503-275-9370 Web site: cathedral-or.org

Cathedral Parish participates with the Westside Perpetual Adoration Chapel located in the Lower Cathedral Center. Chapel hours are from 6am to 6pm. For more information, please call Craig Casey 503-246-9616.

LITURGIES (MASSES):

SATURDAY VIGIL:

5:30pm Congregational Singing

SUNDAY MASSES:

7:30am

9am Congregational Singing

11am Cathedral Choir

5:30pm Contemporary Ensemble

DAILY MASSES:

7:30am and 5:30pm

BAPTISM: Infant & Adults: Please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Call the Parish Office. Preferably six months in advance from your wedding date.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

SATURDAY: 4-5:15pm.

Other times by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrate this healing sacrament before your scheduled surgery or hospital stay. Call the Parish Office.

NEW TO PARISH: We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Registration forms are in the book racks by church entrance.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Must be submitted by 5pm Tuesday to the Parish Office or sent to: office@maryscathedral.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - DEC 3 & 4

Presiders:

Vigil TBA
7:30 TBA
9:00 TBA

Lectors:

Vigil Ginger McCarthy, Michael McCarthy
7:30 Jim Adams
9:00 Matt Bordonaro, Steve Waldram
11:00 Lorie Simmons, Michael Cameron
5:30 Tom Eiden, Neill McAuliffe

Cantors:

Vigil TBA
9:00: TBA
11:00 Cathedral Choir
5:30 Contemporary Ensemble

Greeters & Ushers:

Vigil Subhuti Lichtman, Ed Geisler
9:00 Mary & Richard Unger, Ann Mephram,
John Carlos, Derek Bachand
11:00 John Pigott, Sandy Simmons,
Sr. Connie Furseth, Chris O'Brien

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Vigil Suzie Santilli, Karen Knight
7:30 Jim Adams, Pat Pearce
9:00 Richard Cochran, Sharon Cochran,
Antoniette Waldram, Helen Heller,
Joe & Nikki Schafbuch
11:00 Paul Walter, Eileen Vallone, Vilma Gamolo,
Ann Wehrley, Paul Dean
5:30 Neill McAuliffe, Andrea Holzner, Diane Hood,
Dorene Kemp, Kathy Kelly, Tomas Lozano

Altar Servers:

Vigil Grace & Dyer Healy, Jenna Koury
7:30 Lydia Pearce
9:00 Ashley & Brigitte Mephram, Emily Buchholz
11:00 Alexandria & Victoria Mozdy, Olivia Anderson
5:30 Flynn & Ian Milligan