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 12:00 p.m. Sunday

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 9:30 a.m. Sunday

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 before each Mass.
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 before each Mass.

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The Italian Parish of Indianapolis

November 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent

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Orario settimanale delle Sante Messe

Saturday, November 29, 2008

4:30 p.m. — Ordinary Form (Sung)
First Sunday of Advent
 ☩ Tony Rene

Sunday, November 30, 2008

9:30 a.m. — Extraordinary Form (Sung)
First Sunday of Advent (1st class)
 ☩ Patricia Yager

Noon — Ordinary Form (Sung)
First Sunday of Advent
 Pro populo

Monday, December 1, 2008

Noon — Ordinary Form
Feria of Advent
 ☩ Marcia Malloy

5:45 p.m. — Extraordinary Form
Feria of Advent (3rd class)
 ☩ Rose Gatto

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Noon — Extraordinary Form
St. Bibiana (3rd class)
 Intention of Fr. Magiera

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Noon — Extraordinary Form
St. Francis Xavier (1st class)
 ☩ Leo & Mary Mormino

5:45 p.m. — Extraordinary Form
St. Francis Xavier (1st class)
 Celebrant's intention

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Noon — Extraordinary Form
St. Peter Chrysologus (3rd class)
 ☩ Ricky Perrotta

Friday, December 5, 2008

6:30 a.m. — Ordinary Form
Feria of Advent
 Celebrant's intention

Noon — Ordinary Form
Feria of Advent
 ☩ Deceased Veterans

5:45 p.m. — Extraordinary Form

Feria of Advent (3rd class)
 ☩ Garth Edgar

Saturday, December 6, 2008

9 a.m. — Extraordinary Form
St. Nicholas (3rd class)
 Intention of Michael Schott

4:30 p.m. — Ordinary Form (Sung)
Second Sunday of Advent
 ☩ Deceased of Vukovic Family

Sunday, December 7, 2008

9:30 a.m. — Extraordinary Form (Sung)
Second Sunday of Advent (1st class)
 Pro populo

Noon — Ordinary Form (Sung)
Second Sunday of Advent
 ☩ Margaret Ann Constantino

MASS INTENTIONS: The standard stipend for Masses in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is \$10. Requests should indicate whether people are living or deceased, and must be typed or written legibly. *We can accept only five stipends per calendar year, per family/household, when they are available.* Place requests in the collection basket or mail them to the office. Make checks payable to Holy Rosary Church.



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- **Wednesdays** between the Masses at noon and 5:45 p.m.
- **First Fridays** between the Masses at 5:45 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. (Sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule during prior week.)

reject Him have not recognized His true Face, and so He never ceases to knock at our door like a humble pilgrim in search of hospitality. This is why the Lord grants humanity new time: so that everyone may manage to know Him! This is also the meaning of a new liturgical year which is beginning: it is a gift of God, Who once again wishes to reveal Himself to us in the mystery of Christ, through the Word and the Sacraments. He wants to speak to humanity and to save the people of today through the Church. And He does so by going out to meet them in order “to seek and to save the lost” (Lk 19: 10). In this perspective, the celebration of Advent is the answer of the Church-Bride to the ever new initiative of God the Bridegroom, “Who is and Who was and Who is to come” (Rv 1: 8). God offers to humanity, which no longer has time for Him, further time, a new space in which to withdraw into itself in order to set out anew on a journey to rediscover the meaning of hope.

Here, then, is the surprising discovery: my, our hope is preceded by the expectation which God cultivates in our regard! Yes, God loves us and for this very reason expects that we return to Him, that we open our hearts to His love, that we place our hands in His and remember that we are His children. This attitude of God always precedes our hope, exactly as His love always reaches us first (cf. I Jn 4: 10). In this sense Christian hope is called “theological”: God is its source, support and end. What a great consolation there is in this mystery! My Creator has instilled in my spirit a reflection of His desire of life for all. Every

person is called to hope, responding to the expectations that God has of him. Moreover, experience shows us that it is exactly like this. What keeps the world going other than God's trust in humankind? It is a trust reflected in the hearts of the lowly, the humble, when they strive daily to do their best through difficulties and labors, to do that little bit of good which is nonetheless great in God's eyes: in the family, in the work place, at school, in the various social contexts. Hope is indelibly engraved in the human heart because God our Father is life, and for eternal life and beatitude we are made.

