



Our Lady of Fatima Mission

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December 16, 2023 Advent Feria

Mass Intention

David and Gabrielle Allen family (David and Gabrielle Allen)

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

Third Sunday of Advent

Let us be not solicitous: the Lord is nigh; nigh to His Church, and nigh to each of our souls. Who can be near so burning a fire, and yet be cold? Do we not feel that He is coming to us, in spite of all obstacles? He will let nothing be a barrier between Himself and us, neither His own infinite high majesty, nor our exceeding lowliness, nor our many sins. Yet a little while and He will be with us. Let us go out to meet Him by these prayer and supplications, and thanksgiving which the Apostle recommends to us.

The Great Antiphons (O Antiphons)

Starting on December 17th the Church enters the seven days which precede the Vigil of Christmas, and which are known in the liturgy under the name of the Greater Ferias. The ordinary of the Advent Office becomes more solemn; the antiphons of the psalms, both for Lauds and the Hours of the day, are proper, and allude expressly to the great coming. Every day, at Vespers, is sung a solemn antiphon, consisting of a fervent prayer to the Messiah, whom it addresses by one of the titles given Him in the sacred Scriptures.

December 17: O Wisdom, that proceedest from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end mightily, and disposing all things sweetly, come and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18: O Adonai, and leader of the house of Israel, who appearedst to Moses in the fire of the flaming bush, and gavest

him the law on Sinai, come and redeem us by thy outstretched arm.

December 19: O Root of Jesse, who standest as the ensign of the people; before whom kings shall not open their lips; to whom the nations shall pray: come and deliver us; tarry now no more.

December 20: O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel! Who openest, and no man shutteth: who shuttest, and no man openeth; come, and lead the captive from prison, sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 21: O Orient, splendor of eternal light, and Sun of justice, come and enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

December 22: O King of nations, and their desired One, and the corner-stone that maketh both one; come and save man whom thou formedst out of slime.

December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expectation and Saviour of the nations, come and save us, O Lord our God!

Spiritual Life

Let us bear our cross and leave it to God to determine the length and the weight. - Bl. Rose Philippine Duchesne

To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that. - St. Teresa of Avila

Announcements

Reminder: December 20, 22, and 23 are the Ember Days of Advent. For those bound, Wednesday and Saturday are days of Fast and Partial Abstinence. Friday is a day of Fast and Complete Abstinence.

The mission will be decorating the chapel for Christmas after Mass on December 23rd. Please plan to stay for a short time after Mass to assist. More details will be provided in the mission newsletter.

Mission Christmas party will be hosted by Sharon Rose after Mass on January 13th. The mission will be providing the main dish and paper products. Please see the mission newsletter for additional details.

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, cahilliard7@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Sharon Rose, Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

Upcoming

December 16: Mass, 10 AM

December 23: Mass, 10 AM

December 25: Nativity of Our Lord (Holy Day)

January 1: Circumcision of Our Lord (Holy Day)

January 13: Mass, 10 AM

Collections

Last Mass: \$2,558

Year-to-date: \$21,395

Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.