



THE

# Benedictine



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT BENEDICT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish  
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Detroit, Michigan 48219  
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Fr. James Lowe, CC , Pastor

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

### BAPTISMS

Contact Fr. James Lowe, CC

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass

Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

### ROSARY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

### PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office .....	(313) 531-0140
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**DEACON ALEX COLAUTTI, CC**



*Dearly Beloved Parishioners,*

Are you ready for Christmas? You might be thinking about a checklist of things in your head: shopping, decorations, guest-room, Christmas tree- check, check, check. All systems go. But how are you celebrating Advent?

In the time of Advent, the Church celebrates three comings of Christ.

1. The first coming is historical. It is a celebration of the moment when the Eternal Word of God stepped into human time and history, took on a human nature and became man for the redemption of the world. It is a celebration of the Incarnation (see John 1).
2. The second coming, refers to the end of history, when Jesus promises he will come again to judge the living and the dead. "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne (Matt 25:31)." He is coming again, and no one knows the day or the hour of his return (Matthew 24:36).
3. The third coming refers to what lay between the birth of Christ and his return. It is the *now*, the present moment. We don't merely look back in time to a distant historical moment, and forward to a future time where we might one day encounter Jesus, but we turn to Jesus now, the Living and True God who pervades all of human time and history, and whom we can encounter today. This is the third coming of Jesus that we need to prepare our hearts for.

The key to preparing for these three comings of Jesus is found in all three readings this weekend. We get ready to encounter Christ through preparing the way, making a highway for God in our lives and in our hearts (Isaiah 40:3), in short, through repentance (2 Peter 3:9; Mk 1:3). Repentance means to fundamentally reorder our priorities and projects so that the King reigns in our lives, so that He is first and everything else is secondary. Are you ready for Christmas? Are you ready for the King?

Deacon Alex Colautti, CC



**LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSKS**

Advent and Christmas materials have arrived and are available at the Lighthouse Media Kiosks located in the Church and Chapel. The books are titled Joy to the World and Saints for Our Times. The suggested donation is \$3.00 per book or CD. We also welcome free-will offerings. Stop by soon; the supply is limited.

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Thank you to all who helped with decorating the Church for Advent. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and all can see the results of the time spent in decorating.

We need volunteers to come on December 17th after Mass to decorate the Church for Christmas. We must set up trees, build the manger, hang wreaths and lots more. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

Please sign up today. **WE NEED YOU!**

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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

***“Keep Christ in Christmas”***

Celebrate at St. Scholastica Parish

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

Sunday, Dec. 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Children: Bring a Bell to the 4:30 p.m. Mass to ring during the Gloria

Monday, Dec. 25th at 10:00 a.m.

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary**

Saturday, Dec. 30th at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 31st at 10:00 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:**

Monday, Jan 1st at 10:00 a. m

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**Tuesday, December 12 , 2017**

8:00 a.m. † John W. Gregory by Lawrence Wegrzyn

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

8:00 a. m. † Betty Rosevear by Vickie Burkholder

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Bonifico Alesna by Evelyn Alesna

**Friday, December 15, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Fr. Michael G. Scherrey by Marianna Bailey

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

8:00 a.m † James and Lizzette Burkholder by Vickie Burkholder

4:30 p.m. † David and Marcella Neaton by Richard and Karen Neaton

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

**MASS ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

4:30 p.m. **Lectors:** Helen Burton  
Evelyn Alesna  
Blood of Christ: Gubbie Bey



**Sunday, December 17 , 2017**

10:00 a. m. **Lectors:** Jonathan Jackson  
Belinda Hernandez  
Blood of Christ: Gloria Pernell  
Blood of Christ: Robert Pavlik



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Mary Madigan, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Madelyn Smith, Willie Beale, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, E. Napoleon Burton , William Walker , Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen. Victoria Crowe , Gertrude Strale, Mary Christian, Matthew Onwudingo , Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, and Denise Goodine.

**Parish Calendar:**



**December 13, 2017**

Acts Bible Study—12:00 p.m.

**December 14, 2017**

Acts Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

**December 16, 2017**

Men's Group—6:30 a.m.—Chapel  
Mass—8:00 a.m. Followed by Adoration  
Mass—4:30 p..m.

**December 17, 2017**

Rosary—9:30 a.m.  
Mass—10:00 a.m. Church  
Lunch for Volunteers  
Decorating the Church after Mass

**December 18, 2017**

Trinity Vicariate Penance Servcie—7:00 p.m



That chairs with kneelers will be installed in the Chapel on December 14th.?

That the Christmas Flower Collection will be taken up this weekend? That your contributions will be greatly appreciated?

That the December 24th Mass will begin St. Scholastica's 90th year as a parish? That we will be planning celebrations over the next year to commemorate this landmark event?

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**November, 2017**

**Collected: \$5,767.40**



### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In today’s First Reading, the prophet Isaiah proclaims, *A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!* In the Gospel, St. Mark the Evangelist references St. John the Baptist with these same words. Jesus’ cousin likewise professes a baptism of repentance of sins in preparation of One mightier than he Who is to come. St. John goes on to declare, *I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with Holy Spirit.* What a beautiful gift! St. Peter also instructs us to ready ourselves to meet the Lord. During this Advent season, are we being faithful stewards by invoking the Holy Spirit to prepare in holiness our hearts, minds, and souls — to be reconciled with God as we approach the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)? To learn more about evangelization through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of Detroit, read Archbishop Allen Vigneron’s pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*, at [unleashthegospel.org](http://unleashthegospel.org).

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### HISPANIC MINISTRIES

On December 9, 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to a simple native Mexican near Mexico City. St. Juan Diego’s feast day is this Saturday, and is followed by the feast day for Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron will celebrate Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral this Monday, December 11, in honor of these important feasts to our Hispanic Catholic community. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with the Rosary and dancers before Archbishop Vigneron celebrates Mass at 7 p.m. Flowers for Our Lady are welcomed.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help fund Hispanic Ministries through the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Schools.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).



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IN THIS SPACE ARE THE HYMN SELECTIONS FOR THE DAY. PLEASE LIFT YOUR VOICES AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS.

THIS WEEK’S HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE  
“WE CELEBRATE HYMNAL”

<b>OPENING HYMN:</b> “On Jordan’s Bank”	501
<b>OFFERTORY:</b> “ O Come Divine Messiah”	497
<b>COMMUNION:</b> “Emmanuel”	494
<b>CLOSING HYMN:</b> “Proclaim the Joyful Message”	511