Every child born is a sign of trust in God and man and a confirmation, at least implicit, of the hope in a future open to God's eternity that is nourished by men and women. God has responded to this human hope, concealing Himself in time as a tiny human being. St Augustine wrote: “We might have thought that your Word was far distant from union with man, if this Word had not become flesh and dwelt among us” (Conf. X, 43, 69, cited in *Spe Salvi*, n. 29). Thus, let us allow ourselves to be guided by the One who in her heart and in her womb bore the Incarnate Word. O Mary, Virgin of expectation and Mother of hope, revive the spirit of Advent in your entire Church, so that all humanity may start out anew on the journey towards Bethlehem, from which it came, and that the Sun that dawns upon us from on high will come once again to visit us (cf. Lk 1: 78), Christ our God. Amen.

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'Advent is a favorable time for the rediscovery of hope'

Pope Benedict XVI delivered this homily at First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent in 2007.

Advent is, par excellence, the season of hope. Every year this basic spiritual attitude is reawakened in the hearts of Christians, who, while they prepare to celebrate the great Feast of Christ the Savior's Birth, revive the expectation of His glorious second coming at the end of time. ...

This entire Vespers liturgy is an invitation to hope, pointing on the horizon of history to the light of the Savior Who comes: "on that day a great light will appear" (Ant. 2); "the Lord will come with great might" (Ant. 3); "His splendor fills the whole world" (*Magnificat* Antiphon). This light, which shines from the future of God, was already manifest in the fullness of time; therefore, our hope does not lack a foundation but is supported by an event situated in history, which at the same time exceeds history: the event constituted by Jesus of Nazareth. ...

I wanted to dedicate my second Encyclical (*Spe Salvi*) ... to the theme of hope. I am pleased to offer it in spirit to the entire Church on this First Sunday of Advent, so that, during preparation for Holy Christmas, [the faithful] can read and meditate upon it to rediscover *the beauty and depth of Christian hope*. This, in fact, is inseparably bound to knowledge of the Face of God, the Face which Jesus, the Only-Begotten Son, revealed to us with His Incarnation, His earthly life and His preaching, and especially with His death and Resurrection. True and steadfast hope is founded on faith in God Love, the Merciful Father Who "so loved the world that He gave His Only Son" (Jn 3: 16), so that men and women and with them all creatures might have life in abundance (cf. Jn 10: 10). Advent, therefore, is a favorable time for the rediscovery of a hope that is not vague and deceptive

but certain and reliable, because it is "anchored" in Christ, God made man, the rock of our salvation.

From the outset, as becomes clear in the New Testament and especially in the Letters of the Apostles, a new hope distinguishes Christians from those who live in pagan religiosity. In writing to the Ephesians, St Paul reminds them that before embracing faith in Christ, they had "no hope and [were] without God in the world" (2: 12). This appears an especially apt description for the paganism of our day: in particular, we might compare it with the contemporary nihilism that corrodes the hope in man's heart, inducing him to think that within and around him nothingness prevails: nothing before birth and nothing after death. In fact, if God is lacking, hope is lacking. Everything loses its "substance." It is as if the dimension of depth were missing and everything were flattened out and deprived of its symbolic relief, its "projection" in comparison with mere materiality. At stake is the relationship between existence here and now and what we call the "hereafter": this is not a place in which we end up after death; on the contrary, it is the reality of God, the fullness of life towards which every human being is, as it were, leaning. God responded to this human expectation in Christ with the gift of hope.

