

Dec 10-16, 2017



“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Mk 1:3

Sat. Dec 9- 5:00 PM - Jim & Georgette Brnak by Holy Family Altar and Rosary

Sun. Dec 10- Sacred Heart - 7:30 AM - Greg Buchholz by Buchholz Family

Sun. Dec 10 - Holy Family - 10:30 AM— For the People

Sun. Dec 10 - Holy Family—12:30- Spanish— Melissa Zambrano by Francisco Zambrano

Mon. Dec 11 -7:30 AM - Our Parents, Living & Deceased by Bill and Linda Epple

Tues. Dec 12 - 7:30 AM - Janice Green & Extended Family by Her Family

Wed. Dec 13 - 7:30 AM— COMMUNION SERVICE

Thurs Dec 14 - 4:30 PM - Our Godchildren by Bruce & Deb Klausner

Fri. Dec 15- 7:30 AM - Joyce Lawson by Philip & Jeanne Buchholz

Sat. Dec 16- 5:00 PM - †Kenneth Schreibvogel by Lori & Ted Wise

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December

Universal: The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian Communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wed: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9, 10-13

Prayers of the Faithful Requests

If you would like to have the name of a sick person added to the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, please email your request to sacredheart@rtebb.net subject Prayers of the Faithful

Third Sunday of Advent

From the Homily of Philip Lawrence, OSB, Abbot of Christ in the Desert

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ, The Prophet Isaiah gives us the theme for reflection today: “In my God is the joy of my soul.” When that is true in our lives, we are walking the road and we know the truth of these words from the same Prophet: “He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.” This great Prophet Isaiah believed with his whole being that God would send salvation and redemption for His people. Each one of us can have that same trust and confidence in God: God loves us and will bring us salvation. God invites us to live according to His laws and His wisdom—let us walk the way of the Lord!

This is the 3rd Sunday of Advent and called “Gaudete” Sunday in Latin. It is a Sunday of rejoicing. The entrance song for some centuries was always from the Letter to the Philippians: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, rejoice! The second reading this Sunday picks up the theme of rejoicing: “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” We need to hear both of these realities: rejoice and pray! We can only rejoice always if we are praying without ceasing. God is not asking the impossible of us. We are able to walk through a normal day while keeping Him always in our heart. It is not easy and we shall fail but when we see that God is not in our heart, we can invite Him once more to make us aware of His presence. In that way, we can rejoice and pray all the day long.

The Gospel from Saint John today brings us back to Saint John the Baptist. John the Baptist was a central focus of the Gospel last Sunday and once again is here for us to consider. We should note that John the Baptist is not at all concerned about being considered great or important. His one concern is to point to Jesus Christ: the One who is to come, whose sandal strap he is unworthy to untie. Saint John the Baptist is a saint of joy because he points always to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. We also can become people of joy when our lives point to Jesus our Lord. We don’t have to be perfect but we do have to keep pointing to the Lord. Just as in the life of John the Baptist, the more we decrease, the more the Lord may increase. It is a challenge for us to live in such a way that we are always witness to the presence of God and God’s love.

The Offertory in the Latin Mass is clear: “Lord, you have blessed your land. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people.” It is because God loves us and forgives us that we can rejoice and be glad. It is because Jesus invites us to live His life that our lives can be witnesses to Him. Let us rejoice and be glad this Sunday as we delight in God’s love.

Your brother in the Lord,

Advent Penance Services

Advent is upon us. To prepare for Christmas, please note the following dates and times of area Penance Services.

- St. Therese - Frederick Fri. Dec 15th 6:30 PM
Sacred Heart Roggen Mon. Dec. 18th 7:00 PM
St. William - Ft. Lupton Fri. Dec. 22nd 6:00 PM



December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe



Tuesday, December 12th is the day we honor the Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us at Holy Family for a Procession and Rosary at 6:00 PM with Mass: 6:30 PM followed by a potluck supper. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Aladdin Assisted Living

There will be Mass at the Aladdin on Thursday, December 14th at 10:00 AM.



Holy Family CCD Christmas Program



CORRECTION Holy Family CCD Christmas Program will be on December 17th after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend and share in our students’ celebration.

Cardinal Stafford 60th Anniversary Mass

Join Cardinal J. Francis Stafford at the Cathedral for a special Mass celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. When: 10:30 AM December 17th Where: Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1530 Logan St. Denver, CO

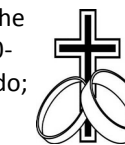
New for Expectant Parents

NEW Exciting program for expectant parents, CATHOLIC BABY UNIVERSITY. Designed for expectant parents, this outreach program integrates childbirth education with a crash course in Catholicism to help prepare your hearts and homes for the baby. Co-created by the Archdiocese of Denver and Rose Medical Center, CBU is a series of six classes for a holistic mind, body, and spirit preparation. First session - January 22 - February 22, 2018. For more information, contact Mary McGeehan at 303-715-3107 or mary.mcgeeahan@archden.org or CatholicBabyU.org



Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend The next weekends are: March 2-4, 2018 - Denver April 20-22, 2018 - Dillon; July 13-15, 2018 - Northern Colorado; November 2-4, 2018 - Dillon For more information, please visit www.wwme.org. Brenda & Gary Granger: 303.604.6202



Monthly Meetings

- Holy Family P C Meeting
Sacred Heart PC Meeting
Finance Council Meeting



Sacred Heart Adoration and Mass

There will be Adoration and Confessions and Mass at Sacred Heart on Thursday December 14th beginning at 4:30 PM.



Advent Talks at Sacred Heart



Sacred Heart Advent Talks will be on Thursday evenings after the regularly scheduled Adoration, Confessions and Mass at 4:30 PM. The talks will begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share. CCD teachers that didn't make it to Certification Class could be certified by attending these sessions. Our speaker will be: December 14th with Scott Elmer.

Sacred Heart CCD Parent Class

There will be a mandatory CCD Parent Class after Mass next Sunday. Please plan to attend and bring your bible. The religious education (and formation) of children is the job of their well-formed parents.



Sacred Heart CCD Christmas Program



The Sacred Heart CCD Christmas Program will be held on Sunday December 17th. Practice will be after Mass. Dinner will be at 4:00 with the Program beginning at 5:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Please plan to attend.

Christmas Carols & Dinner

Redemptoris Mater Seminary will have their annual Concert and Dinner on Thurs. Dec 21; Fri. Dec 22 - Dinner at 6:30 PM with concert at 7:45PM and Luncheon on Sat. Dec 23 at 12:30 PM and concert at 2:00 PM. Please contact Redemptoris Mater at DenverRMSxtmsConcert@gmail.com or 303-733-2220



All Confirmation Students

All students making Confirmation this year MUST turn in their Sponsor Forms by Dec 17th. If you need a form, please see your student's teacher.



2018 Calendars



Our Calendars for 2018 have arrived and are in the back of church. Please take one home for your use in the coming year.

Second Collection This Weekend

This Weekend there will be a collection for our Christmas Flowers. Please be generous and help us to decorate our church for the celebration of the Birth of Christ.



Weekly Offertory

Table with 3 columns: Parish, Amount, and Retired/Infirm Priests. Rows include Sacred Heart and Holy Family.

Thank you for your gifts to your church