

Second Sunday in Advent - December 04, 2011

Mass Schedule & Intentions from Dec.03 to Dec. 11

Saturday	5:00 PM	†	Antonio Gallo by wife and family Rose Pisano by John & Ruth Dinarco John & Giovina Maddalena by Daughter and family
Sunday	9:00 AM	†	Luigi Pala by Wife and family John Hudak by Wife For the people of the Parish
Monday	11:00 AM		Mariamma Ottathengel
Tuesday	9:00 AM	†	Rosa Raso by Frank & Frances Sdao
Wednesday	9:00 AM	†	Marcel Bissonnette by Rita Muto
Thursday	9:00 AM	†	Maria Notarianni by Rocco Giovanazzo
(Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)			
Friday	9:00 AM	†	Mauretta Crocie by Nardina Inneo
Saturday	5:00 PM	†	Antonio Muzi by daughter and family Rose Pisano by Ivo- Mary Dellosio Maria Notarianni by Maria Nobile & family
Sunday	9:00 AM	†	Pierino Ioannoni by Wife and family Salvatore Ventresca by Wife
	11:00 AM		For the people ('Pro Populo')

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please inform the parish office when you are sick, especially when hospitalized, by calling the Rectory. We can pray for you, and give you the Sacraments. The Sacrament of the sick is for anyone who is seriously ill. Please note that it cannot be administered after death. In emergencies please call 24 hours a day, for the catholic priest on call, from the hospital. We also administer Sacraments to the home bound at your request. Assisting the sick, and Anointing them with the blessed oil is an important ministry in the Church.

Blanchard family who lost their home by fire needs our support. They are in need of Kitchen utensils, Winter clothes, sheets, blankets and bedding items. The family comprises of 7 members: 2 in their 70's, one female -53, one female 32, one boy -13 and a 3 year old girl. Thank you for your good will. 'Jesus said: ..when you did it to these needy, you did it to Me ..' Mathew 25: 31-46

Feast of the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the Constitution 'Ineffabilis Deus' of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." The subject of this immunity from original sin is the person of Mary at the moment of the creation of her soul and its infusion into her body. The term conception does not mean the active or generative conception by her parents. Her body was formed in the womb of the mother, and the father had the usual share in its formation. The question does not concern the immaculateness of the generative activity of her parents. The person is truly conceived when the soul is created and infused into the body. Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin at the first moment of her animation, and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect in her soul. <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07674d.htm>

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH expresses its **deep felt gratitude** to each and every member of the **SPAGHETTI DINNER Committee** and **other volunteers**, including **students** who helped to make the Pasta Dinner possible. The parish is also grateful to **all the patrons** of the program. You made it a great success. Thank you.



We wait for new heavens



*and a new earth where
righteousness
is at home.*

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Confession:
Sat. 4:15-4:45 PM & Sun. 10:10-10:40 AM

Last Sunday's Collection - \$1,641.70
(140 envelopes)
Bless you for your continued support.

2012 Sunday Missal is available for purchase. As you did last year kindly purchase (\$5) few books in memory of a loved one and donate the missal to the church for the use of everybody. Thank you!

Advent wreath Candles remind us of the One for whom we are awaiting, JESUS, the Light of the world. In the 1st week of Advent we lighted one candle, in the 2nd, we will light 2 and in the 3rd 3 and so on, meaning, as we prepare more, the light —His love is growing in us.



PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Kindly remember St. Andrew's in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

CWL Christmas Party—Tuesday December 13, 2011 @ 5:30 PM

Fireside Restaurant Please call Anita Belcastro @ (905)732-3740 by December 7th if attending. All Ladies of the Parish are cordially welcome.



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

The season of Advent

by Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament. (from Divine Office)

More about the New English Missal

(from <http://old.usccb.org/romanmissal/resources-bulletins>)

Ministries and Roles - Within the Liturgical Assembly at Mass

It is not sufficient, however, simply to have a "warm body" filling a given role. Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be well-prepared for those roles and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity and understanding. Obtaining the proper preparation requires a further gift of time on the part of the person being prepared as well as on the part of those in the parish responsible for the training of liturgical ministers. Finally, the practical task of assigning individuals to particular Masses and organizing the distribution of roles is another indispensable element in the fabric of well-ordered liturgical ministry in a parish.

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But before individuals can be prepared for liturgical roles, there must first be individuals who are willing to assume those roles. All the baptized need to understand that part of their duty regarding liturgy is to accept some responsibility for the liturgy, to place themselves and their God-given talents at the service of the liturgical community whenever possible. If liturgy is a duty as well as a right, then part of that duty for those able to undertake these tasks is the responsibility to assume such key roles as those of lector, server or acolyte, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, usher, choir member, etc. . Whether one brings up the gifts at the Presentation, reads the Word of God, assists with the distribution of Communion and brings the Eucharist to those unable to be present at Mass, serves at the altar, provides music that augments the joy, solemnity and festivity of the celebration or serves the assembled community as an usher, he or she is contributing to the worship of the community and fulfilling the responsibility that comes with Baptism.

Not all members of the parish community will have the time, energy, strength or ability to serve in these roles, however, individuals must be careful not to excuse themselves too easily. And it might also be helpful for us to reexamine our situation every so often. The time available to a business person or to parents with young children may be very limited. But eventually business people retire and children grow up, leaving those individuals with more free time at their disposal. What is important is that all understand that the celebration of liturgy is not just the responsibility of the pastor, although he is delegated by the Bishop to oversee the liturgical life of the parish. Pastors need the help of their people, the people who are serious about living out their baptismal right and responsibility to worship.

Finally, this catalogue of specialized roles might give the impression that those who are not exercising one of these roles are free to sit back passively and simply let the liturgy happen around them. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those who come together for liturgy do not have the luxury of acting as passive "pew potatoes," waiting for all to be done for them. The liturgy is not only their right, it is their duty, their responsibility, and that responsibility includes full engagement throughout the liturgical celebration. The baptized faithful who form the congregation are called to join in praise and thanksgiving in song and spoken word; to listen attentively to God's Word, to exercise their baptismal priesthood in prayer for the Church, the world and all in need during the General Intercessions. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist they join their prayer to that of the priest celebrant, offering Christ the Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also together with him and offer themselves as well (GIRM n.95) and their participation culminates in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the sacrament which unites them more fully with Christ their Head and with one another.

In their sincere efforts to participate, those present minister to the priest celebrant, to others who serve in liturgical roles, and to one another. Their attention and active engagement in the celebration can draw from the priest celebrant and the other ministers the best they have to offer. Their enthusiastic song and verbal responses made with conviction can encourage others to sing and respond; their very presence at the celebration of Mass when so many other enticing options might have been chosen instead supports and reinforces others who have made the same choice. The liturgy, then, is about the action of God's own people, each with different offices and roles, each office and role, from that of bishop and priest to that of usher and sacristan, one of service, not of privilege, a mirror of Christ who washed the feet of his disciples and instructed his followers to imitate his example of service. To be continued next week. (from the US Bishops' Conf.web, on "New Missal")