Man is the one creature free to say "yes" or "no" to eternity, that is, to God. The human being is able to extinguish hope within him, eliminating God from his life. How can this be? How can it happen that the creature "made for God," intimately oriented to Him, the creature closest to the Eternal One, can deprive himself of this richness? God knows the human heart. He knows that those who

Comunicazioni

• Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marcia O'Brien-Porter**, who died Nov. 20. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and friends. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

• Congratulations to Marc and Megan Keyser on the baptism today (Sunday) of their daughter, **Natalie Providenzia Keyser**.

• **Spirituality for Children** will meet in our classroom today (Sunday) from 11:10 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. The children will focus on the canonization Mass that took place in October in Rome and two of the four saints who were canonized: St. Gaetano and St. Alphonsa. **Apologetics from A-Z** has been canceled for this month.

• A few ornaments remain on our **Giving Tree**. Please take an ornament only if you are able to purchase a gift. *All gifts need to be returned no later than Sunday, Dec. 14.* Please make sure the ornament is attached to the outside of the gift-wrapped package.

• Help us make the church shine for its grand reopening and Christmas! Adults and teens may volunteer to help with **brass cleaning** on Saturday, Dec. 13, promptly after the 9 a.m. Mass. If possible, bring old toothbrushes, rubber gloves or rags. For information call Branden Stanley at 745-7215.

• **Please pray for our sick and shut-in friends:** Mary Adams, Bridgett Allen, Ken Baxter, Natalie Bennett, Sophia Borzabadi, Roselyn Burrello, Irene Bussell, Steve Bussell, Katie Cecil, Kyle Coffey, Mary Constantino, Carol Cowan, Carol Craig, Don Decker, George Diehl, Nancy Gerth, Mary Ann Goetz, Maria Aurora Hobbs, Lily Klee, Katie Lynch, Gasper Madonia, Grace Madonia, Dorothy Magiera, Myrtle McGuire,

BY THE NUMBERS

Collections for November 22-23

4:30 p.m. Saturday	\$	1,189.00
9:30 a.m. Sunday		3,590.00
Noon Sunday		1,396.00
Total	\$	6,175.00

Second Collection (combined)

Campaign for Human Develop.	\$	1,743.00
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Confessions week of November 16: 65

Attendance:

Daily Masses, week of November 16:	608
Sunday Masses, November 22-23:	493

Rosie Mitchel, Stephen Mitchel, Jo Ann Murello, Thelma Murray, Brian Murrey, Dave Nealy, John Oechsle, Sue Parsons, Virginia Peoni-Kelly, Arthur Ratz, James Rea, Fr. Victor Schott, Brigitte Schutzman, Betty Sergi, Annie Ventura, Cathy Wells and Joann Wilson.

• President-elect Barack Obama has promised to sign the **Freedom of Choice Act** on his first day in office, Jan. 20. FOCA would turn abortion into a "fundamental right" throughout pregnancy, and *would eliminate all current restrictions on abortion* throughout the United States, including informed consent laws, parental involvement laws, laws prohibiting partial-birth abortions, conscience protection laws, and *all* similar laws. The bishops of the United States are calling on Catholics to voice their opposition to FOCA by writing to their U.S. senators and representatives. To make the most impact, your message should be brief. Tell your elected officials: "Please pledge now to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)."

Appunti del Parroco: (From the Pastor's Notebook:)

A Letter from Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, V.G.

Dear Parishioners,

Advent, our four week preparation for the great feast of Christmas is here. It is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Church.

We will light the four candles on the **Advent wreath** on the successive Sundays of **Advent** to remind us of the coming of the Light into the world. For the "Ordinary Form" (English) Masses, we turn now to "Cycle B" for the Sunday readings at Mass. We move to "Year II" for the daily Mass readings.

