



Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018
Segundo Domingo de Adviento
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St. Ambrose and

St. Mary

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

Today, at this writing, is the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in what is modern day Turkey. Around the year 317, he was elected by the people of that city by acclamation. Being a native son, he was noted for his humility and charity. His parents died when he was very young and it is said that he was raised by an uncle who was a monk. Although he inherited a great deal of wealth, it was not something that negatively impacted him. In fact, throughout his life he was known for works of charity and kindness. It is also alleged that he attended the First Ecumenical Council of the Church in Nicea in 325. Among the many proclamations from that Council was one which acclaimed the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God.

Nicholas became the model for Santa Claus, the English version of the Dutch rendering of his name, "Sint Klass" (Saint Nicholas). Due to his kindnesses, the tradition began of placing gifts anonymously at the doorways of others' homes as a reminder of the myriad blessings of God for us all. That's why Santa is proclaimed for getting things to others in ways that seem impossible (for example, a very rotund old man going up and down chimneys in the middle of wintertime!). Nicholas never sought acknowledgement of what he had given and often admonished those who wanted to make known his generosity. His teaching was that what was freely received

from God should be freely given and only God should be acclaimed for it because He is the Source of all that we are and have.

There is another Saint whom we celebrated this past week, the patron of one of our parishes, Saint Ambrose. He, too, taught people about the wonder of God's gifts. Early on in his episcopacy the Goths invaded the Roman Empire. Ambrose spent all the money he could raise in order to ransom captives. He even melted down the golden vessels of the altar in order to set others free. When he was accused of committing a sacrilege, he responded "If the Church possesses gold, it is in order to use it for the needy, not to keep it."

As we progress towards the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, try not to get too swept up in the consumerism of this Sacred Time. When you hear that tinging bell of the Salvation Army volunteers, throw a Ten Dollar Bill in the pot; when you pass the brown bagged groceries in Kroger's, pick up at least the Five Dollar one and pay for it at the check-out; and when you pass by a church or synagogue, offer a prayer for those who worship there. Acting in kindness creates an attitude of kindness that will transform our world.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Monday 12/10/2018	Tuesday 12/11/2018	Wednesday 12/12/2018	Thursday 12/13/2018	Friday 12/14/2018	Saturday 12/15/2018
St. Mary	NO MASS	8:00 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS	8:10 AM Daniel George Storey	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Poor Souls	8:00 AM Ted & Hilda Kempher	8:00 AM Lupe & Dolores Aquilar	8:00 AM Susan McCallister	8:10 AM Poor Souls	4:00 –5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital Leocadia Poemte		10:30 AM Keystone Woods Janet Freuhling	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 15th & 16th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Karen DeLaVergne	Harold Joy	Timothy Vores	Pro Populo	Poor Souls
Reader	Pam Farmen	Mark Loose	Amy Sczesny	Carol Fite	Rosa Maldonado
Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce Stoner Joan Sauter Joetta Alison C. Cukrowicz Mike Scott H	Keith Olson H Regina Albrecht Nancy Bollman	M. Lambert Lora Mueller M. Kincaid Linda Ratliff Tim Kincaid H	Roger Kemp H Mary Lavelle H Harriett Russel Martin Russel Pat Backous Rosie Graybill	Maria Arreola Miguel Cazares David Kroll Evelyn Reyes R. Rodriguez H
Servers	Jacob Allison Noah Allison Cory Layton	Volunteers	Irv Noll Carolyn Pitts	Karina Gonzalez J. Gonzalez	Jonathan Limon R. Cruz-Sanchez Roxana Sierra

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose	\$ 8,056
YTD	\$ 398,369
NTD	\$ 624,000
 St. Mary	 \$ 10,871
YTD	\$ 472,107
NTD	\$ 864,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,321 (\$146,803 of \$330 K)

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St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

December 3rd—10th - Novena 7:00 P.M. St. Mary

December 11th—Rosary and Songs at 11:00 PM. Mañanitas at Midnight St. Mary

December 12th—Mass 6:00 PM St. Mary. Fiesta following Mass at St. Ambrose in the Ambrosian Hall.

Knights of Columbus - On Saturday, December 15th, is Breakfast with Santa from 9 AM to 1:30 PM. The cost for the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids.

Cassock Classic – Priests vs Seminarians is a basketball game where priests from our diocese compete against our seminarians at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, on December 27th. Doors open at 5:30 PM and tip off is at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Cleaning of St. Ambrose Church - Volunteers are needed for the annual washing of the Church pews and deep cleaning of the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 17th, after the 8:00 AM Mass. All Supplies furnished, just bring a small bucket if you can. We will start about 8:45. If you can spare an hour or two that would make the job go more quickly. Any questions call Marilyn or Dan Sager at 765-642-6368.

