

L A T I N O T E S

Bulletin of the Community of St. Philippine Duchesne

**December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Advent**



MASS SCHEDULE & MARTYROLOGY

Confession begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Every Sunday: Low Mass at 6:30 a.m. High Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 21
Mass at 12:00 Noon
St. Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday, December 22
Mass at 12:00 Noon
Feria

Wednesday, December 23
Mass at 12:00 Noon
Feria

Thursday, December 24
Mass at 6:30 a.m.
Vigil of the Nativity of The Lord

Friday, December 25
Mass at Midnight; 6:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
The Nativity of The Lord

Saturday, December 26
Mass at 9:00 a.m.
St. Stephen, Protomartyr

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Thursday (Dec. 24) is the vigil of Christmas. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m.

Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at: **Midnight; 6:30 a.m. (Dawn Mass); and at 11:00 a.m. (Day Mass)**

Friday, January 1st is the Octave Day of Christmas and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at:

6:30 a.m.; 12 noon; & 7:30 p.m.

N.B. The Law of Penance does not apply on Holy Days.

Thank You From The Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar and Rosary Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make our fundraiser a Huge success!

Thanks to those who brought craft items, baked goods, who cooked, served and helped clean up, those who donated our raffle items and to those who bought those items and raffle tickets. The winners in the raffle were: the St. Joseph statue went to Jim Carney; the \$100.00 Hy Vee gift card to Becky Beven; the Lithograph picture to Sue DeMoss; the St. Alphonsus meditation books to Rob Spadey; the Reserved 2nd row pew for Midnight Mass to Mary Welsh; and the reserved parking space on Sundays for 6 months to Mary Davidson.

The Roman Martyrology for the 25th Day of December

In the 5199th year of the creation of the world, from the time when God in the beginning created the heaven and earth; the 2957th year after the flood; the 2015th year from the birth of Abraham; the 1510th year from Moses, and the going-out of the people of Israel from Egypt; the 1032nd year from the anointing of David King; in the 65th week according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the 194th Olympiad; the 752nd year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the 42nd year of the rule of Octavian Augustus, all the world being at peace, in the sixth age of the world: Jesus Christ, the eternal God and the Son of the eternal Father, desirous to sanctify the world by His most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Ghost, nine months having passed since His conception was born in Bethlehem of Juda, made Man of the Virgin Mary

THE NATIVITY of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh

The same day, the birthday of St. Anastasia, who, in the time of Diocletian, first suffered a severe and harsh imprisonment on the part of her husband Publius, in which, however, she was much consoled and encouraged by the confessor of Christ, Chrysogonus. Afterwards she was thrown into prison again by order of Florus, prefect of Illyria; and finally, having her hands and feet stretched, she was tied to stakes with a fire kindled about her, in the midst of which she ended her martyrdom on the island of Palmária, whither she had been brought with two hundred men and seventy women, who have made martyrdom a glorious thing by the various kinds of death they so valiantly endured.

At Barcelona in Spain, St. Peter Nolasco, confessor and founder of the Order of our Lady of Ransom for the Redemption of Captives, renowned for virtue and miracles. His feast is celebrated on the 28th of January.

At Rome, in the cemetery of Apronianus, St. Eugenia, virgin, the daughter of blessed Philip, martyr. In the time of Emperor Gallienus, after displaying many signs and virtues, gathering to Christ holy choirs of virgins, and after long trials under Nicetius, prefect of the city, she was finally put to the sword.

At Nicomedia, many thousand martyrs, who had assembled for divine service on our Lord's Nativity. When Emperor Diocletian ordered the doors of the church to be closed, fire to kindled all around it, a vessel with incense to be put before the entrance, and a herald to cry out in a loud voice that those who wished to escape from the fire should come out and burn incense to Jupiter, all with one voice answered that they preferred to die for Christ. They were consumed in the fire, and thus merited to be born in heaven on that very day on which Christ vouchsafed to be born on earth for the salvation of the world.

And elsewhere in divers places, many other holy martyrs, confessors, and holy virgins. **R.** Thanks be to God.

Recommended Advent Reading

The **Meditations and Readings for Every Day of the Year** by St. Alphonsus are an excellent inspiration to grow in holiness during this season of Advent. Please consider renewing your commitment to mental prayer as a fitting preparation for Christmas. St Alphonsus' writings are a great means to assist in this humble work of growing in the knowledge and love of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Please visit our website, ReligiousBookshelf.com

From Thomas á Kempis

WHAT, Lord, is the trust which I have in this life, or what is my greatest comfort among all the things that appear under heaven? Is it not You, O Lord, my God, Whose mercies are without number? Where have I ever fared well but for You? Or how could things go badly when You were present? I had rather be poor for Your sake than rich without You. I prefer rather to wander on the earth with You than to possess heaven without You. Where You are there is heaven, and where You are not are death and hell. You are my desire and therefore I must cry after You and sigh and pray. In none can I fully trust to help me in my necessities, but in You alone, my God. You are my hope. You are my confidence. You are my consoler, most faithful in every need.

All seek their own interests. You, however, place my salvation and my profit first, and turn all things to my good. Even though exposing me to various temptations and hardships, You Who are accustomed to prove Your loved ones in a thousand ways, order all this for my good. You ought not to be loved or praised less in this trial than if You had filled me with heavenly consolations. (The Imitation of Christ Book 3, Chapter 59)

Next Sunday

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas: Epistle: 1 Galatians 4: 1-7 ~ Gospel: Luke 2: 33-40