



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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December 18th, 2022 † 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 18, HOLY MASS 9:00 a.m. - Expectation of the BVM

Pro Populo

Mon., Dec. 19, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - Advent Feria (Ss. Darius, Zosimus, Paul & Secundus)

Mark Puchalla

Tues., Dec. 20, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - Advent Feria (St. Dominic of Silo, Ab)

Lyle and Linda Mader

Wed., Dec. 21, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - St. Thoms, Ap

Pro Populo

Thurs., Dec. 22, ROSARY 9:40am FUNERAL MASS 10:00 a.m. - St. Frances Cabrini, V

RIP Paula Micklich

Fri., Dec. 23, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - Advent Feria (St. Victoria, VM)

Holy Souls

Sat., Dec. 24, HOLY MASS 9:00 a.m. - Vigil of the Nativity (Day of Fast and Complete Abstinence)

Phillip and Anna Sandquist Family

Sunday, Dec. 25, HOLY MASS 9:00 a.m. - CHRISTMAS DAY

Pro Populo

Serving Schedule:

Sun. Dec. 18th: Nick Vigil, Andrew Fries

Mon., Dec 19th: Eric & Jude Vigil

Tues., Dec. 20th: Andrew Fries & Toby Vigil

Wed., Dec. 21st: Andrew & John Fries

Thurs., Dec. 22nd: Anthony & Alexander Vigil

Fri., Dec. 23rd: Volunteer

Christmas Eve: Toby Vigil, Dominic Pulliam

Christmas, Dec. 25th: **Midnight** - Steven Kosovich, Anthony Vigil, Andrew Fries

9:00 am - Steven Kosovich & John Fries

Sun., Jan. 1st: Alexander Vigil, Toby Vigil

Behold the Handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to Thy Word!

Confessions: Sundays - 8:00 am and after Mass

Tues. & Wed. - 7:30 am

Thurs. - 2:00pm

Ending Hymn: On Jordan's Banks #3 Pg.23

Children's Catechism Class: No Class until after January 1st, 2023.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: RIP Paula Micklich, RIP Robert Bernard, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Sarah Watterson, Rebekah Hibdon, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, RIP Marilyn Soisson, RIP Anita Grasins, RIP Joshua Baert, RIP George Trahan, RIP Mathias Trujillo, Richard Slusher, Malachai Miller Family and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

FUNERAL MASS: for Paula Micklich will be Thursday, Dec. 22, at 10:00am preceded by the Holy Rosary and followed by a luncheon in the parish hall provided by the ladies of the parish. A sign-up sheet has been sent out by email.

CLEANING LIST: there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of Church to volunteer for deep cleaning needed before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: will be Tuesday, December 20th, at 7:00pm. All are welcome!!!

CHRISTMAS EVE: is a day of fast and complete abstinence. All those over 21 and under 59 are obliged to fast(only one full meatless meal is allowed; two smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken but together they should not equal a full meal).

Christmas Eve – Dom Guaranger

The time has now come for the faithful soul to reap the fruit of the efforts she made during the penitential weeks of Advent to prepare a dwelling-place for the Son of God, who desires to be born within her. What garments shall we put on, to go and meet the Bridegroom? Where shall we find the pearls and jewels wherewith to deck our soul for this happy meeting? The first of our duties at our Savior's Crib is *Adoration*, Religion's first act. In heaven the Angels veil their faces, and prostrate themselves before the throne of the Lamb; what, then, shall we do now that this same great God shows himself to us, humbled for our sakes, and stript of all his glory? Let us endeavor to make, by our profound adorations, some return to the God who thus humbles himself for us; let us thus give him back some little of that whereof he has deprived himself out of love for us, and in obedience to the will of his Father. The example of his Blessed Mother will teach us to be thus humble before Him who was her God and her Child. Come, then, faithful Children of the Church, let us take our share in her joy! For unto us a Child is born! He for whom we have been so long waiting is come; and



he is come to *dwell among us*. Great, indeed, and long was our suspense; so much the more let us love our possessing him. The Scripture tells us that *a secure mind is like a continual feast* and a secure mind can only be where there is peace; now it is Peace which these blessed days bring to the *earth*; *Peace*, say the Angels, *to men of good will!* *Gratitude* is also indeed due to him who deigned to be born of his own creature, and have a stable for his birth-place. Oh! how vehemently must he not have desired to advance the work of our salvation, to remove everything which could make us afraid of approaching him, and to encourage us, by his own example, to return, by the path of humility, to the heaven we had strayed from by pride! Gratefully, therefore, let us receive the precious gift - this Divine Babe, our Deliverer. He is the Only-Begotten Son of the Father, that Father *who hath so loved the world as to give his only Son*. O gift inestimable! How shall we be able to repay it by suitable gratitude, we who are so poor as not to know how to appreciate it? God alone, and the Divine Infant in his Crib, know the value of the mystery of Bethlehem, which is given to us. Shall our debt, then, never be paid? Not so: we can pay it by *love*, which, though finite, gives itself without measure, and may grow for ever in intensity. '*How beautiful art thou, my Beloved One, and how comely!* - the feebleness and humility of a Child!' Christians! let us imitate our Mother, and give our hearts to our Emmanuel. The Shepherds offer him their simple gifts, the Magi bring him their rich presents, and no one must appear before the Divine Infant without something worthy his acceptance. Know, then, that nothing will please him, but that which he came to seek - our *love*. It was for this that He came down from heaven! My Child, won't you give Me your heart this Christmas!