Quiet The Worries – If you are recovering from surgery, holding a small pillow close to your chest is peaceful, calming and comforting. It also reduces the discomfort from a seat belt while riding in a car. Please feel free to take one from either parish. These have been made by a very caring person to give to those in need.

Gabriel Project Baby Bottle Reminder - It is time to bring the baby bottles back. Next weekend there will be Gabriel Project baskets near the entrances of both churches in which they can be placed. The bottles do not need to be completely filled. A donation of any amount is appreciated!

FAIR TRADE Coffee, Tea and Chocolates will be sold NEXT WEEKEND, December 15-16th after all Masses in St. Mary Church Annex. Do you still need hostess gifts or stocking stuffers for the upcoming holidays? You're in luck! Our products fill the bill. Be sure to check out our new coffee, Mama Tierra, from the heart of Oaxaco, Mexico. Proceeds from this coffee support the work of CRS to restore and protect coffee communities across southern Mexico and Central America with clean water, healthy soil and resilient farmers.

Children's Choir for St Mary's 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Coro de niños para la misa de Nochebuena 4:00 PM de Santa María

Our practices will be on Sundays Dec 9 and 23 from 12:45-1:45 and Sat Dec 22 from 1:30-2:30

Las prácticas serán los domingos 9 y 23 de diciembre de 12: 45-1:45 y sáb 22 de diciembre de 1:30-2:30.

We will practice in the St Mary Church annex. Please contact Janice with any questions. 644-8467

Practicaremos en el anexo de la iglesia de Santa María. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gaby con cualquier pregunta. 635-6348

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary Adoration is on Thursdays from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

Santa Maria la Adoración de Santa Maria es los jueves de 2:00 a 7:00 PM.

RCIA—Faith journeys begin at all times of the year. If you have questions about becoming Catholic, this is the place for you! Sessions meet Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the school annex at Holy Cross North. You are welcome to learn more in a non-judgmental environment.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples go home from a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** more in love with each other than ever! Want to find out more? Future Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 26-28 April and from 1-3 November 2019, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, from 1-3 February and from 16-18 August 2019. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6; **Mon.** Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26; **Tues.** Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14; **Wed.** Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38; **Thurs.** Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15; **Fri.** Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19; **Sat.** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Please Pray For ...

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes:

The Military: Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Special Mark Schulten, Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Lance Corporal Brock Acra stationed in Okinawa, Japan US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. YN3 Tyler Brock, son of Karen (O'Connor) Brock. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, deployed to United Arab Emirates in December 2018.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for **PEACE World Wide**. God Bless us all!



OUTREACH

Lighthouse Catholic Media books are once again available for \$2 on a table in the back of the Church. Special prices include 3 new books for your Advent reading. Gather some friends and read them together as you prepare for a Blessed Christmas season. CD's are also available.

Los libros de la Editorial Lighthouse Catholic Media en inglés y español están nuevamente disponibles por solo \$ 2.00 en la mesa al fondo de la Iglesia. Los precios especiales incluyen 3 libros nuevos para su lectura en tiempo de Adviento. Reúna a algunos amigos y léalos juntos mientras se prepara para la temporada de Navidad. CD's también estarán disponibles.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY ON THE WEEK-END OF DECEMBER 15/16.

SOUP KITCHEN MENU *"For I was Hungry and you gave me Food."* (Mt 25:35) The Catholic Community of Anderson is **encouraged to bring any of the following food items** to church and place them in the baskets at the doors during the weekend Masses on **December 16/17**. 15 oz. or 28.5 oz. can of diced potatoes; diced tomatoes; or chili hot beans; box of spaghetti; packages of American cheese; box of saltine crackers; 28 oz. or gallon size can of fruit.

"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty" Pope Francis

From all of us who prepare the soup, stuff the sacks with soup ingredients, deliver the soup to the Christian Center and Alternatives, and serve the soup, cheese and crackers, Thank you for your generosity throughout the year and we wish you all a very Happy and Faith filled Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. Mary will pray for you and your special intentions. Call Betty Worden (642-0824). You do not have to give your name. Call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

ENL— English Now and Later classes are on Tuesdays, at 9:30 AM in the school Annex. If you have any questions please contact Mary Rhoten @ 765-617-1791 or 765-387-0138.

**"The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy."
(Psalm 126:3)**



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Holy Cross Christmas Program will be on December 13th at 6:00 PM in the gym at the North Campus. All are welcome to attend!

