



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
*EXPECTATION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*  
 DECEMBER 18, 2016

**T**HERE is urgency in the readings and prayers of today's Mass. We ask the Father to "drop" and "rain" the Saviour upon us, the human race, in order that we may "speedily" be delivered. "Come and tarry not!" is our cry, for great indeed is our need for grace and salvation. And He whom we seek to possess and love is also our Judge. And He will save us by our love for neighbors and our impartial zeal for their welfare.

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| PRELUDE  | <i>Es ist ein Ros Entsprungen</i>   | J. Brahms             |
| ASPERGES ME  | <i>(a weekly reminder of our Baptism)</i>   | plainsong             |
| <b>(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)</b> |   |                       |
| INTROIT (KNEEL)  | <i>Rorate, cæli, desuper</i>  | Isaiah 45:8; Ps. 18:2 |
| KYRIE (KNEEL)  | <i>Missa Marialis</i>   | plainsong             |
| COLLECTS (STAND)   |   |                       |
| <b>THE EPISTLE (SIT)</b>   |   | I Cor. 4:1-5          |
|  | <i>Priests are ordained by God and are accountable to Him. They beg His help for us in each Mass, remember our priests in your prayers.</i> |                       |
| GRADUAL (SIT)  |   | Ps. 144:18.21         |
| ALLELUIA (SIT)   | <i>Veni, Domine</i>   |                       |
| <b>THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)</b>   |   | Luke 3:1-6            |
|  | <i>Like John the Baptist, every Christian is called to be a voice speaking the truth by good example.</i>                                   |                       |
| SERMON (SIT)   | Right Reverend Msgr. John Mangels   |                       |
| NICENE CREED (STAND)   |   | plainsong             |
| OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)  |   | Luke 1:28, 42         |
| HYMN   | <i>Winchester New</i>   | Hymnal No. 10         |
| SECRET COLLECTS  |   |                       |
| SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF ADVENT (STAND)  |   |                       |
| SANCTUS (KNEEL)  |   | plainsong             |
| THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)  |   | Missal pg. 35         |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)  |   | plainsong             |

AGNUS DEI (**KNEEL**)  
 PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION  
 MOTET *Expectans, Expectavi*  
 COMMUNION VERSE

plainsong  
 Missal pg. 50a  
 Camille Saint-Saëns  
 Isaiah 7:14

Following the reception of Holy Communion, it is proper to return to your pew, kneel, and make your **Thanksgiving after Communion** (*Missal, pg. 51 or St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 177*). If you have not received Holy Communion, you should make a **"Spiritual Communion"** (*St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 187*). This is far more spiritually beneficial and preferable to "people-watching."

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (**STAND**)  
 DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (**KNEEL**)  
 LAST GOSPEL (**STAND**)  
 HYMN *Veni Emmanuel*  
 POSTLUDE *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland*

John 1:1-14  
 Hymnal No. 2  
 J. Pachelbel



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**W**ELCOME to all our guests and visitors this morning. There are Service Books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may **be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to come forward at Communion for a blessing and the *pain benit*—blessed bread. Please fill out one of the "visitor cards" found in the pew racks and take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (*downstairs*).

Orthodox Christians **must be prepared** for Holy Communion through Sacramental Confession, fasting, prayer, and being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (*frequency established by his Pastor*), have abstained from food and drink from Midnight and have attended Mass regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Communion.

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Anya Whittier, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Margaret Dudley, Claire Emmons, Patrice Prothro, John Kuzma, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, Sarah Jerome, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Phyllis Shavlik, Cece Scott, Charles Raines, Megan Hines, Margaret Lyman, Lily Calderon, Neville Gaggiani, Phyllis Roberts, Sue Stanko, Robert Phillips, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS burn this week to God's honour and glory and for the health and welfare of Lily Calderon (December 19 – birthday) and Paulie Dole (December 19 – birthday). A gift from Patty Rendoff.

**Think About It:** The highest form of prayer is to stand silently in awe before God. **St. Isaac the Syrian** (+700)

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Here are some important upcoming events at St. Augustine's Parish. Please mark your calendars.

- **DECORATING OF THE CHURCH: TODAY** after Coffee Hour.
- **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:** Saturday, December 24, Vigil Mass at 8:00am. The choir and orchestra will present the pre-Mass music and the Mass at Midnight.\* Low Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am.

- **NEW YEAR'S DAY**, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 HIGH MASS AT 10:00am
- **THE EPIPHANY**, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 RUSH HOUR CONCERT \*\* at 5:30pm. High Mass at 7:00pm

THANK YOU! I want to thank everyone, including Father John for the love, support and many gifts, thanks to Bronco for taking on his role as God-Father. And Larry Belo for the food. From Elijah Mark Valdez.

### BE HERE AND READY TO WELCOME OUR GUESTS!

We had a long discussion at the Annual Meeting about how our Benefactors give a great sum of money each Christmas and Easter to HELP SAINT AUGUSTINE'S GROW. We are very fortunate to have the talent we have here and the ability to present some of the best Liturgical music in the region here at tiny St. Augustine's. This is a draw. We have also, due to the kind gift of John and Colleen Fiscus sent out a large mailing to invite people to attend the Midnight Mass. Let us not SQUANDER the investment these folks have made in us for EVANGELISM. Be here, welcome our guests and visitors. **We need Ushers** to help people and WELCOME THEM. It is a task to be here for Midnight Mass but it is the way the Church for 2000 years has been welcoming Christ into our midst. Take a nap, and then be HERE to worship God and welcome our guests and visitors.

