



*Saint Andrew
Pray for us!*

*Grace and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.
I continually thank my God for you
because of the favor
he has bestowed on you
in Christ Jesus,
in whom you have been
richly endowed
with every gift of speech and knowledge.*

*Likewise,
the witness I bore to Christ
has been so confirmed among you
that you lack no spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will strengthen you to the end,
so that you will be blameless
on the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful,
and it was he who called you
to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 Corinthians 3-9



Church of the Holy Family

5900 West Lake Street ✦ St. Louis Park, MN 55416

November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

Reverend Thomas W. Dufner, Pastor

Reverend James Stromberg, Weekend Associate

Mass Times:

Sunday Masses 9:00AM and 11:00AM
Saturday Mass 5:00PM
Weekday Masses 8:00AM (Rosary 7:35AM)

Confessions:

Saturday 3:30PM to 4:50PM
Sunday 8:00AM to 9:00AM

Parish Office

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Registration in Parish:

Required for baptism and marriage. Adults 18 and over call the parish office 952.929.0113.

Marriages:

Registered parishioners must make application 3 months prior.

Baptisms:

First Sunday of the month. Must be registered parishioners. Baptism class required. Please call 3 months in advance.

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The Pastor's Page

Archbishop John Nienstedt on the Sacred Liturgy

In the "Dogmatic Constitution of the Church," the Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Church is a "sacrament - a sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all men." The Council also refers to the Church as a "gathering together" of those who believe in Christ, and as "a people brought into unity from the unity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." "The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy," from this same great Council, makes the purpose of this gathering in Christ clear when it states that all activities of the Church are directed toward the sanctification of human beings and the glorification of God. From these references, then, we can state simply that the purpose of the Church is to call her members to holiness, in other words, to create saints.

Consequently, everything the Church does must be seen in that light. But sanctity for the Christian is not a solitary activity. It is done in and through the Church, a Church which is "gathered" as an assembly called by Jesus Christ to form His Body, and that is seen most fully in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Again, the uniqueness of this worship was emphasized in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council:

"... every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree." If our worship is truly to be effective then, it must be done through Him, with Him and in Him.

As Pope Benedict has written, "The Liturgy derives its greatness from what it is, not from what we make of it. Our participation is, of course, necessary, but as a means of asserting ourselves humbly into the spirit of the Liturgy and of serving him who is the true subject of the Liturgy: Jesus Christ. The Liturgy is not an expression of the consciousness of a community, which, in any case, is diffuse and changing. It is revelation received in faith and prayer, and its measure is consequently the faith of the Church in which revelation is received. The forms that are given to the Liturgy can vary according to time and place, just as the rites are diverse. What is essential is the link to the Church, which, for her part, is united by faith in the Lord. The obedience of faith guarantees the unity of the Liturgy, beyond the frontiers of place and time, and so allows us to experience the unity of the Church, the Church as the homeland of the heart"...

The Liturgy, therefore, finds its origin in Christ's call to be "gathered" - he who is both victim and priest, the one who offers and the one who is offered. He calls us to holiness, but always in and through the Church and her Liturgy. Again, this is the reason for the Church's existence: to bring the baptized into a closer relationship with Christ as members of His one Body who pray the Liturgy together with Christ for the glory of God and the good of all. Our corporate or communal prayer is thus a prayer that what has been accomplished in Christ might be accomplished in us, and that like Christ we might be sent to bear

fruit for the life of the world...

Of course, it is not enough that we simply follow the liturgical law of the Church. In order to foster that "full, conscious and active participation" that lies at the heart of all liturgical renewal and reform, we must strive to understand more fully just what it is that we are doing when we assemble in response to the loving call of the True and Living God. To this end, it is, of course, quite important that we understand the historical, cultural background of rites and rituals...

