



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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November 29, 2020

- *Today's Mass*
First Sunday of Advent
- *Sunday Masses*
8, 9:30, 11 am, 12:30pm
- *Saturday Masses*
7:00am, 5:00pm
- *Weekday Masses*
Monday through Friday
7:00am, 12 noon
- *Holy Day & Holiday Masses*
Please see weekly Mass schedule
- *Confessions*
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 11:30-11:50am and Saturday, 4-4:30pm, lower church
- *Baptisms*
Each Sunday following the 12:30pm Mass
- *Matrimony*
Membership in parish for at least one year prior to marriage plans
- *Devotions*
Mother of Perpetual Help Tuesdays & Sacred Heart on Fridays at 11:45am

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. On this first Sunday of Advent we light a purple candle to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.



A Prayer for Advent

Lord, through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.

I want my heart to be open to you.

But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us.

Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life.

Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends.

Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world.

Let me pray especially for those who are so in need of an end to violence.

My heart asks for this as my Advent prayer today.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses at Assumption will be celebrated on Monday, December 7th at 5:15pm, and Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:15pm. This feast day is one of the most important of the Marian feast days. On this day we celebrate the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin.

Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? Would you like to be baptized or confirmed as an adult? Assumption offers Becoming Catholic Classes (RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) on a rolling basis – it is never too late or too early to join. For more information please contact Colin Miller, 651-789-6929, or by email at cmiller@assumptionsp.org.

Upcoming Events

- *Baptism Preparation Class*, next Sunday, December 6th, following the 9:30am Mass in the choir room. Please call the parish office to register or to schedule a baptism for your child, 651-224-7536.
- *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, Tuesday, December 8th. Masses on December 7th at 5:15pm and on December 8th at 7:00am, 12:00pm and 5:15pm.
- *Religious Retirement Collection*, December 12th-13th. Share your gratitude for religious who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Watch the bulletin for details.

Gifts for Listening House

This holiday season please help by donating some basic necessities to Listening House to fulfill guest and program needs. Listening House, located on the east side of St. Paul, serves low-income, homeless and lonely adults living in St. Paul. Their needs include: adult clothing, both new and used (especially men's jeans), hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, soap, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, tooth paste, deodorant, cough drops, cold and flu medicine, lip balm and combs/brushes. Donations may be left near the church entrances. Thank you!



We Welcome into Our Community



Maxwell Thomas Rice, child of Michael and Molly Rice, who will be baptized at Assumption this weekend.

We Offer Our Condolences

To the families and friends of **Carol Connolly** and **Jerry Ciresi**, who have passed away. *"Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them."*

Drive Up Communion

For those who are staying safe at home and in spiritual communion with us we understand how hard it is not to receive the Eucharist. Beginning Wednesday, December 2nd and continuing each following Wednesday, we will offer drive-up Communion in the parking lot facing the hospital from 1:00–2:00pm. For those interested, you can enter the parking lot from Exchange Street and follow the signs. While you remain in your car with mask on, a masked priest or pastoral minister will come to greet you and provide Communion in the hand of each person at each window. Contact the parish office with any questions at 651-224-7536.



From the Archbishop

Last week Archbishop Hebda sent a letter to all parishes giving thanks for the ongoing ministry during the pandemic and for the commitment to following COVID-19 protocols. Due to the surge in cases, including deaths and hospitalizations, he asked to pause or move virtually any non-sacramental activities between now and Christmas. Masses will continue to be celebrated both in person and online. The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation continues, so those in an at-risk category are encouraged to worship virtually. Also, remember to stay home if you are not feeling well or are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test. These small sacrifices are vital to minimizing the spread of the virus and to keep parishes open for Mass and sacraments.

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Spiritual Survey Results

Thank you to those of you who wrote in response to the Spiritual Life Survey, telling us what has sustained you during these trying days. One woman reported that, because she was going out and eating out less, she was able to redirect money she saved to charitable organizations such as the Little Sisters of the Poor.



One family thanked Assumption for continuing to provide a safe, in-person place to go to Mass each week, saying that for them this was an important part of continuing to live in faith and hope. Another long-time member is sustained daily by a list of prayers given to her long ago by Father Malone; she shared that one of those prayers says, "God, there is nothing that must be done today that you and I cannot do together." Everyone reported that greater attention to personal prayer was increasingly important.

Stay tuned during Advent for an opportunity to commit to pray for our world as a congregation.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 29	8:00am †Said & †Ann George
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am †Adam Nickelson
	11:00am †Barb Ciresi
	12:30pm Parishioners
Monday, November 30	7:00 am †Charles Kolars
<i>Saint Andrew</i>	12:00 pm †Jerry Conlin
Tuesday, December 1	7:00 am †Leo, Lorraine & Jimmy McCall
	12:00 pm †Jean Wojcik
Wednesday, December 2	7:00am †Filomeno Adiarte
	12:00 pm †Donald Bleichner
Thursday, December 3	7:00 am Paul F. Sands
<i>Saint Francis Xavier</i>	12:00 pm †Rita Kolars
Friday, December 4	7:00 am †Joseph & †Cecelia Wheeler
	12:00 pm †Dan Shea
Saturday, December 5	7:00 am †Jack Hoska
	5:00 pm †Al Hansen
Sunday, December 6	8:00am Special Intention
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am Parishioners
	11:00am †Harold W. Schultz
	12:30pm †Clara Lacher

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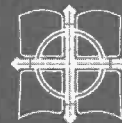
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