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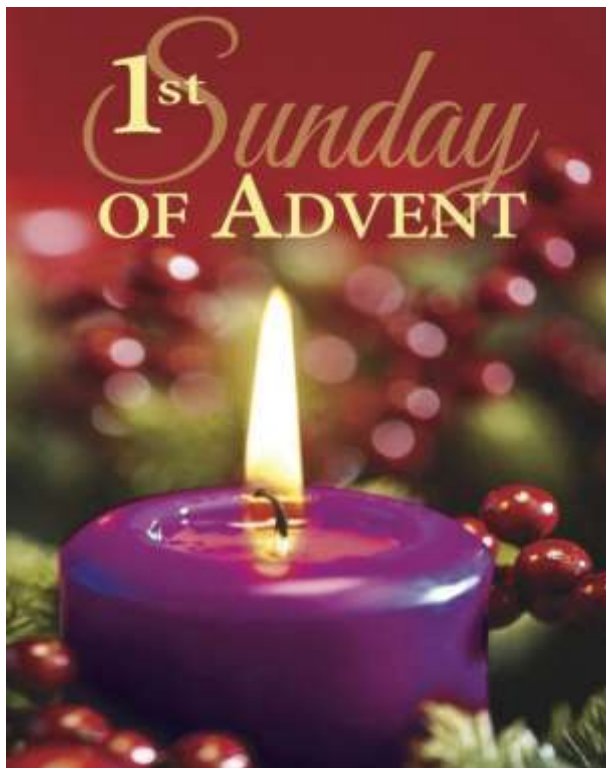
1st Sunday of Advent-December 3, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:15 am, Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Monday & Friday 8:15 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12:00 PM

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our
Facebook & YouTube page, Sundays at 10:30 AM

Mass from the Diocese is being live-streamed at 6 p.m.
on Saturday, where it remains online. The link is
<https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment.
304-342-8175

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Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

1st Sunday of Advent-December 3, 2023

12/02 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
12/03 Sun. 8:00 am + Shawn Wheeler
10:30 am + Cathy Graceson
5:00 pm + Tom & Mary Christine Edwards

12/04 Mon. 8:15 am + Joyce Barickman

12/05 Tues. 12:00 pm + Romie Flores & Nena Bao

12/06 Wed. 12:00 pm For the Int. of Rev. H. Joseph Wilhelm S.M.

12/07 Thu. 12:00 am + Kathleen Fitzmaurice

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation)

12/07 Thu. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
12/08 Fri. 8:15 am + Fr. Richard Klug
12:00 pm + Filemon Avancena
5:30 pm +Walter Edwards

12/09 Sat. 8:15 am + Mary Wallington

12/09 Sat. 5:30 pm + John Ruddick
12/10 Sun. 8:00 am + People of the Parish
10:30 am + Joe & Jay Mullen
5:00 pm + Stanley Chinceck & Stanley, Jr.

Ministry Schedule-Week of December 9/10

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-1 O'Donoghue
8:00 AM-Mark French
10:30 AM-Maryrose Nair
5:00 PM-John Biros

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM- Sr. Ida, Kerri Grant, Patricia Noronha,
3 volunteers
8:00 AM- Nancy Bricker, Mary Agnes & Rex Kern,
3 Volunteers
10:30 AM- Chloe Flores, Cindy McGhee, Steve Naylor,
Bob Parker, 2 Volunteers
5:00 PM- Debra Basham, Agnes Smith, 4 Volunteers

Altar Server Training

For anyone from the 3rd grade up who would like to become an Altar Server or take a refresher course, Fr. Roy is offering training.

To make arrangements contact Fr. Roy at rayappak@dwc.org or call the parish office at 304-342-8175.

Sharing Our Treasure - 11/26/2023

Regular Collection: \$7,592 Candles: \$114
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Archdiocese -Military: \$25 (\$1,720) Manna Meal: \$528
Christmas Flowers: \$1570

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Pope's Monthly Intention

December-For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this First Sunday of Advent!

As we enter into the sacred time of Advent, we prepare for the Three Advents, when Jesus came to us at His Incarnation, when Jesus will come again at the end of time - His Second Coming, and in the present, when we invite and allow Jesus to come deeper into our lives. To help you with this Advent journey, please make use of the Advent Reflections and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have our parish communal reconciliation on Monday, December 18th at 7pm. Listed in this bulletin will be our area parishes offering of Advent Communal Reconciliation Services.

Christmas Eve will mark the conclusion of our year-long celebration of the 125th Anniversary of our Church building. I am grateful for all those who helped in the various celebrations throughout the year. We continue to give praise to God for those who built our Church and for caring for our parish buildings that our ancestors gave to us. Our major campaign, "Renewing Our Present, Securing Our Future" is an important way to care for what we have been given. This month will be a year into our three-year campaign and thus far approximately \$1,800,000 has been pledged and we continue to reach for our goal of \$3,000,000. I am very grateful for those who have contributed and I encourage all parishioners to take part in this campaign.

I ask for your continued prayers for the success of this campaign as we care for our parish and grade school May you have a Blessed and Holy Advent-Come Lord Jesus! I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Don

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8th-A Holy Day of Obligation



"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin."

