



**Third Sunday of Advent**  
Dec. 15, 2019  
**Tercer Domingo de Adviento**  
15 Diciembre 2019



# St. Ambrose and

# St. Mary

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

One of the best books in my personal library is a gift from Bishop Doherty that was given to all priests of the diocese. It is entitled "A Life of Daring Simplicity" (Daily Meditations on the Priesthood), edited by Fr. Michael A. Becker. The title is taken from the autobiography of Saint Pope John Twenty-third (one of my personal favorite saints).

Within the work, the meditation given for December eleventh is titled "Our Prayer for God's People." It is an excerpt from the writing of Gerard McGinnity, "Christmen: Experience of Priesthood Today." Allow me to quote a few passages from it:

"A Priest's sense of ministry needs nourishment and we ought never grow apart or aloof from the people we serve. Even the continual respect people show a priest renews his awareness of the 'treasure we hold in common clay pots,' for they salute the office as much as the man.

"The trusting way in which people ask for our intercessory prayer, as well as invigorating our own weakness, reminds us of that commitment made at ordination to 'maintain and deepen a spirit of prayer appropriate to our way of life, and in keeping with what is required of us, to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours for the Church and for the world.'

"People keep reminding us that we are appointed priests on their behalf and that we have the responsibility of bringing their needs with us to prayer. When we pray the Prayer of the Church for the world, we are exercising the mediatorship of the priesthood. The high priest Aaron, in case he might forget his continued duty to pray on behalf of his people, always brought the sign of the people on his breast when he went into the Holy of Holies to pray. A priest... intercedes for the people but he also shows genuine care and compassion for their needs. He celebrates the sacred mysteries but tries in his life to epitomize the Word he preaches and the Sacrifice he makes present....He develops spiritually 'through his liturgical ministry only if he stands judged in his own life by the Word he proclaims to others and challenged to the same conversion, faith and love that he preaches to his people.'"

As one of the daily meditations contained in this book, this one in particular reminds every priest that his gift of ministry is not his own. It is given to him to be given to those whom he has been called to serve. Please pray that Fr. Mark and I may emulate these words as best we can by the grace of God. May our Blessed Lord keep each of you close to His Heart.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

## **DESDE EL PASTOR**

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en el Señor:

Uno de los mejores libros de mi biblioteca personal es un obsequio del obispo Doherty que se entregó a todos los sacerdotes de la diócesis. Se titula "A Life of Daring Simplicity" (Meditaciones diarias sobre el sacerdocio), editado por el p. Michael A. Becker. El título está tomado de la autobiografía de San Papa Juan Vigésimo tercero (uno de mis santos favoritos personales).

Dentro del trabajo, la meditación dada para el 11 de diciembre se titula "Nuestra oración por el pueblo de Dios". Es un extracto de la escritura de Gerard McGinnity, "Christmen: Experience of Priesthood Today". Me permitirá para citar algunos pasajes de él:

"El sentido de ministerio de un sacerdote necesita alimento y nunca debemos separarnos o alejarnos de las personas a las que servimos. Incluso el respeto continuo que las personas muestran a un sacerdote renueva su conciencia del "tesoro que tenemos en ollas de barro comunes", ya que saludan la oficina tanto como el hombre.

"La forma confiada en que las personas piden nuestra oración intercesora, así como vigorizar nuestra propia debilidad, nos recuerda ese compromiso hecho en la ordenación para 'mantener y profundizar un espíritu de oración apropiado para nuestra forma de vida, y de acuerdo con lo que se requiere de nosotros, celebrar fielmente la Liturgia de las Horas para la Iglesia y para el mundo.'

"La gente sigue recordándonos que somos nombrados sacerdotes en su nombre y que tenemos la responsabilidad de llevar sus necesidades con nosotros a la oración. Cuando rezamos la Oración de la Iglesia por el mundo, estamos ejerciendo la mediación del sacerdocio. El sumo sacerdote Aaron, en caso de que pudiera olvidar su deber continuo de rezar en nombre de su pueblo, siempre traía el signo de las personas en su pecho cuando entraba en el Lugar Santísimo de Santo para rezar. Un sacerdote ... intercede por las personas, pero también muestra un cuidado genuino y compasión por sus necesidades. Celebra los misterios sagrados pero trata en su vida de personificar la Palabra que predica y el Sacrificio que hace presente ... Se desarrolla espiritualmente a través de su ministerio litúrgico solo si es juzgado en su propia vida por la Palabra que proclama a otros y desafiado. a la misma conversión, fe y amor que predica a su pueblo."

Como una de las meditaciones diarias contenidas en este libro, esta en particular recuerda a cada sacerdote que su don de ministerio no es suyo. Se le da a él a aquellos a quienes ha sido llamado a servir. Por favor, oren para que el p. Mark y yo podemos emular estas palabras lo mejor que podamos por la gracia de Dios. Que nuestro Bendito Señor los mantenga a cada uno cerca de Su Corazón.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor

## Parish Information

	<b>Monday</b> <b>12/16/2019</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12/17/2019</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>12/18/2019</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>12/19/2019</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>12/20/2019</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>12/21/2019</b>
<b>St. Mary</b>	8:00 AM Veniero Ippolito	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:10 AM Agnes Amrine	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
<b>St. Ambrose</b>	8:00 AM Betty Brownfield	8:00 AM Thomas & MaryAnn Chezem	8:00 AM Catherine Gibson	8:00 AM Sr. Rita Vukovic	8:10 AM Grant Lierman	4:00-5:00 Confessions
<b>Other Locations</b>			11:30 St. Vincent Hospital Michael Glaser		10:30 AM Bethany Pointe JoAnn Gardner	

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

<b>December</b> <b>21st &amp;</b> <b>22nd</b>	<b>Sat. 4:00 PM</b> <b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Sat. 5:30 PM</b> <b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Sun. 7:30 AM</b> <b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30 AM</b> <b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Sun. 11:30 AM</b> <b>St. Mary</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	Pro Populo	Ryan Warner	Kurt Weisenger	John Sokol	Intentions of the Piedra & Barberena Families
<b>Reader</b>	Pam Farmen	Ron Bollman	Josh Noll	Regina Albrecht	Juan Briones
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cheryl McKinney Joyce Stoner Joan Sauter Carol Cukrowicz Paul McKinney H	Keith Olson H Donna Pine Cathy Thompson	Ron Buckner Carol Buckner M. Kincaid Linda Ratliff Tim Kincaid H	Mary Lamper H Henry Lamper H Bacilio Montes Rebecca Degitz Rosie Graybill Roger Kemp	F. Cazares R. Maldonado Juan Sanjuan Mayra Sierra M. Cazares H
<b>Servers</b>	Jacob Allison Noah Allison Paul Porcaro	Simon Bell Nick Long	Carolyn Pitts Irv Noll	John Paul Harrold Vanessa Harrold Emma Thompson	Gisele Ramirez J. Ramirez Jose Ramirez

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



### Stewardship

<b>St. Ambrose</b>	\$ 6,739
YTD	\$ 386,052
NTD	\$ 637,000
Roofs Matching Fund	\$ 90,956 (Remaining \$21,003.)

<b>St. Mary</b>	\$ 9,931
YTD	\$ 457,637
NTD	\$ 882,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,957 (\$208,386 of \$330 K)

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### **Dates to Remember:**

December 16th– Cleaning St. Ambrose Church for the Holidays (details on pg. 6)

### **Welcome To Our Faith Family:**

Oliver Pitts, infant son of Christopher and Kathy Pitts, baptized December 7, 2019. May God bless him and his family with years of health and happiness amongst us!

### **Fifth Annual Cassock Classic Basketball Game**

Fellow parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette, on Friday, January 3, 2020, the Frassati Society presents the Fifth Annual Cassock Classic Basketball game where priests from our diocese will play against the seminarians from our diocese at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville. Doors open at 5:00 PM and tip off is at 6:15 PM. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door. This is a family friendly event for all our diocese to attend and have fun.



### **New Evangelization:**

The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on 're-proposing' the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for the re-proposing of the Gospel "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to

those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization." The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. (Taken from the USCCB website.)



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- REV 21:5

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St. Mary has as Advent Light Service at 6:00 PM on December 15th and 22nd.

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

### **St. Ambrose**

**December 24th Christmas Eve 6:00 PM Mass**

**Intention:** Pro Populo

**Reader:** Janice Martin

**Servers:** Alexa Carson, Nick Long, J.Lopez

**EMHCs:** Alan Martin- H, Tony Martin- H,  
Nancy Bollman, Donna Pine, Mary Lavelle

**December 25th Christmas 12:00 AM Midnight**

**Intention:** Zachary Novak

**Reader:** Dan Novak

**Servers:** S. Bell, K. Davenport, M. Russel

**EMHCs:** Nate Bell-H, Harriett Russel  
Rosie Graybill

### **St. Mary**

**December 24th Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass**

**Intention:** Agnes Amrine

**Reader:** Alan Raver

**Servers:** Brent and Corey Layton,

**EMHCs:** Joan Sauter, Kim Bailey-Evans,

**December 24th Christmas Eve 8:00 PM (Spanish)**

**Intention:** Pro Populo

**Readers:** Deyda Velanzuela

**Servers:** D. and S. Flores, Celeste Limon

**EMHCs:** Francisco Cazares, Rosa Maldonado,  
Juana Sanjuan, Mayra Sierra, Miguel Cazares

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**Carols will be sung starting at 9:10 AM before the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Mary on Christmas Day.**

**December 25th Christmas 9:30 AM Mass**

**Intention:** Sarah Smythe

**Reader:** Greg Acra

**Servers:** Lillian Villegas, John Paul Harrold  
Vanessa Harrold

**EMHCs:** Barb Pittsford-H, Lynn Hensley,  
Stephanie Metz

**December 25th Christmas 9:30 AM Mass**

**Intention:** Clarice & Michael Weis

**Reader:** Josh Noll

**Servers:** Irv Noll, Carolyn Pitts

**EMHCs:** Jan Adams, Ron Adams-H, Cheryl Hodson

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**Traditional Latin Mass** will be on December 21st  
at 6:30 PM at Holy Family Church, 325 East A Street, Gas City

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

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

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; Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Sgt. Brock Acra stationed in California US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, United Arab Emirates; Lt. Daniel Perrine, son of Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito and Dan Ippolito.

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!

## **Weekly Scriptures:**

**Sun.** Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11; **Mon.** Nm 24:2-7 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27; **Tues.** Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17; **Wed.** Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25; **Thurs.** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25 **Fri.** Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38; **Sat.** Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45



## OUTREACH

**Fair Trade Coffee Sales** will be on Dec. 21st. & 22nd. This will be a great time to purchase your last Minute Christmas Gifts.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 21ST & 22ND**

**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 of December 21st & 22nd: 15 oz. or 28.5 oz. cans 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. We wish you all a very Happy and Faith-filled Christmas and New Year.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** is in desperate need of furniture such as dressers, small tables, and chairs among other pieces. You can drop these items off at the warehouse during their hours of Tues. 12:00-3:00, Thurs. 12:00-3:00 and Sat. 10:30-12:00. or call 642-5401 and schedule an appointment for them to pick up.

### **Cleaning St. Ambrose Church For the Holidays**

If any of you are interested in cleaning St. Ambrose Church please plan on coming to the church after the morning Mass on December 16th, starting around 8:45 AM. Cleaning supplies will be furnished. If you have a little bucket and some cleaning towels or rags, please bring them along; otherwise, we will be in need of them. Hope to see you then!

### **Knights of Columbus**

**Saturday, Dec. 21**—"Breakfast With Santa" from 9 AM till Noon. Adults \$8 and children \$4.

There will be crafts and more to keep the children busy as well as them being able to talk to Santa. All kids will receive a goody bag. Menu includes: Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, assorted fruit, milk, coffee, and juice. HO-HO-HO, come and have a good time!

**The Diocese cordially invites everyone to the Installation of Lectors and Acolytes** on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1212 South Street, Lafayette.

**Andrew Morand** (the seminarian who was with us in the summer of 2018) is to be admitted to the Ministry of Lector.

**This Mass satisfies the Sunday Obligation.**

For questions, please contact the Office for Vocations at: [vocations@dol-in.org](mailto:vocations@dol-in.org); or call 764-477-0070.





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- Donations must occur in the tax year for which donors would like to claim it. To make a last minute credit card donation visit [www.i4qed.org](http://www.i4qed.org).
- If donors mail donations (either directly to the Institute for Quality Education—IQE—or to the school), they must take it to the post office during business hours by December 31.
- Mailed donations **must be postmarked no later than December 31st**. NOTE: If it is dropped in a mail collection box on the last day of the year, it may not get postmarked until the first business day of the following year.
- If a donor drops donations off at a school or at IQE's office, be sure that staff is available to accept the donation.
- Stock/Mutual Fund Gifts transfers **should be initiated by December 20th** with transferring broker to ensure completion before year-end. The transfer must arrive in National Christian Foundation's brokerage account by 12/29/2019. Please note that shares held with a transfer agent (like Vanguard or Computer-share) take 2-4 weeks, so the transfer should be initiated as soon as possible.

**Middle School Boys' Basketball Game** at Inspire in Muncie on December 16th at 6:00 pm.

**Middle School Girls' Basketball Game** at Pope John Paul II in Muncie on December 18th at 5:30 pm.

**Christmas Break** will be from **Monday, December 23rd** until **Sunday, January 5th**. School will resume on **Monday, January 6th**. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **Young Church**

### **Sunday Religious Ed. Classes for December:**

Dec. 15th-SRE/ All classes 10:35 AM-11:20 AM Holy Cross School North Campus

### **Ed. Religiosa Dominical Clases para diciembre:**

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