The theological realities that are expressed so powerfully in our liturgical practice must also be known and explored in order to plumb the full depths of the mysteries we celebrate... But we must also take the time simply to listen to the Liturgy itself. We all must strive, clergy and laity alike, to hear with true docility the words the Church has given us, and the memories she cultivates within us as her prayers are proclaimed in our midst. Unfortunately, for far too many, Sunday Mass is simply one activity among many in our busy lives. Let me be clear: such busyness can easily encumber and stifle our capacity for sanctification. The Sunday Eucharist, and the Sacred Liturgy in general, must become the source and summit of our lives, for it is nothing less than the prayer of Jesus Christ our great High Priest, head and members worshipping together the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. To participate truly in the Mass and the other sacraments is to be united with Christ, who is the source and wellspring of all holiness...

When we stop to listen to the words of the Mass, or the words of absolution, or the beautiful powerful prayers of baptism and confirmation, we discover anew the mysteries of faith and enkindle the sense of wonder which marked the disciples on the road to Emmaus when they discovered the Living Christ, present to them. As we listen to the story of our salvation, it is also accomplished within us, even as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord and the final consummation of all things into Himself...

Preparing for and implementing the new missal will take patience, humility, and an effort on the part of all of us. But as we learn new words and implement the historic changes affecting the whole English-speaking Church, let us strive to listen to what the Church is saying in these retranslated prayers. It is certainly my hope and prayer that these new words will prompt all of us to reflect once again upon the mystery of the Mass, and to strive more earnestly for that unity that it both causes and signifies...

As baptized Catholics, we are gathered by the Lord Jesus into community as members of his Mystical Body. This reality is reflected in the Sunday Eucharist: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). The whole community of the Church is called and gathered together on Sunday so as to witness to, and proclaim the meaning of, who she is and who we are in relation to her. This is why the Creed is recited at every Sunday Liturgy. It reconfirms us in our Catholic identity, which is, of course, universal in nature and, therefore, joins us in communion with Catholics throughout the world.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-life Evening!

Saturday, December 10, 2011

3:30pm: Rosary at Clinic

Father Thomas Dufner will lead the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet next to the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic:
3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN 55422
Look for the life-size Crucifix.

4:45pm: Liturgy of the Hours

Evening Prayer I will be prayed at Church.
Come and experience this beautiful prayer of the Church!

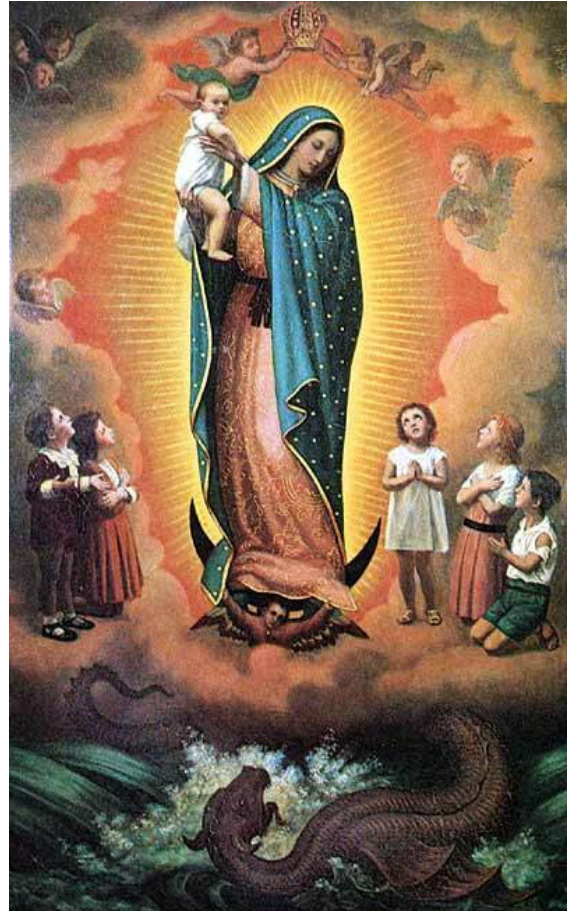
5pm: Holy Mass

Father Dufner will be the main celebrant. Holy Family Choir will provide music and the Knights of Columbus color guard will march. Children will be invited to present roses to Our Lady after Holy Communion.

