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*Prayer:* Father, let it be done to me according to Your will (see Lk 1:38).

*Promise:* "Make every effort to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in His sight." —2 Pt 3:14

*Praise:* Jesus came forth from the tomb; "Truth shall spring out of the earth" (Ps 85:12). Praise You, risen Jesus, for conquering death and saving us.

## Advent Penitential Services

**St Catherine - December 16 - 4:00 pm**

**St. Francis - December 17 - 7:00 am**

**St. John - December 20 - 7:00 pm**



Winter Mass times for St. Francis & St. John will start December 25th. St. John Mass at 8:00 am, St. Francis at 11:00 am. These times continue through February, 2018!

### December 2017 Parish Collections

Date	St. John	St. Francis	St. Catherine
12-3-2017	\$	\$ 445.00	\$ 110.00
12-10-2017	\$	\$	\$
12-17-2017	\$	\$	\$
12-24-2017	\$	\$	\$
12-31-2017	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,605.00</b>	<b>\$ 445.00</b>	<b>\$ 110.00</b>

# THE VOICE

December 10, 2017

2nd Sunday in Advent

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### Vigil - Saturdays

St. Catherine, Fossil 5:00 pm

### Sundays

St. Francis, Arlington 8:00 am

St. John, Condon 10:30 am

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### One Bread, One Body -

### Reflection for December 10, 2017

## *Tender, Comforting Love*



"Comfort, give comfort to My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem." —Isaiah 40:1-2

This Christmas, the Lord wants us to have a special "encounter" with Him (see Church in America, 3). He wants our relationship with Him to be greater than any other love in our life. He will make our relationship with Him so deep, personal, and intimate that He will be a Source of comfort for us even in our worst sufferings (see Is 40:1-2; Ps 94:19). The Lord wants a tender relationship with us (see Is 40:2). He even lives in us and us in Him (Jn 14:20; 17:23, NAB). The depth and the intimacy of our relationship with the Lord is such that we can receive even His Body and Blood into our bodies.

We receive this deep, personal, intimate relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. For example, Jesus' disciples spent day after day with Jesus for years, but they never had a deep relationship. This was manifested when they abandoned Christ as He was crucified. However, when the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost, they became so close to Jesus that they gave their lives to Him, proclaimed His love to the nations, and even died for Him.

Therefore, let us pray: **Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Christmas Spirit of comforting, tender, and deep love.**

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**This Weekend:** December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

**5:00 pm** Vigil Mass - St Catherine

Reader: Kathryn

Cup: Volunteer

**7:30 am** Confessions - St. Catherine

**8:00 am** Mass - St. Francis

Reader: Lyn

Cups: Volunteers

Christmas Party after Mass

**10:00 am** Holy Rosary - St. John

**10:30 am** Mass - St. John

Reader: Juli

Server: Volunteers

Cup Holders: Bob & Cindy

Coffee: Mary K Maley



**Next Weekend:** December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**4:00 pm** Advent Penitential - St. Catherine

**5:00 pm** Vigil Mass - St. Catherine

Reader: Sabine

Cup: Volunteer

**7:00 am** Advent Penitential - St. Francis

**8:00 am** Mass - St. Francis

Reader: Larry

Cups: Volunteers

**10:00 am** Holy Rosary - St. John

**10:30 am** Mass - St. John

Reader: Dorothy

Server: Volunteers

Cup Holders: Ed & Diane

Children's Christmas Program & Party after Mass

***You're Invited!***

**St John Youth  
Christmas Program  
& Party**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
after Mass**



***December***

**Money Counters**

*Ed Cooney & Dorothy Schott*



*And don't forget  
to pray for Pope Francis.*

**The 2017 National Religious Retirement Collection  
is today! Please give generously!**

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Vatican City, Dec 4, 2017 / 10:14 am (CNA/EWTN News).- In his prayer video for the month of December, Pope Francis prays for grandparents and the elderly, urging people to respect and support them, that their wisdom may continue to be passed down to new generations.

"A people that does not take care of grandparents, that does not treat them well, has no future!" the Pope said in the video. "The elderly have wisdom."

He also noted that the elderly have a great responsibility to pass on to others their life experiences, and the histories of their family, community and culture.

"Let us keep in mind our elders, so that sustained by families and institutions, (they) may with their wisdom and experience collaborate in the education of new generations," he concluded.

Released Dec. 4, the video takes a more light-hearted approach than past prayer intention videos, first depicting a young man who ignores several elderly people he passes on the street.

Soon after the young man hears lively jazz music coming from a building, and upon entering, discovers the three he passed earlier all playing music together. They then invite him to join them.

The importance of the relationship between the elderly and the younger generation, particularly between grandparents and their grandkids, is one of Pope Francis' favorite topics.

Last year in Rome he held an audience with around 7,000 grandparents, urging them to talk with their grandkids about the faith.

"And talk to your grandchildren, talk. Let them ask you questions," he said. They may be different from you, they may have other hobbies, "they like other music... but they need the elderly, this ongoing dialogue."

"You are an important presence, because your experience is a precious treasure, essential to looking to the future with hope and responsibility," the Pope said at that encounter, Oct. 15, 2016.

At a special Mass in June he said that the older generation is called to be spiritual "grandparents" to young people, sharing their experiences, especially of the faith.

"And this is what the Lord today asks us: to be grandparents. To have the vitality to give to young people, because young people expect it from us; to not close ourselves, to give our best: they look for our experience, for our positive dreams to carry on the prophecy and the work," he said.

"I ask the Lord for all of us that he give us this grace."