

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Confessions heard before all Masses. Sundays 7:15, 9:00 & 10:30am

Sun, Dec 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate Sunday)
8:00am Low	Fr. Konrad Loewenstein, FSSP by Mara Emma
9:30am Low	Father DeGuzman by Rasnick Family
11:30am High	Pro Populo

Mon, Dec 23 **Greater Feria of Advent**
12:00pm Fr. Matthew McCarthy by Jeff Dargis

Tue, Dec 24 **Vigil of Christmas**
6:30am †John Lavelle by Ines Lavelle
9:00am †Gerald Healy by Fred & Karen Carver

Wed, Dec 25 **The Nativity of Our Lord**
Midnight High Pro Populo
9:00am Low In gratitude for the gift of our Blessed Mother
11:30am High Otto & Clyde Feil by Scott & Loretta Carter

Thu, Dec 26 **St. Stephen**
6:30am Denis Beurdouche by Brock Family
9:00am Isabela T. Barks by Barks Family

Fri, Dec 27 **St. John the Evangelist**
12:00pm Jason Christopher Emma by Mara Emma
7:00pm †Chris Landry by Eugenie Tate
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass

Sat, Dec 28 **Holy Innocents**
7:00am Jay Bryant & Family by L. Riney
9:00am †Teddy Lightfoot by Eugenie Tate

Sun, Dec 29	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas
8:00am Low	Pro Populo
9:30am Low	Mike & Gail Bell by Joseph & Krista Ferguson
11:30am High	Melanie Bird Osborne by Lloyd & Elizabeth Bird

Last Sunday's Collection: \$9,079.07

God reward you.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Atlanta



*Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP)
Dedicated to the Traditional Latin Mass and Sacraments
according to the 1962 Roman Missal of St. John XXIII*

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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate Sunday), December 22, 2019

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE VESTIBULE.

K of C Advent Food Drive: to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society's food distribution program. Collection containers for non-perishable food items will be in the vestibule during Advent. Please remember the less fortunate and support the Knights of Columbus in this worthwhile effort.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Midnight Mass will be preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30pm. On The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord there will be a 9am Low Mass and 11:30am High Mass (preceded by Christmas Carols at 11am).

New Year's Eve and Day: There will be a Holy Hour on New Year's Eve from 11pm-11:50pm followed by Low Mass at midnight. On New Year's Day there will be a 9am Low Mass and 11:30am High Mass.

Legion of Mary: Due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the Legion of Mary will be meeting on Monday, 12/22 & Monday, 12/30 instead of on Tuesday those weeks.

No Inquiry Class December 24th or January 31st. Class will resume January 7th.

No Adoration on December 26th. Thursday Adoration will resume January 2nd.



On Christmas Eve, filled by anticipation with the joy of the Sacred Night which is to give the world its Redeemer, St. Francis de Sales wrote to St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and thus invited her to profit by the visit of the Divine Infant:

"May the sweet Infant of Bethlehem ever be your happiness and your love, my very dear Mother. Oh! the loveliness of this Little Child! I imagine I see Solomon on his ivory throne, all beautifully gilded and carved, which, as the Scripture tells us, had no equal in all the kingdoms of the earth, neither was there any king that could be compared for glory and magnificence with the king that sat upon it. And yet I would a hundred times rather see the dear Jesus in His Crib, than all the kings of the world on their thrones."

"But when I see Him on the lap or in the arms of His Blessed Mother, He seems to me to be more magnificent on this Throne, not only than Solomon ever was on his of ivory, but than He Himself on any throne with which the heavens could provide Him; for though the heavens surpass Mary in outward grandeur, yet She surpasses them in invisible perfections. Oh! may the great St. Joseph give us some of the consolation that filled his soul; may the Blessed Mother lend us something of Her own love, and the Infant Jesus mercifully pour into our hearts a portion of the infinite abundance of His merits!"

"I beseech you to keep close to this Divine Babe, and rest near Him as lovingly as you can; He will love you in return, even should your heart feel no tenderness or devotion. What sense had the poor ox and the ass? And yet He refuses not to let them breathe warmly upon Him. And think you that He will refuse the aspirations of our poor hearts, which, though just at present they feel no devotion, yet are sincerely and loyally His, and are ever offering themselves to be the faithful servants of His own Divine Self, and of His Holy Mother, and of His dear protector Joseph!"

Fr. DeGuzman and Fr. Smith would like to wish our parishioners a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Thank you so much for your prayers, well wishes, and for your continuing support of our parish. May God reward you all!

Upcoming Columbian Squire Events: **Jan 5th**-Pancake fundraiser in the social hall after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. **Feb 23rd**-Mardi Gras party in gym. More information on these events coming soon.

Juventutem Upcoming Events: Young adults 18-35. **Jan 7th**- A night of bowling and fun. **Feb 1st**- Square Dance in the St Francis de Sales gym for the one-year anniversary of Juventutem Atlanta. \$20 per person, bring your friends!

Save the Date-Sat, Jan 4th, Guild of St. Stephen: The next installation and promotion ceremony for the Guild of St. Stephen will be on Saturday, January 4th at the 9am Mass.

Confirmation 2020-Saturday May 16th by Bishop Shlesinger. Classes will be on Saturdays between **March 7th-May 9th** at 10:15am. All students who will be confirmed at St. Francis de Sales are required to attend these classes. Students must bring a copy of their baptismal certificate to the first day of class to be admitted, even if they were baptized at St. Francis de Sales.

Bulletin Announcement Submissions: Requests for bulletin announcements must be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Thank you for your understanding.

St. Francis de Sales-Information & Contacts

Confessions: 15 mins before weekday Masses; Sundays 7:15am, 9:00am, 10:30am

Baptism: Contact the parish at least six weeks before birth

Marriage: Contact the parish at least six months before the wedding

Eucharistic Exposition: Thurs. 10am-3pm, Friday after evening Mass

Rosary: Before 9:30am and 11:30am Sunday Masses

Religious Education (CCD): Sundays at 10:40am (Aug.-May)

Guild of St. Stephen: Altar boy society, meets 1st Saturdays, assistant@fsspatl.com

Legion of Mary: Meet Tuesdays at 5:30pm

Knights of Columbus: Meets 2nd Monday of month: Rosary 6:30pm, dinner, meeting starts at 7:30pm. <https://sites.google.com/view/kofc14625/home>

Columbian Squires: Circle meets on 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:15pm

FNE: Catholic explorer's group: info@atlantafne.org

St. Gerard: For desirous, new, and expectant moms: stgerardministry@gmail.com

Juventutem Young Adults Group: Adults 18-35 juventutematlanta@gmail.com

Inquirers Class: For non-Catholics who have questions about the Catholic religion, taught by the priests of the parish. Tuesdays at 6pm: secretary@fsspatl.com

Bookstore Hours: Sunday 10:30am-11:15am and 1:00pm-1:30pm