



SAINT BENEDICT

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SAINT SCHOLASTICA

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 24- 25, 2020



St. Scholastica Parish
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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Administrator

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 W. 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

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FR. JAMES W. LOWE, CC

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Elizabeth cried out, "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"...

"There were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'"...

The three magi followed a star to Bethlehem and bowed down before baby Jesus paying homage to Him with Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

This time of Christmas is a time of entering into the story of our salvation. We are not merely observers, we are participants. Just as Jesus entered into the world of darkness in very unexpected and miraculous ways 2,000 years ago, He comes to us today in very unexpected and miraculous ways. When we are overcome by the darkness of the world, the flesh, and the devil, Jesus comes to us as the Light of the World to destroy the darkness of sin and death. Christmas is a reminder to us of how many ways Jesus encounters us. He reveals himself most powerfully in the Word of God proclaimed, and in His true presence body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. He also reveals Himself in the face of our brothers and sisters.

Friends, as we celebrate Christmas this year, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Let us turn away from the fears and anxieties of the world and place our hope and trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Know that I will be praying for each of you. Please keep me in your prayers as well. Have a blessed and holy Christmas season.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jim Lowe, CC

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

It's Christmas. And once again we choose to rejoice. Like the rejected couple and the poor shepherds in the Gospel reading, like the besieged and frightened Israelites, we choose to sing Christmas carols and glorify God for the birth of the Savior, the light in our darkness. How can we rejoice in the face of all the trouble that surrounds us? And yet, how can we not rejoice when we remember all that God has done in Jesus?

Jesus showed us the depth of God's passionate zeal for us. God's powerful passion for us brought the Lord of Hosts to share our trials as the poorest of the poor and to save us from our suffering by his suffering. We choose joyful hope because we believe that what God has done once, God is doing now and will do again. God is with us to save us here and now, no matter how troubled the world may be, in Jesus Christ. Confident in God's passionate zeal for all creation, we join "heaven and nature" in rejoicing over the "wonders of his love."

—Virginia Stillwell
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SCRIPTURE READINGS**December 24, 2020**

Isaiah 62: 1-6

Psalm: Today Christ the Savior is born

Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1: 18-25

December 25, 2020

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm: 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

Hebrew 1: 1-6

John 1: 1-18



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Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Lawrence Cherfoli by Kerry and Jody Kirsch

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

8.00 a. m.

Thursday, December 31, 2020

4:30 a.m. † Helen Cherfoli by Kerry and Jody Kirsch`

Friday, January 1, 2020,

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 2, 2020

8:00 a.m. †

4:30 p.m †

Sunday, January 3, 2020

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

St. Scholastica will be welcoming 5 new parishes into our family. We are excited to be sent on mission with our new brothers and sisters in Christ...

Corpus Christi Parish, Detroit
Presentation – Our Lady of Victory Parish, Detroit
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish, Detroit
St. Juan Diego Parish, Detroit
St. Mary of Redford Parish, Detroit
St. Scholastica Parish, Detroit

We are in the first wave, which means we will already be collaborating in mission by July 1st, 2021
Please keep our new brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers

For more information of Families of Parishes, please go to <https://www.familiesofparishes.org/>

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LIVING GOD'S WORD

We live in between the coming of the Messiah and the final fulfillment of salvation. What are we to do in this between-time? How can we embrace the past, present, and future of God's passionate love for us? How can we both sing and bring joy to the world?

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS



Christmas (Nativity of the Lord) (December 25, 2020)

In the ancient prophecy, Isaiah refers to the Christ-child as *Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace*. St. Paul proclaims Christ as *God our Savior*, while St. John's Gospel pronounces Jesus, as the *Word became flesh*. John further refers to Jesus as *...the Light...* Who pierces the darkness. We know He is our hope and strength. In St. Luke's Gospel, the angel of the Lord proclaims to the shepherds: *...A savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord*. The Gospel of St. Matthew professes: *... They shall name him Emmanuel which means God is with us*. On this Holy Christmas Day, let us, as Christ's disciples, stand in awe and thanksgiving to God for the tremendous gift of His Son, Jesus. For our Lord is the path to eternal salvation. As Jesus was born in lowly surroundings, let us say a prayer for our needy brothers and sisters among us today.

From the AOD Bulletin Inserts



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, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed, Jerome Bies and Annie Stacherski.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

PRAYER for the NEXT PHASE of UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16:
for awakening in us the vision and resolve to become
again your Church on mission, eagerly working together
to "make disciples of all nations," according to our
commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, as a new Pentecost,
to guide us in our next phase in our movement to Unleash
the Gospel. By his power at work in us, transform our
parishes into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

COME HOLY SPIRIT:

Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus
with all those who stumble in darkness, who hunger for
hope, who thirst for eternal life. Above all, grant us the
boldness and courage of the apostles to put the mission
above all else, so that our community becomes the spark
to ignite the fire of divine love that transforms this time
and this place into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the
New Evangelization, and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne;
and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus we thank you ahead
of time for "accomplishing in us far more
than all we ask or imagine."

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

AMEN



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As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we rejoice in the
goodness of God. With trust we present these needs to
our Father in heaven.

That the Church may joyfully proclaim the birth of our
Savior and transform the world through word and deed,
we pray to the Lord...

That bishops, priests and deacons, who guide God's
people may be faithful heralds of the Good News of sal-
vation, let us pray to the Lord...

That all those who are away from their loved ones to-
day, may be filled with Christmas peace and joy, we
pray to the Lord...

That Christ, born as our Savior, may save those yet un-
born, we pray to the Lord...

That all families may welcome the Christ-child into their
homes and experience His blessings and peace, we
pray to the Lord...

That those who grieve for their departed loved ones
may be consoled by the promise and

For the Intentions of this Mass, we pray to the Lord . . .