



December 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. By now, your preparations for Christmas are no doubt well under way. We are busy preparing for Christmas also here at St. Andrew Parish – a most unusual Christmas to say the least. Last week, we launched our online reservation calendar to reserve the limited available seats for in-person Mass attendance at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. As already announced, in-person attendance at Christmas Masses is by reservation only because we must limit the number of people because of COVID 19 precautions. Within hours, the available spaces for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in church were all taken. However, as of this writing, there are still many spaces available at the other scheduled Masses. Because of the very serious surge in the spread of the Coronavirus, I want to repeat my advice for all to consider very carefully your decisions regarding attending Mass in person at this time, especially if you are more at risk because of age or illness. Please consider joining our Christmas Masses, and all our other services, via livestream at [www.standrewparishlive.com](http://www.standrewparishlive.com). Our new camera is up and working, and the quality of these virtual services is greatly improved. Most importantly, it is much safer, especially as the virus spreads. If you are planning to attend Christmas Mass in person, be sure to reserve your places soon, before they are gone.

This week we celebrate two holy days in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tuesday, Dec. 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is also our national feast day. We will have Mass on the vigil of this feast, Monday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 p.m., and on the feast day itself at 6:30 and 8:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. The 8:30 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed. The obligation to attend Mass on this feast has been dispensed because of the Coronavirus, so attendance is optional.

Saturday, Dec. 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast will be observed at our regular 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday.

During this season of Advent, let us continue to prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord when he comes!

Your Pastor,  
Msgr. Stephan Moloney