USCCB (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults)

Area Advent Reconciliation Services

December 10th-Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM

December 14th-St. Agnes 6:00 PM

December 18th-Sacred Heart Basilica 7:00 PM

December 19th-Our Lady of the Hills 6:00 PM

December 20th-St. Anthony 6:00 PM

Christmas Children's Choir Rehearsal:

The Children's Choir will be meeting to rehearse to sing for the Christmas Eve, 4:00pm Mass! Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00pm in the Church. Children are welcome! Contact Mark Haas: mhaas@shccwv.us

Christmas Mass Schedule

PLEASE NOTE

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

We will have the regular Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm, Sunday the 8:00am & 10:30am Masses will be combined into one Mass at 9:00am

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th

Mass at 4pm, 8pm, and Midnight. There will be no 5pm Mass, on Christmas Eve.

On **Christmas Day** we will have Mass at 9am and 12pm.



Please keep in your prayers **Annette Elaine Tabit Reynolds** who died November 28th. Our prayers and condolences for her son Jeffrey, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.

Sacred Heart Gift Shop

is open after each Mass and is generally open prior to the 10:30 Mass. We currently have in stock, Advent wreath supplies and candles, as well as gifts for other occasions. If you can't find what you're looking for, we can order it for you.



From our music director...

The *Alma Redemptoris Mater* Chant

Mark Haas, Director of Music

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, the Church observes the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, which is sung until the Feast of the Purification on February 2 (the traditional concluding date of Christmas). This 11th century prayer tells of the angel Gabriel's announcement, and of Mary's divine motherhood.

We sing of the *Gate of Heaven*, which is a reference to the Blessed Mother's perpetual virginity:

"This gate is to remain shut. It must not be opened; no one may enter through it. It is to remain shut because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered through it." (Ez. 44:2)

We sing of the *Star of the Sea*. Mary's name in Hebrew – *Miryam*, meaning *drop of the sea*. Mary is like the moon over the sea. The moon is merely a rock in the sky, but it is illuminated by the light of the sun. Similarly, Mary is merely a creature, but she reflects a guiding light from her Son: Mary leads us to Jesus. "Sun and moon; sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever!" (Daniel 3:62)

As we wait with joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during this season of Advent, let us pray (and sing!) the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, and seek our Lord Jesus, through his Blessed Mother, Mary most holy.

*Fruitful mother of the Redeemer, thou who remains the open gate of heaven,
and the star of the sea, help the fallen people who strive to rise again.
Thou who gave birth nature wondering, to thy holy Creator. Virgin before and after
From Gabriel's mouth, accepting that 'Ave,' have mercy on sinners.*

Fr. Sadie's "Cogitationes"

If you wish to contact Msgr. Sadie with questions concerning any of his "cogitations" call 304-546-4330.

Bulletin Readers have asked me to share some highlights of my years as a priest.

In an effort to make the Church better known, I joined the Christiansburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, The Jaycees are a group of young businessmen providing opportunities for them to develop leadership skills through service to others. I do not think any member of this group knew a Catholic, let alone a Catholic Priest.

My yearly Jaycee assignment was to recruit children of needy families for Jaycees to take on a Christmas shopping spree for them to buy gifts for members of their families.

We Jaycees met on Fridays for lunch. I was the only member to order fish. One member always managed to sit across from me. One day, I could tell something was bothering him. Finally, he blurted out, "That ain't in the Bible" I pretended not to know what he meant. "What ain't in the Bible" "Eating fish on Friday." "You're right," I said. "Then why do Catholics have to eat fish on Friday?" "We don't have to eat fish on Friday; we refrain from eating meat on Friday, the day Jesus died for our sins, to do a little penance for our sins." Other Jaycees were not happy with my protagonist.



First Sunday of Advent

Bless Our Advent Time

Eternal God, you are the architect of time. As we prepare for your promised coming, guide us to turn toward you. Let us see your face and we shall be saved. Bless our Advent wreath. As we light each candle, may the flame of Christ's coming grow brighter and enkindle our eagerness to welcome him into our hearts, lives, and world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 3, 2023-Come, Lord Jesus

Today's readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37. The season of Advent (from the Latin *adventus* meaning "coming") is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. We anticipate three advents: the first is the historical coming of the Christ two thousand years ago; the second, the coming of Christ among us now; and the third advent, the hope of Christ coming again at the end of time.

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. This year, it lands in early December, shortening our Advent season by an entire week. One of the best-known customs of the season is the Advent wreath. The circle of evergreens symbolizes the eternal character of God's time and Christ's reach into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles on the wreath—three violet, one rose—mark our progress through the season. The rose candle is for the Third Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete Sunday* after the first word of the entrance antiphon on that day, meaning "rejoice." The day symbolizes our joy as we draw closer to the birth of Christ. Bless your Advent wreath with the lighting of the first violet candle, and as a prayerful entrance into Advent invoke today's psalm response: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved" (Psalm 80:4).