CHECK THE BOOKSTORE for gifts, Church Calendars and Cards!

### CHRISTMAS HANDOUT READY!

Please help publicize and spread the "good word!" We have flyers ready for our annual Christmas Midnight Mass. YOU can help **spread the word** by taking some with you and putting them up in prominent places or giving them to your friends as an invitation! There is NOTHING in the world like a Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Augustine's! BE PRESENT and WELCOME our visitors, help them and encourage them to come back. **Don't let our Christmas Midnight Mass be the world's best kept secret...**

### KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS

Please continue to use and re-load your cards. If you have not used a card for 90 days, please get a new one from Debbie Braun or Mary Beth Flory so that purchases will accrue towards St. Augustine's Account.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Today is the last opportunity to get your Flower Offering in for Christmas. Please use one of the envelopes in the Bulletin. We are also grateful to all of you for your kind donations. The flower offering envelopes are in the Narthex. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA:** IF you have not already started, today begin the nine days of preparation for the Birth of Christ. The prayers are found in the ST. AMBROSE PRAYER BOOK (pg. 438-442), or The Novena to the Infant of Prague found in the Narthex.

### \*MSGR. MANGELS HAS ANNOUNCED THE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS & ORCHESTRA will present FESTAL MUSIC FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30pm. The Pre-Midnight Mass music will consist of Mozart's magnificent motet **Exsultate Jubilate**, featuring Stephanie Anne Ball, coloratura soprano and orchestra, and Vincent Novello's arrangement of the traditional carol **Adeste Fideles** in the style of Mozart. At Mass, the "**Credo-Mass**"—a joyous, festal and sparkling setting of the Liturgy by Mozart—will be heard with Pergolesi's **Glory to God in the Highest** at the Offertory and Mauro-Cattone's touching Christmas Lullaby **Ninna Nanna** (Sleep, O Child Divine) at Communion. The Mass will conclude with Handel's **Hallelujah Chorus** from **The Messiah**. The traditional carols of Christmas will be sung by the congregation and choir and the **Gregorian Chant Propers of the Mass** will be sung by the *schola cantorum*.

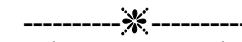
**Think about it:** The Christmas secret of peace is giving this secret garden and our whole human nature to God, as Mary gave Christ His human nature. Christmas reminds us that the reason we are not as happy as saints is because we do not wish to be saints. +*Fulton J. Sheen*

### CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRAL SPONSORSHIP

The funding of special music for the Great Feast Days (and for many of the "extras" here at St. Augustine's) **does not come from** Parish funds. It is provided by **special offerings from the friends and benefactors of this parish**. Over the years, parishioners have asked if they could be of help in this endeavor and we have happily received their free will offerings. To be an orchestral sponsor, there are several categories: A **BENEFACTOR** would take care of the entire cost. **ARCHANGELS** contribute \$1,000.00-\$2,000; **SERAPHIM** contribute \$500.00-\$1,000.00; **ANGELS** sponsor one musician at \$250.00; **CHERUBIM** contribute \$100.00-200.00; and of course any **GIFT** is most gratefully appreciated! If you would like to contribute, please earmark your donation: Christmas Music. Thank you!

**\*\*EPIPHANY RUSH HOUR CONCERT On Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** beat the rush hour traffic and come into the serene beauty of St. Augustine's. Alexandra Eddy, violin with Don Hilsberg, harp; David Short, cello; Richard Robertson, organ; and Mackenzie Talley, soprano will perform music of Buxtehude, Bach, and Telemann; a new carol by Alexandra Eddy; and some new arrangements of Epiphany/Christmas Carols. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the music program at St. Augustine's.

**The Church Fathers Speak:** In order to fulfill the commandments of Christ, you must know them! Read the Holy Gospel, penetrate its spirit and make it the rule of your life. **St. Nikon of Optina** (+1931)



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### THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

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| Monday, December 19   | Advent Feria<br><i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>          |                  |
| Tuesday, December 20  | Advent Feria  |                  |
| Wednesday, December 21  | St. Thomas, AP.<br><i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>       | Mass 7:00pm      |
| Thursday, December 22   | Advent Feria  |                  |
| Friday, December 23   | Advent Feria<br><i>fast &amp; abstinence</i>          |                  |
| Saturday, December 24   | Vigil of the Nativity<br><i>fast &amp; abstinence</i> | Mass 8:00am      |
| <b>Festal Music for the Eve of Christmas 11:30pm</b><br><b>First Mass of Christmas Solemn High Mass 12:00am</b> |   |                  |
| Sunday, December 25   | Christmas Day   | Low Mass 10:00am |

**N. B.** There will be no Coffee Hour on Christmas Morning.

**CONFESSIONS:** *The Sacrament of Confession is available after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*