This Sunday, our beautiful Traditional Latin Mass begins with the Introit (Entrance Antiphon): *"Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te expectant, non confundentur. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me."*

It's the first three verses of Psalm 25. *"To You, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in You; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for You is ever put to shame."* **Advent** has begun; we continue to long and wait for the Lord in our lives and in our world.

Receiving Gratefully — Giving Generously: Stewardship is the acknowledgement that all we are and have comes from God. On Thurs-

day, we celebrated **Thanksgiving**. I could not be more thankful for your again-generous response to this year's parish Stewardship Awareness Campaign and the *United Catholic Appeal*. Once again, your response to God's call to *Receive Gratefully and Give Generously* is above and beyond.

One regret is that we still do not have an intention card from every parishioner. If you have not turned it in yet, please do so before the end of the month. We ask for a prayerful response from everyone.

Another disappointment is that we often get a couple of "cafeteria Catholics" who say that if the pastor, the archbishop and the archdiocese don't start dancing to their tune we "won't see a penny" from them. Well, neither the archbishop nor the clergy really need the money. We all get a modest salary. If you feel that way, keep your money. You need it to buy some "happy pills."

As hard as it is to believe, December begins tomorrow (Monday). Wednesday, Dec. 3, is the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier. He is the patron of our archdiocese. Why not spend some time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday afternoon? The church is open. Saint Francis Xavier often did. Friday is **First Friday** and another opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It begins after the 5:45 p.m. Mass, runs through the night, and

ends with Benediction a few minutes before the 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday. A sign-up sheet for First Friday Adoration is in the back of church for those who can commit to a specific time.

Also keep in mind the extra Mass on First Fridays at 6:30 a.m. That Mass is followed by the monthly meeting of the *Lumen Dei* ("Light of God") Business Guild. They meet here for Mass, breakfast and an inspirational speaker. Our speaker this month is Sister Mary Ann Schumann of the Marian Center. Sister Mary Ann is also the person who helps me coordinate all of the perpetual adoration chapels in the archdiocese.

Sister Mary Ann's talk is entitled, "Peter Julian Eymard, Modern Day Apostle to the Eucharist." Anyone is welcome. Go to the *Lumen Dei* Web site, www.lumendei.net for more information and to make a reservation.

Lumen Dei will have its second annual Christmas Program with the Catholic Business Exchange and the Catholic Professional Business Club on Dec. 9. This will take place at the North Side Knights of Columbus Hall at 71st Street and Keystone Avenue. Mass begins at 5:30 p.m. I am their guest speaker. Check out the *Lumen Dei* Web site listed above for details.

Next Monday, Dec. 8, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. We celebrate the Immaculate Conception (no stain of Original Sin) of Mary in the womb of her saintly mother, Saint Ann. Our Lady, under this title, is the patroness of the United States. Hence, we have the beautiful Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in our nation's capital.

No matter what day this falls on, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is always a holy day of obligation. Here at Holy Rosary we will have a Latin Low Mass at 6:30 a.m., English Masses at noon and 5:45 p.m., and a Latin Sung Mass at 7 p.m.. Note that since it is on a Monday there will be no vigil Mass the evening prior to the actual feast day.

Check out the parish Web site, www.holyrosaryindy.org, for information about the church restoration project. The construction folks continue to assure me that we will be back upstairs by Christmas. If not, I've advised them to investigate the government's "witness protection program." Italians don't mess around when it comes to their churches!

The holidays bring friends — new and old — to mind. I visited our dear Annie Ventura last week. She lived just down the street for decades and was always here almost whenever we unlocked the doors. Annie was hospitalized but should be out now. She is living with her daughter's family in Fishers. Keep new parishioner Kyle Coffey in your prayers. He was the victim of a viscous attacker last week but is on the mend.

Item found in another church bulletin: *Some minds are like concrete: thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.*

Of one thing I am convinced; of one thing I am certain: Providence never fails!

Faithfully in the Providence that will not fail us,

Msgr. Joseph Schaedel