

CHRISTMAS MASS

TIMES:

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23 at **5 pm**

Sunday, December 24 at **10 am only**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec. 24

5 pm (preceded by the Nativity play)

7 pm

10 pm (Incense will be used)

Christmas Day - Monday, Dec. 25

10 am - only (Incense will be used)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30 at **5 pm**

Sunday, December 31

8 am - Said Mass at the Lady Altar

9 & 11 am - Sung Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve - Sunday, Dec. 31 at **5 pm**

New Year's Day - Monday, Jan. 1 at **10 am**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6 at **5 pm** (Incense will be used)

Sunday, January 7

8 am - Said Mass at the Lady Altar

9 am - Sung Mass

11 am - Sung Mass (Incense will be used)

PARISH OFFICE

HOLIDAY HOURS:

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th. Otherwise, regular office hours will be maintained throughout the Christmas Season.

Monday - Office Closed

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Closed daily from noon - 1 pm

THE ANGELUS:

The Catholic prayer, *The Angelus*, is grounded in the Annunciation story. Traditionally, it was prayed three times a day: at 6 am, noon and 6 pm. In monasteries and villages bells would summon all to pause in their work to pray.



The Angelus, by Jean Francois Millet, c. 1859

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: *Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh: *And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, *that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2017



San Domenico Annunciation
by Bennozo Gozzoli c. 1499

*Dear Parishioners & Friends of
St. Patrick's Parish:*

During the holy season of Advent, God's word challenges each of us to be watchful and to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The church bids us, therefore, to rededicate ourselves to enlightening the world around us by proclaiming the Good News that Jesus Christ comes among us, not just at Christmas, but each and every day of the year.

As the Christmas festival approaches, we at St. Patrick's Parish have a unique opportunity to extend to our family and friends—and to former parishioners—a special invitation to journey with us once again to the manger and to find there the Saviour and the light of the world.

It is also my sincere hope that we will take this opportunity to greet visitors to our parish and to do all that we can to make them feel welcome among us.

Please note the schedule in this brochure indicating the celebrations with which our parish community will mark the sacred seasons of Advent and Christmas this year.



During the coming weeks, may Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, the Word Made Flesh, touch our hearts and minds and unite us more closely in our love of God—and, of one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill

Fr. William W. Foote
Pastor



THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

Each Sunday we gather as usual to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished by sharing in the Eucharist.

WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday at 5 pm
Sunday at 8, 9 and 11 am**

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT

Copies of Advent reflection booklets and Advent calendars are available, at no charge, in the narthex of the church.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

There will be communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in most of the parishes of Cambridge. At each, a number of priest confessors will be available. Feel free to contact parishes directly for dates and times.

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH
PENANCE CELEBRATION
Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm**

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:45 - 4:30 pm, Wednesday after the 8 a.m. mass or by appointment. Additional confessions will also be heard in our parish on Thursday, December 21 from 4 - 4:45 pm.

**FEAST of the
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This year's vigil mass will be offered at the Altar of Our Lady at St. Patrick's Parish at 5 pm on Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8 at 8 am at the main altar.

SATURDAY SUPPER & MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, December 9, please join us for a light supper and a movie in the Parish Hall following the 5 pm mass. We'll be watching John Ford's 1948 western "*Three Godfathers*."

ADVENT GIVING TREE

As we prepare for the coming of the Saviour, we remember those who struggle just to make ends meet. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to take an envelope from the Giving Tree, set up in the church, and to make an appropriate donation for those in need. With your support many needy families in our parish district will be able to have a...



"Very Merry Christmas."
