

Saint John the Baptist Latin Mass Community

An Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

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Sunday: 7am and 11am

Mon. & Tues.: 7:15am

Wed., Thur., Fri.: 6pm

Saturday: 8am

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:15am & 7pm

*Confession offered 30 min. before
all Masses or by appointment*

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Weddings: Please inquire 6 months
prior to intended date.

Schola: Thursdays after 6 PM Mass

Choir: Sundays after 11AM Mass

BULLETIN WEEK 47**2015****Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions**

Sun. Dec 20	Fourth (Rorate) Sunday of Advent (1st cl.)
7:00 am 11:00 am	Pro Populo Johnny & Rebecca Sanson (Anniversary)
Mon. Dec 21	St. Thomas, Apostle (2nd cl.)
7:15 am	Msgr. George Tribou+
Tues. Dec 22	Greater Feria of Advent (2nd cl.)
7:15 am	Msgr. George Tribou+
Wed. Dec 23	Greater Feria of Advent (2nd cl.)
6:00 pm	Scott Shiplett+
Thurs. Dec 24	*(7:15 am) Vigil of the Nativity (1st cl.) ** (Midnight) First Mass of Christmas (1st cl.)
7:15 am* Midnight**	*Scott Shiplett+ **Scott Shiplett+
Fri. Dec 25	Nativity of Our Lord (1st cl.)
7:00 am 11:00 am	Sister Carmencita of the Child Jesus Diane Wolfe
Sat. Dec 26	St. Stephan (2nd cl.)
8:00 am	Scott Shiplett+
Sun. Dec 27	Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (2nd cl.)
7:00 am 11:00 am	Pro Populo Scott Shiplett+

WELCOME visitors! *St. Edmund Campion missals/hymnals are available in the back of the church. At the traditional Mass, Holy Communion is received on the tongue, and kneeling, if possible. There no need to respond 'Amen'. Chapel veils to borrow are available in the foyer of the church. If you would like to register to join the community, fill out a census form, found on the table in the back of the church, and turn in to Fr. Magiera.*

By the Numbers For the Week of December 6, 2015

Sunday Mass Attendance: 40 7:00 am: 11:00 am: 138 Total: 178

Sun. Collections: Reg.: \$4,977.78 Calendars: \$10.00

Retired Religious: \$1,077.00 Christmas: \$10.00 Clergy Welfare: \$15.00

Total Deposit: \$6,099.78

Daily Mass attendance for week: 181 Confessions for week: 26

Propers for Today's Mass: The Propers for the Fourth Sunday of Advent can be found on page 13 of the Campion Missal/Hymnal.

Fr. Magiera will be away from Christmas Day after Masses until 6 January. **Fr. Orlowski** will be away from 6 January until 26 January.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve services begin with Christmas carols at 11:30 pm with Mass at Midnight. Christmas Day Masses are at 7:00 am and 11:00 am.

Collection for the Clergy Welfare Fund at all Christmas Masses on December 25 (Midnight, 7AM and 11AM). This is for retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests throughout our diocese. Please be generous.

Fraternity of St. Peter Calendars are on sale after the 11:00 am Mass. We have only 10 calendars left to sell if you want to purchase some for friends and family.

2016 Envelopes: Please remember to pick up your 2016 contribution envelopes. The boxes have your names on them and they're in the back of the church.

March for Life Prayer Vigil and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday January 16, 6:30 pm until Sunday, January 17 8:00 am. Our community will be assigned a two hour period of time to pray. Details to follow in a future bulletin.

Mass for Life and March for Life: The Mass for Life will be held on Sunday January 17, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 7th and Louisiana, Little Rock at 12:05 pm with Bishop Taylor as celebrant. Preceding Mass will be the Rosary for Life at 11:30 am. March for Life will be at 2:00 pm beginning behind the Capital as last year.

Please Remember these Prayer Intentions:

For the living: John Wade (Afghanistan), June Gardner (health), Gary Crouch (health), Members of the Kozlowski families, Jolanta Widuch, Diane D. Wolfe (health), John Farrell (health), Linda Barry (health), Crawford Family, Peter Orłowski Family, Penny Witter (health), Gail Demerest (health), Eric Couron Family (Special Intention).

And for the dead: John Andrew Makovec, Sue Whitehead, Janet Sorrels, David Crockett, Shawn Trusty, Donald Greer, Gail Brooks, Patrick W. Kordsmeier, Scott Shiplett, James Steven Moore, Vergie Crimmins, Bill Barry, John Tully, Ron Prince, Lenora Price, Dorothy Lochner, Myrtle Powers, Gregory Backus, Billy-Joe Campbell, James Honeycutt, Sandra Friedl, Isadore L. Sonnier, Jean Murry, Bonnie McDonald, Marie Honeycutt, Catherine Sparks, Carolyn Bruich, Earl Bradberry, Fr. Venantius Preske, Jeff Bobo, Joseph Max Bulmanski.

Dear Community Members,

Last week we saw two special liturgical things. The first is the annual occurrence of the traditional, seasonal, set of three days known as “*Ember Days*.” The second thing is unique to Advent and happens at no other time in the liturgical year. I refer here to what clerics and religious (yes, even in the “ordinary form”) know as the days of the “*O Antiphons*.” The Ember Days began on Wednesday, 16 December and the “*O Antiphons*” on Thursday, 17 December.

First, to review the Ember Days: Ember Days (a corruption of the Latin *Quatuor Tempora* (four times)) are days at the beginning of each season ordered by the Church as days of fast and abstinence. In December, they are always slated to begin after 13 December, the feast of St. Lucy. They are “ferial” days of the 2nd class. The purpose of their introduction, aside from one of prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy. The immediate occasion was the practice of the heathens of Rome. The Romans were originally given to agriculture, and accorded that to their gods. At the beginning of the seasons, religious ceremonies were performed to implore the help of their gods: in June for a bountiful harvest, in September for a rich vintage, and in December for the seeding. The Church, as a wise Mother, often takes what already exists and “sanctifies” it for Her own use, i.e., the salvation of souls. She “canonizes” heathen practices for Her children. This is not strange at all. For example, Canon Law in its original form was largely the “canonization” of Roman civil law.

The “*O Antiphons*” are those antiphons which begin and end the recitation of the Magnificat at the office of Vespers. To cite a few: *O Sapientia*; *O Adonai*; *O Radix*. These days, from 17 through 23 December, known as “*Greater Ferias of Advent*” are, like the Ember Days, second class. From now on, we’re going to see purple as the predominant color as we proceed toward Christmas.

While on the subject of Christmas, I want to give you a heads up so any confusion can be avoided. Of course, this is probably unnecessary, since we “tradition lovers” usually know such things already, but, there may be one or two, particularly among our new members, perhaps, who need a wee bit of instruction.

On Christmas Eve, i.e., 24 December, you’ll notice that, on the second page of this bulletin, there is a Mass at 7:15 AM. This is the “*Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*.” It is NOT a Christmas Mass and does NOT fulfill your Holy Day obligation. But, your obligation **is** fulfilled by attending any of the subsequent three Christmas Masses on 25 December, i.e., Midnight, 7:00 AM and 11AM. A Blessed and Merry Christmas, my children and my friends.

Father Magiera