6pm: Dinner

Stay for dinner! Our Mexican fiesta will be catered by *Chipotle Restaurant*. Burritos (chicken or veggie) with all the chips and salsa you can eat will be served. Wine and Mexican beer will be available. A free will offering will be taken.

IT IS NECESSARY TO RSVP TO THERESA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 12-NOON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



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✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

Donut New Member

8:00 am Confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, November 28

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Branch III (Kitchen)
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
 3:00 pm Widower and Widowers Holy Hour (Chapel)
 6:30 pm Parish Council (Gathering Place)
 8:00 pm Finance Committee (Gathering Place)

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)
 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)
 5:15 pm Kids Praise Too!
 6:30 pm HFC (School)
 6:30 pm Confirmation (Church)

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm Choir
 7:00 pm NFP (Gathering Place)

Friday, December 2

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Saturday, December 3

Sugar Plum Days!

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
 3:30 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

Sugar Plum Days!

8:00 am Confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

TEAM VIANNEY

December 1, 2011 - February 2, 2012 - April 12, 2012

Team Vianney is a Catholic movement of college men and senior high school men (9th thru 12th grade) in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis at the Saint John Vianney College Seminary (UST, St. Paul campus). It takes courage to follow Jesus. Dedication. Leadership. Vocation. If you've got what it takes, come to Saint John Vianney College Seminary, beginning at 5PM for supper with college seminarians, a dynamic talk on our Catholic faith, and participate in an energetic Mass with seminarians and university students.

THEOTOKOS

December 1, 2011 - February 2, 2012 - April 12, 2012

Theotokos is the name the Church gives to Our Lady, Mother of God. Mary is not only the archetype of the union with God to which all men and women are called; she is also the archetype of the personal dignity of women. High school women in grades 10, 11, & 12 are invited for a meal at 5PM in Koch Commons at the University of St. Thomas, followed by lively discussions led by UST Catholic college women students on the dignity and vocation of women, following the model of Mary the Mother of the Redeemer, in the Church and today's culture.

ATTENTION:

METHODIST HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the
MEETING at METHODIST on TUESDAY, DEC. 13, at
10:00AM in Cafeteria Conference Room 4.

Deanery Meeting - Monday, November 28 at St. Helena's Catholic Church from 9:00AM to 2:30PM. There will be two speakers; first Thomas Helgen will speak on "Fraud" and then Molly Block will speak on "Mental Illness and the Stigma That Hurts Us All." Lunch will be paid for by the Altar & Rosary Society. Please call Terry for reservations at 952.929.3155.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nov 27	Agnes Doyle †
Nov 29	Ann Coone & HFA Teachers
Nov 30	Mary Louise Branagan
Dec 24	Bob Wild †
Dec 25	Altar & Rosary Society
Dec 26	Vocations
Dec 27	Rosa Piazza † (9AM)
Dec 27	For the Parish (11AM)



Altar and Rosary News:

SUGAR PLUM DAYS

DECEMBER 3, 10am-6:30pm DECEMBER 4, 9am-1pm

COOKIES!!! COOKIES!!! COOKIES!!!

It's time to BAKE THOSE COOKIES!!!

❖ We will need many, many cookies to keep up with the demand for our "Cookie by the Pound" sale. Please share your favorite homemade cookies with us and bring them to Moorman Hall starting Friday, Dec. 2.

❖ Be sure to invite your FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS and CO-WORKERS so they get a chance to sample those delicious cookies you'll be bringing in, do some Christmas shopping, and grab a bowl of our famous chili.

❖ Raffle Tickets: Be sure and stop by the back of church after mass to buy your raffle tickets at only \$1per ticket!

It's not too late to offer your help. Sign up after Masses this weekend or call Mary at 952.949.0319 if you can help out or have any questions.

