

St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception Parishes

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Pastor

Fr. Patrick Beretta

Deacon

Bernard McCarthy

Pastoral Associate

Seaneen Prendergast

Office Manager

Julie Brinton

Masses

Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

Sunday

9:00 a.m. IC

11:00 a.m. St. Patrick

7:00 p.m. IC

Weekday

7:00 a.m. St. Patrick (Tu-F)

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

following Mass (W, Th, F)

following Devotion (Tu)

Sacraments

For all Sacraments

please contact the

Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick

Communal Anointing following

7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. Mass on

1st Friday or please contact the

Parish Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick

or by appointment

with the priest

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

St. Patrick Church

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Tu, W, Th, F)

Our Mother of Perpetual

Help Devotion

Tuesday after 7:00 a.m. Mass

St. Patrick

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O COME, O COME,
EMMANUEL AND RANSOM
CAPTIVE ISRAEL.

Parish & Community

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm: Children's Mass, St. Patrick

11:00 pm: Mass of Midnight, Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am: Immaculate Conception

11:00 am: St. Patrick

JANUARY 1st SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

11:00 am: Mass St. Patrick

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

Due to early publication the
COLLECTION AMOUNTS
will not be
posted in the
bulletin until
after the 1st of
the year.

PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will close
December 21st at noon and will
re-open January 2nd.

There will be no Adoration during
this time.

There is no 7:00 pm Mass on
December 23rd & December 30th.

There is no 7:00 am Mass on
(12/26).

There will be 7:00 am Mass on
(12/27) & (12/28).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help decorating our
churches for Christmas on

DECEMBER 23rd

Immaculate Conception

at 10:00 am

St. Patrick at 12:00 pm



MONTANA BROOM & BRUSH

Please see advertisement
on back of the bulletin.

In Loving Memory

Mon Dec 24 Children's Mass - St. Patrick, 5:00pm

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Mon Dec 24 Mass of Midnight - IC, 11:00pm

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Tue Dec 25 Christmas IC, 9:00am

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Tue Dec 25 Christmas St. Patrick, 11:00am

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Wed Dec 26 NO MASS

Thu Dec 27 St. Patrick, 7:00am

Special Intention

Fri Dec 28 St. Patrick, 7:00am

Special Intention

Sat Dec 29 St. Patrick, 4:30pm

Members of the Parish who died last year

Sun Dec 30 IC, 9:00am

Members of the Parish who died last year

Sun Dec 30 St. Patrick, 11:00am

Members of the Parish who died last year



Those details are important. God wants us to celebrate the gift of the Holy Family within the community of our own families. The incarnation reminds us that God is a part of life, our human experience. However, Mary was not preparing for a day; she was preparing for a person. In the days immediately preceding the very first Christmas, the Mother of God was focused on the person who was to be born. Because her focus was on a person, her preparation was not lost in the details of the day but in her being ready for the person on whom the day was going to center itself.

Imagine for a moment what would have been in Mary's heart as she anticipated the birth of her son. Imagine how many times she sang to Jesus while he was in her womb. Imagine how many times the child within her would have stirred in her womb as she began to sing to him. Imagine Mary's anticipation of giving birth to the Savior of the world. Imagine what these days of preparation can be for you if you prepare with Mary and like Mary.

RECOLLECT

"News of a great joy." LUKE 2:10

AS WE FIND OURSELVES

actively entering into the fourth week of Advent, we are invited during these days to begin intentional preparation for Christmas. How we prepare in these days depends in what we are preparing for. In other words, there is a difference between preparing for a day versus preparing for a person.

There is a temptation in the days immediately preceding Christmas to focus on December 25. There are lots of details to be tended to: Where we are going to be for the holidays? Are we hosting or are we visiting? What are we bringing or what are we preparing? Are there last-minute gifts to buy? Do we have everything we need? Has everyone's name been checked off the list? There is much to do and many details that require our attention in preparation for Christmas day.

The *light* shines
in the darkness,

and the darkness cannot
overcome it.

John 1:5