Young Church

High School Youth are invited to gather in the Assembly Hall at St Ambrose on Sunday, December 9th from 2:00-3:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend, all are welcome!

Sunday Religious Education

SRE class on Sunday, Dec. 9th and 16th from 10:35-11:25 AM @ Holy Cross North

Clases de Catecismo Dominical

Clases de catecismo dominical el 9 y 16 de diciembre – 10:35-11:25 AM @ Holy Cross North

Guerin Catholic High School News

Class of 2023 Priority Placement Application deadline-Applications and supporting documents are due by Saturday, December 15th. Apply online at GuerinCatholic.org. Please visit this site for more information about our upcoming Winter Athletic Camps. Online registration is open through Friday, December 21st.

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

Hoy, en este escrito, es la fiesta de San Nicolás, obispo de Myra en lo que hoy es Turquía. Alrededor del año 317, fue elegido por la gente de esa ciudad por aclamación. Siendo un hijo nativo, se destacó por su humildad y caridad. Sus padres murieron cuando él era muy joven y se dice que fue criado por un tío que era un monje. A pesar de que heredó una gran cantidad de riqueza, no fue algo que lo impactó negativamente. De hecho, a lo largo de su vida fue conocido por sus obras de caridad y amabilidad. También se alega que asistió al Primer Concilio Ecuménico de la Iglesia en Nicea en 325. Entre las muchas proclamaciones de ese Concilio había una que aclamaba a la Virgen María como la Madre de Dios.

Nicolás se convirtió en el modelo para Santa Claus, la versión en inglés de la versión holandesa de su nombre, "Sint Klass" (San Nicolás). Debido a sus bondades, comenzó la tradición de colocar regalos de forma anónima en las puertas de las casas de otros como un recordatorio de la gran cantidad de bendiciones de Dios para todos nosotros. Es por eso que se proclama a Santa Claus por hacer llegar las cosas a los demás en formas que parecen imposibles (por ejemplo, ¡un anciano rotundo que sube y baja chimeneas en medio del invierno!). Nicholas nunca buscó el reconocimiento de lo que había dado y con frecuencia amonestaba a quienes querían dar a conocer su generosidad. Su enseñanza era que lo que se recibía libremente de Dios debía darse libremente y solo Dios debía ser aclamado por ello porque Él es la Fuente de todo lo que somos y tenemos.

Hay otro Santo que celebramos la semana pasada, el patrón de una de nuestras parroquias, San Ambrosio. Él también enseñó a la gente acerca de la maravilla de los dones de Dios. Al principio de su episcopado, los godos invadieron el Imperio Romano. Ambrose gastó todo el dinero que pudo reunir para rescatar a los cautivos. Incluso derritió los vasos dorados del altar para liberar a otros. Cuando fue acusado de cometer un sacrilegio, respondió: "Si la Iglesia posee oro, es para usarlo para los necesitados, no para conservarlo".

A medida que avanzamos hacia la celebración de la Natividad de Nuestro Señor, trate de no dejarse arrastrar por el consumismo de este Tiempo Sagrado. Cuando escuches la campanilla de los voluntarios del Ejército de Salvación, tira un billete de diez dólares en el bote; cuando pase los comestibles en bolsas marrones en Kroger's, recoja al menos el Dólar Uno y pague en el check-out; y cuando pase por una iglesia o sinagoga, ofrezca una oración para aquellos que adoran allí. Actuar con bondad crea y actitud de bondad que transformará nuestro mundo.

La paz sea contigo Monseñor

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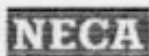
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St. Ambrose Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil

Monday, December 24th - 6:00 pm Mass

Christmas-Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 25th

12:00 am Midnight Mass

9:30 am Mass

Solemnity of Mary

Monday, December 31st - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1st - 9:30 am Mass



St. Mary Christmas Schedule DE NOVIDAD

Advent Light Service

December 2, 9, 16 & 23-6:00 PM

Servicio ligero

diciembre 2, 9, 16 & 23-6:00 PM

Christmas Eve Vigil

Monday, December 24th

4:00 PM Children's Choir

Vispera De Vigilia

lunes, 24, diciembre

4:00 PM coro de niños

Christmas-Nativity of the Lord Navidad-Natividad Del Senor Solemnity of Mary Solemnidad De Maria

Tuesday, December 25th

12:00 am Midnight Mass

11:30 am Mass Spanish

lunes, 25 diciembre

12:00 am Misa de Medianoche

11:30 Español

Monday, Dec 31st

6:00 pm Mass

Monday, January 1st

11:30 AM Mass Bilingual

lunes, 31 diciembre

6:00 pm Masa

lunes, 1 de enero

11:30 AM misa bilingue