This Week at Home

Monday, December 4-Say the Word

Today's Gospel relates a miracle performed by Jesus. Within the dialogue, the words of a Roman soldier become what we pray at Mass: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." The soldier understands that Jesus' words carry divine power. Throughout Advent, we follow the soldier's example of faith by assuming a stance of humility and openness to the work of the Lord. Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11.

Tuesday, December 5-The Shoot of Jesse

The Jesse tree is an Advent custom that helps us connect the festive practice of decorating Christmas trees to Jesus' biblical ancestors. Its name is derived from today's first reading, "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots" (Isaiah 11:1). Jesse, the father of King David, is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. For your Jesse tree, start with a bare branch and hang a new ornament every day. These ornaments represent the individual figures from the Bible. They can be made from any material you choose. Today's readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24.

Wednesday, December 6-St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra (modern-day Turkey) in the fourth century. According to legend, he anonymously provided generous help to those in need. One story says he dropped bags of gold down the chimneys of poor families, widows, and orphans. Surprise family members with a stocking filled with gifts. Plan an anonymous gift for a person or agency in need this Advent. Today's readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37.

Thursday, December 7-St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose served as the bishop of Milan during the fourth century. A brilliant theologian and doctor of the Church, St. Ambrose helped articulate the Christian faith through his writings. He is also remembered for a beautiful Advent carol, "O Come, Redeemer of the Earth." Create your own playlist of Advent music to keep your heart and mind firmly planted in the spirituality of preparation. Today's readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27.

Friday, December 8-Immaculate Conception

The Church sets aside today as a holyday of obligation, recognizing that Mary was conceived without original sin so that she could become the vessel to bear God made flesh. Today's Gospel highlights the fullness of grace given to Mary, by which she said yes to God's plan for her life. Advent is a perfect time to pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary, from the mystery of the annunciation through the incarnation to the rearing of Jesus in faith. Today's readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38.

Saturday, December 9-St. Juan Diego

On December 9, 1531, the Virgin Mary asked Juan Diego to tell the bishop that she desired a temple to be built on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. From this place, she would hear the anguish of all who live in the region and respond with love, compassion, and protection. Hesitant to accept Juan Diego's account of Mary's appearance, the bishop requested a sign. Mary sent Juan Diego to pick roses where only desert plants grew. She arranged the roses in Juan's cloak and sent him back to the bishop. When Juan opened his *tilma* before the bishop, he discovered an image of the Virgin of Guadalupe imprinted on it. Today's readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.



Knights of Columbus

We will sponsor another Fish Fry on Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Grade School Cafeteria. Jack Walsh will be the featured speaker, he will talk on investments for life following the meal at 7:00 p.m. We will sell tickets for \$5.00 per person at a table in the Gathering Space after all masses for the next two weeks.

The menu will feature Cod, which is a meatier fish than we served last time, Hush puppies and Cole Slaw. The rest of the menu will be similar: Fried or Baked Fish, Baked Potatoes, French Fries, Green Beans, beverage and dessert. More details to follow. Thanks to Father Don and Father Roy for their support and the Staff of Sacred Heart Grade School for the use of the cafeteria.

The Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Drive to benefit the Risen Lord Food Pantry is underway. Father Thien passes along that most months he helps around 230 families with food, now that Clay County is again without a commercial grocery store. Most of you already know that Father's most requested food items are 1. Peanut Butter, 2. Canned Tuna Fish, 3. Canned Soup, 4. Any Canned Vegetable, 5. Canned Fruit. Crackers would also be appreciated. We are again suggesting a donation in the form of a check made out to K of C 12630 for \$30.00 to cover a basic Thanksgiving meal. Again, the Knights of Council 12630 thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generosity.



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New Mausoleum to be built at Mount Olivet Cemetery-the only Catholic Cemetery in Kanawha County.

The church has consulted with Tim White at Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home to help us get the mausoleum built. You may contact him at (304)342-8135 or his cell phone at (304)395-4824 for more information or to set up a private meeting. This may be done either virtually or in person. Affordable monthly payment plans are available.



"Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believed in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies" – Rite of Committal

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Advent Retreat to lower my holiday stress – say WHAT?


(Advent Retreat) Friday and Saturday (December 8-9) – Friday: 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Questions: email Jerry Edge at gl11@aol.com. It's supposed to be a joyful and stress-free holiday with the Wise Men, Angels, Shepherds, and the Holy Family. However, for many, the holiday offers many reasons to be stressed out and anxious. We become overwhelmed with planning for a holiday, and our families and relatives seem to want to argue about ... ANYTHING ... which is hardly peace on earth! You're invited to leave your stress at the door and relax at WVIS' 2023 Advent

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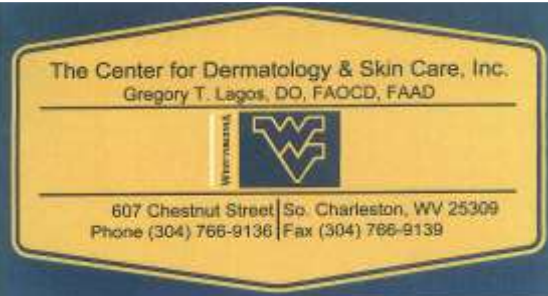
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