

The Vigil

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Mass Times:
(revised for Coronavirus accommodations)

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30am

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30am



"The Lord Be With You."

December 05, 2021

**2nd Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Year C**

Today's Readings

Baruch 5:1-9
(*God's Favor on Jerusalem*)

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
(*The Lord's Wonders*)

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
(*Cooperating with Joy*)

Luke 3:1-6
(*Prepare for the Lord*)

Pastor's Pen



Good morning and God bless you!

Today, the Word of God takes us to meet John the Baptist, the greatest man born of woman, the one who calls us to repent, to rethink, to reexamine our lives so that we can receive Jesus, who is always newborn when He comes to us.

Thanks to those of us from St. Charles who were able to go to the commissioning Mass at St. Elizabeth's on Tuesday. The choir was inspiring, the Bishop appreciative of our parishes, the lector and deacon proclaimed well and the Holy Spirit blessed us. Let's see what happens next as God leads us.

This week, we celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, who, the angel said, was "full of grace." Mary was saved before her birth by her Son before His birth. The only begotten Son of God, from eternity knew and loved the one who would give humanity to be bound forever. We humans can do great things, along with Our Lady.

This year's feast is a holy day of obligation, which means that those of us who are able to, will gather to worship and thank the One God who is Good, Beautiful and True. Mass at our parish will be at 6 PM on the vigil, that is, Tuesday evening. On the feast day itself, a morning Mass at 9 AM will be offered at St. Augustine/St. Monica (with an hour of adoration at 8 AM) and an evening Mass will be offered at 6 PM at Nativity.

Next Sunday, we continue to thank God for Our Lady when remember her coming to the oppressed people of the Aztec Empire. Mary showed herself as stronger than all the powers of death. She showed herself on Juan Diego's *tilma* to be with child, the one destined to be the Savior for all people. So, as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice also that God continues to love us through the members of Jesus' Body, the saints who received Jesus' love and abided in His love.

A blessed week,
Father Dan

St. Charles Mission Statement

St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes again in glory.

Community

*Pray for the
Healing Presence*

Clara Boltman
Mary Canaday
Frank Catania
Gus Cops, OFM, Cap.
Simone Eder
Vickie Figueroa
William (Bill) Leto
Waletha McCrary
John Pillette
Charles Sheron
Pat Sprankle
Anna Tyler
Father Clarence Williams

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse:

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms. See detroitcatholic.com to learn more. Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's office. Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org.

IS YOUR DETROIT HOME IN NEED OF REPAIR?

Tens of thousands of Detroit homes are dangerous to live in. A recent U of M study estimated that 24,000 Detroit homes need major fixes, such as leaking roofs, broken furnaces, and faulty wiring. That's 5 percent of the city's housing stock. Housing advocates contend the real number is far higher.

Detroit Home Repair Resource Guide is a 2019 list of many nonprofits and other agencies that offer help for residents. Contact information for the City of Detroit, United Community Housing Coalition and several other organizations are listed in the 70-page guide. It can be found online at <https://poverty.umich.edu/files/2020/03/DETROIT-HOME-REPAIR-RESOURCE-GUIDE.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 18-20TH WEEKEND IS THE ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S RETREAT.

The theme for 2021-2022 is "Bouncing Back: Living in Hope"

These past months have been difficult and challenging: a roller coaster of emotions, feelings and experiences. We have been navigating through a worldwide pandemic. In his book *Dream*, Pope Francis says "the question is whether you're going to come through this crisis and if so, how? The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same."

This retreat experience will invite a re-connection -- to God's story and our faith story -- to better anchor us in our path to hope.

For more information about our retreat weekend @ St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center on the westside of Detroit, please contact Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

QUOTABLES

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."
Robert Louis Stevenson

"As a person I cannot change the world, but I can change the world of one person."
Paul Shane Spear

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."
John Dewey

"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind."
Taylor Swift

"Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one."
Nikoli Berdyaev

"The only love there is... is the love we make."
Prince

"No effort to attain something beautiful is ever lost."
Helen Keller

Stewardship Minute: Precious Gifts

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

Curious about exploring your relationship with God in the company of a Spiritual Director?

What is Spiritual Direction?

- ❖ Focused on the life experiences of the individual
- ❖ Confidential sharing
- ❖ NOT counseling or therapy
- ❖ Led by a trained director who will provide assistance through questions and active listening

Who is it for?

- ❖ Anyone who wishes to live their spiritual life more fully

Contact Monique Beels directly for more information or to begin a conversation.

