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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us! Please be sure to sign our guest book.

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2014



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM
In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Third Sunday of Advent:

For the Intention of Dr. Michael Koller

For the Intention of

Fritz and LaVerne Baumgartner

For the Intention of Ralph Maiorano

For the Intention of Robert Zelinski

For the Intention of Thelma Carey

In Thanksgiving to Tony

Monday: Advent Weekday

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

Las Posadas begins today!

Hanukkah begins at sunset!

Wednesday: Advent Weekday

Thursday: Advent Weekday

For the Intention of Santa Santoro

Friday: Advent Weekday

Saturday: Advent Weekday

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

For the Intention of Al Piemonte

For the Intention of Anna Galek

For the Intention of

Charles Glatzhofer and Bill Townsley

For the Intention of George and Helen Brongel

For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich

For the Intention of Joni Tuke

For the Intention of Mickey and Christopher Schreiber

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab,
6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-
18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8,
17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-
6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-
5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars.

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Nod



If we speak and our listener **nods** her head, we know that she has accepted what we say. We know that there is agreement.

At the heart of the story of Advent and Christmas, we know that we are called to nod to God's Word. God would not enter this world unwelcomed. God looks for our nod. And so, the Blessed Virgin Mary stands for all humanity and nods to the Lord, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Then the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

We believe that the sacraments bring us the presence of the living Christ. And we also believe that his presence is never imposed. As we receive the sacraments, the Lord looks for us to nod to him and to welcome his sacramental presence with hearts full of faith.

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Upcoming Dates and Events 2014 / 2015

December 24th – Christmas Eve
Family Mass at 4 PM

December 25th – Christmas Day
Mass at 10 AM

January 1, 2015 – New Years Day
Mass at 10 AM

January 4th – Feast of the Epiphany
Mass at 10 AM

February 1st – Feast of St. Bride
February 15th – Mardi Gras Party:

After Mass in the Church Hall
February 17th – St. Bride Revival Night:
Dinner at 5:30 PM

Mass and Revival Talk at 7 PM
February 18th – Ash Wednesday

Mass at 8 AM and Noon
March 15th – St. Patrick and St. Joseph
Dinner

March 29th – Palm Sunday
Mass and Procession at 10 AM

April 5th – Easter Sunday: Mass at 10 AM

May 17th – Annual Spring Luncheon

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

–Mark Twain

Pray for the end of violence in our city!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church's life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament.

Third Sunday of Advent - Reasons to Rejoice

Saint Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always? Who can do that?" It sounds absurd, but the next two lines give it context: If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Whatever happens is the will of God for us. Even the bad things, things we don't like, can be allowed by God, so that God can bring good out of them. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because God can bring us to eternal life.

The next two sayings may be a little obscure. When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit, he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17) we won't be so distracted by the things of this world that we cannot hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit in us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them.

How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? The next phrase helps with that: Test everything. Retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Use the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. And most of all trust God to help with all this because God wants us to be holy. God will make us holy if we only allow it. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or God's final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice!

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux