

St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
Port Tobacco, Maryland*



December 13 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

During COVID-19, the Mass schedule is as follows:

SUNDAY MASS

St. Catherine Sat 4:00pm
St. Catherine Sun 10:30am
St. Ignatius Sun 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

St. Catherine Sat 3:00-3:45pm
St. Ignatius Sun 7:45-8:15am
St. Catherine Thu 5:30-6:15pm

DAILY MASS

St. Catherine Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 6:30pm

ADORATION

St. Catherine Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 5:30-6:30pm

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Please keep in your prayers those with long term illnesses and their caregivers. To have names added to or removed from the prayer list or if you need a priest at the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, call (301) 934-9630. Please leave your name, phone number, person's name, facility and room number.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of December 6, 2020

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$2,843
Repairs & Maint: \$1,404

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$2,569
Repairs & Maint: \$500

Thank you for your support of our church and ministries!

Clothing Shed



The Clothing Shed for the Knights of Columbus is reopened. If you have any clothes you want to give away, please consider putting them in a bag into the storage shed outside the St. Catherine's Meeting Hall.

Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday, December 12- Vigil – Third Sunday

In Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday December 13 – Third Sunday in

Advent

8:30am James Collins

10:30am People of the Community

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday December 14 – Saint John of the Cross

6:30pm Repose of the souls of the friends of

Agnes Vu

Nm 24:2-7, 16-17a Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday December 15 – Advent Weekday

6:30pm Enemies of the Church

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:23-27

Wednesday December 16 – Advent Weekday

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday December 17 – Advent Weekday

6:30pm Gus Proctor

Gn 49:8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Friday December 18 - Late Advent Weekday

6:30pm Chippee Jamieson

Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1: 18-25

Offertory Envelopes



We have arranged with Our Sunday Visitor to mail your weekly offering envelopes to your home. You will receive two months of envelopes at a time. Your first set of envelopes (for January and February) will arrive in late December. Likewise in late February, you will receive March and April and etc. You will no longer need to pick up your envelopes at church or the Rectory.

Should your address change, it is important to let the Rectory know so we can forward your envelopes to your new address.

50/50 Winner!

Congratulations to Bill Higgs for the 50/50 Drawing! He won \$811! And St. Catherine's received \$811 as well. Thank you to Ruth Cooper and all who helped organize this fundraiser. A huge success!



Prayer for Beginners

Our Christmas gift to you is *Prayer for Beginners*. by Peter Kreeft.

- Be sure to pick up your copy on Christmas.
- We will discuss together during Lent.



From Fr. Q's Desk

Two weeks ago in Rome, our Holy Father officially made our Washington Archbishop, Wilton Gregory, a cardinal of the Church. It was a historic moment for a few reasons. First, Cardinal Gregory is the first African-American cardinal in our nation's history. (Of course, he is not the first black cardinal in the world; that distinction would go to Cardinal Laurean Ru-

gambwa of Tanzania, made a cardinal in 1960.) The cardinal's elevation comes at a poignant moment in our country, when questions of race and prejudice are being raised anew, and we can pray that his voice of prominence will help us as we all struggle forward together with these questions.

This consistory was historic in a second way, too, being held as it was in the midst of our coronavirus pandemic. Two of the cardinals attended "virtually" from their home countries, since the virus made travel too risky and difficult. The rest of the new cardinals were attended only by the smallest entourages. Ten years ago, I was present in Rome when Archbishop Wuerl of Washington was made a cardinal; hundreds and hundreds of faithful had travelled from the U.S. to be present for the ceremonies. This year, Cardinal Gregory was at-

tended only by his priest secretary, and they had to quarantine in the Vatican for two weeks before the consistory.

At the consistory, the Holy Father assigned a church in Rome as the Cardinal's "titular" church. Every cardinal - regardless of his home city - is given a church in Rome as a symbolic reminder of his connection to that city and to the Holy Father. Cardinal Gregory received the

church of the Immaculate Conception in



Pope Francis gives the "Red Hat" to Archbishop Gregory to officially install him as a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

Grottarossa, a small neighborhood just north of Rome. The church is located very close to the Milvian

Bridge, where the Emperor Constantine won a famous battle, thus paving the way for the legalization of Christianity and a new rapport between Church and state in the 4th century. In our own time, the Cardinal will face delicate and difficult questions about Church & state in the years ahead under President-elect Biden. Let us pray for Cardinal Gregory's wisdom to govern the Church in these tumultuous times!

We offer Cardinal Gregory our congratulations and our prayers!

St. Catherine
The Angel Tree



St. Catherine will be collecting items and donations for four families in addition to supporting local children for Christmas this year. We are also accepting new, unwrapped toys or games for ages 8-16. Please take an angel off the tree and return the unwrapped gift with the tag by Friday, December 18th at the church.

If you have questions, please contact Carol DeStoto (301/751.2966) tffwdesoto@hotmail.com or Shannon Gilbert (571/839-4643), shandiibongil@gmail.com. If you would like Carol/Shannon to do the shopping, please let us know and provide the financial donation by Sunday, December 13th. For special cases, we can pick up donations. Thank you for your support!

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ST. CATHERINE CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES



Most Christmas Masses are more crowded than the average Sunday Mass, so we are going to take extra precautions for our Christmas Eve Masses during this COVID pandemic. We are asking parishioners obtain from an usher or to call the Rectory to reserve and pick up your ticket for the St. Catherine Christmas Eve 4:00pm or 10:00pm Mass. **We are asking that you please attend the Mass for which you signed up.** This helps us in our planning and will give you an opportunity to select another Mass should your first choice be full to capacity. **You must have a ticket to attend these Masses.**

Please call the Rectory to pick up your ticket(s) for either Mass.

The 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Ignatius and the 10:00am Christmas Day Mass will not require tickets – "first come, first served".

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Liturgy - Work Of The Holy Trinity

I. The Father-Source and Goal of the Liturgy

1077 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us before him in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved."

1078 Blessing is a divine and life-giving action, the source of which is the Father; his blessing is both word and gift. When applied to man, the word "blessing" means adoration and surrender to his Creator in thanksgiving.

1079 From the beginning until the end of time the whole of God's work is a blessing. From the liturgical poem of the first creation to the canticles of the heavenly Jerusalem, the inspired authors proclaim the plan of salvation as one vast divine blessing.

1080 From the very beginning God blessed all living beings, especially man and woman. the covenant with Noah and with all living things renewed this blessing of fruitfulness despite man's sin which had brought a curse on the ground. But with Abraham, the divine blessing entered into human history which was moving toward death, to redirect it toward life, toward its source. By the faith of "the father of all believers," who embraced the blessing, the history of salvation is inaugurated.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WATCH: *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

READ: *Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love* by Edward Sri

In an age in which preference has replaced morality, many people find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of the reactions they will receive if they say something is right or wrong. Using engaging stories and personal experience, Edward Sri helps us understand the classical view of morality and equips us to engage relativism, appealing to both the head and the heart. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, why making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and why, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people."

SAINTS THIS WEEK

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

is also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a series of five Marian apparitions in December 1531, and a venerated image on a cloak enshrined within the



Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site.



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

was a Spanish Catholic priest, mystic, also a Carmelite friar, of converso origin. He is a major figure of the Counter-Reformation in Spain, and he is one of the thirty-six Doctors of the Church. He is known especially for his writings. He was mentored by and corresponded with the older Carmelite, Teresa of Ávila. Both his poetry and his studies on the development of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and among the greatest works of all Spanish literature. He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. He is regarded as the "Mystical Doctor" by the Church.

KIDS CORNER

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Advent • John 1:6-8,19-28