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Rectory Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10a to 3p

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December Mass Intentions

December 05, 2021
**Rosie Davis, Elaine O'Neil,
Patrick Buczak**

December 12, 2021
Tony Gilbert, Roy King

December 19, 2021
Ida and Liz Cherry

December 26, 2021
Jon Bozich
**Everyone who died from
Covid-19 in 2021**

BEAUTY

*... is the synthesis of
FACTS,
ART
and
MEANING..*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 06: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 5: 17-26

Tues., Dec. 07: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18: 12-14

Wed., Dec. 08: Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38

Thurs., Dec. 09: Isaiah 41: 13-20; Psalm 145: 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Matthew 11: 11-15

Fri., Dec. 10: Isaiah 48: 17-19; Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Matthew 11: 16-19

Sat., Dec. 11: Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13

Sun., Dec. 12: Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 10-18

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

(Adapted from [Vatican News.](#))

Weekly Collection

11/28/2021

Envelopes	\$1,657.58
Loose	\$ 383.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 35.00
Maintenance	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$2,150.58

DID YOU KNOW... that it is illegal to carry a firearm onto any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless the presiding official or officials allow concealed weapons?

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Adoration 8am and Mass at St. Augustine/ St. Monica 9am	2	3	4 Adoration 8am and Mass at St. Au- gustine/St. Monica 9am
5 11:30am Mass livestreamed 2nd Sunday of Advent (Rennpage Family lights candle)	6	7 Immaculate Concep- tion Mass – 6pm	8 Adoration 8am and Mass at St. Augustine/ St. Monica 9am Immaculate Concep- tion Mass at St. Au- gustine/St. Monica – 9am, Nativity 6pm	9	10	11 Adoration 8am and Mass at St. Au- gustine/St. Monica 9am
12 11:30am Mass livestreamed; 3rd Sunday of Advent (Villanueva Family lights candle)	13	14 Adoration 8am and Mass at St. Augustine/ St. Monica 9am	15	16	17	18 Adoration 8am and Mass at St. Au- gustine/St. Monica 9am
19 11:30am Mass livestreamed; 4 th Sun- day of Advent (Jon- Marie Allion and Friends light candle) Church decorating for Christmas after mass <i>Christmas after mass</i>	20	21	22 Adoration 8am and Mass at St. Augustine/ St. Monica 9am	23	24 Christmas Eve; No mass at St. Charles; Mass at Na- tivity 5pm; Mass at Augustine/Monica Midnight	25 Christmas Day; Mass livestreamed at Nativity 9:30am, Mass livestreamed at Augustine/Monica 10am, Mass livestreamed at St. Charles 11:30am
26 11:30am Mass livestreamed	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED Mass at Nativity 5pm; Adoration at Au- gustine/Monica 7pm- 10:30pm; Mass at St. Charles 11pm <i>(followed by buffet</i>	



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SACRED HEART
MAJOR SEMINARY

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred.

Individuals may also contact the Archdiocese of Detroit. We place no deadlines or time limits on those who wish to come forward for help; be it five, 15, or 50 years later, our diocese accepts and responds to all reports.

The Archdiocese of Detroit reports every complaint it receives, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded. This is done in accordance with voluntary agreements signed in the spring of 2002 by the archdiocese and prosecutors from all six counties within its boundaries. As a result of the agreements, the archdiocese shared case files of priests accused of sexual misconduct in previous years and committed to turning over all complaints in the future.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

Emergencies

If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call **911**

Law enforcement

Individuals who suspect clergy sexual abuse of children or vulnerable adults are encouraged to contact the Michigan Attorney General's Office by calling its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by emailing aginvestigations@michigan.gov. Individuals also may contact their local police department.

Mandated reporting

Mandated reporters in Michigan must make an immediate verbal report to the CPS Centralized Intake for Abuse & Neglect at (855) 444-3911, followed by a written report within 72 hours. Reports also can be [made online](#). (See below for [more information](#) on mandated reporters.)

Archdiocese of Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Tony Latarski, can be reached at **(313) 237-6060** or toll-free at **(866) 343-8055**. Individuals also may email vac@aod.org. Mr. Latarski has an extensive background in law enforcement and works to receive and respond to all complaints. All calls and messages regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. Callers will be asked to provide their name and telephone number.

This contact information is shared as part of an effort by the archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. They are for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only.

More information about the reporting process from *Detroit Catholic*: **For archdiocese's victim assistance coordinator, helping survivors is a ministry of compassion.**

Please note that this article references Mr. Latarski's predecessor, who retired after serving for many years in the role of Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Reporting a bishop

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Reports of sexual misconduct by other Church personnel — priests, deacons, laypersons — should be reported-in using the means described in the above sections.



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