SUGAR PLUM DAYS!

December 3 - 10am to 6:30pm and December 4 - 9am to 1pm

- * Christmas Cookies "by the pound" * Chili, hot dogs and more * Stocking Stuffers
- * Nuts and Wreaths for sale * Holy Family Choir on Saturday * Grab Bags
- * Christmas shopping at the Gift Gallery * Grocery, Cheer and "Take Out" Gift Card
- Raffle Baskets * Homemade Baked Items * Visit from Saint Nick on Sunday * Treasures in the Dollar Store * Apostle Books items for sale * Cinnamon Rolls on Sunday

Sponsored by Holy Family's Altar and Rosary Society



POINSETTIAS! POINSETTIAS!

You are invited to help defray the cost of decorating the Sanctuary this Christmas by donating a beautiful Poinsettia plant. The cost per plant is \$10.00. For your convenience, there is an envelope in your Church envelope packet labeled "**Christmas Flower Offering**"

Just drop it in the Sunday collection basket any week-end. Thank you! Sharon



Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address or phone number. Thank you!

Youth Ministry

Friday, December 2 – Youth Adoration with Fr. Dufner. Meet in the church at 8pm, then we will go to the rectory for games at 9pm

Saturday, December 3 - Lifeline Mass with Tony Melendez in concert! Holy Family has a limited number of tickets. Please sign-up as soon as possible to reserve your ticket.

You can sign up for any youth event at missbormes@gmail.com or 952.929.0113 x 21.

ATTENTION ALL BLOOD DONORS:

Holy Family will be hosting an
"**Emergency Blood Drive**"

Thursday, January 5, 2012.

Watch the bulletin for more details.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday afternoon, November 30th** and possibly **Thursday, December 1st**, to help shape the **four** large Sanctuary Christmas trees.

On **Wednesday, December 21st** (after coffee & rolls) we will finish the decorating: place the Nativity Set, arrange the Blessed Mother's corner, put up the small trees, hang the wreaths, arrange the poinsettias, and take care of the "last minute details." (Adults only, please, due to the nature of the work) **Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext.13** if you have questions or need clarification.



Modern Natural Family Planning is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! If you are looking to enhance your married life, a series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on: **Saturday, December 3 at U of M Medical Center-Fairview, Mpls.** To register or for more information, please call the Twin Cities FertilityCare at 651.232.3088 or register on-line at www.tcnfp.org **Thursday, December 1 & 15 here at Holy Family.** To register or for more information, please call the Billings Ovulation Method at 612.396.4019. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, call 651.291.4489 or visit www.archspm.org/family

Mark your calendars for our Advent Penance Service Wednesday, December 14 starting at 7pm

We have several priests scheduled to hear Confessions.

Bring and invite family, friends and co-workers for this beautiful evening of God's grace and mercy.

"It is in the confessional that the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated."

-from the Diary of Saint Faustina



Pro-Life Corner

We believe that Regions Hospital* will close its abortion facility through ardent prayer and determined, hard work by all of us. Brock Nelson, President and CEO of Regions Hospital, along with his administration team, have the power to shut down their abortion facility, euphemistically named GYN Special Services. Please *take the following actions* to aid the effort to end abortion at Regions Hospital: (1) Send Brock Nelson a respectful yet firm note requesting that Regions Hospital immediately and permanently stop committing all abortions. (2) Spread the word. Encourage your pastor, church and family members, and friends to do the same. (3) Pray, pray, pray. Continue to pray daily for an end to abortion at Regions Hospital. **Contact information:** Brock Nelson, President and CEO, Regions Hospital, 640 Jackson Street, MS 11502H, St. Paul, MN 55101. *Regions Hospital is owned by HealthPartners. This means that HealthPartners is directly involved in aborting defenseless unborn children. Feel free to also contact HealthPartners' CEO Mary Brainerd with the same request. From: Pro-Life Action Ministries