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Prayer: "Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved" (today's psalm response from Mass).

Promise: "He will strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus [Christ]." —1 Cor 1:8

Praise: Praise You, risen Jesus, Emmanuel, "God with us!" You became flesh and dwelt among us. Praise You for letting us see Your glory (Jn 1:14).

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!

November 2017 Parish Collections

Date	St. John	St. Francis	St. Catherine
11-1-2017	\$ 301.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 37.00
11-5-2017	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 615.00	\$ 55.00
11-12-2017	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 221.00	\$ 805.00
11-19-2017	\$ 997.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 928.00
11-26-2017	\$ 717.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 63.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 1,331.00	\$ 1,888.00

The 2017 National Religious Retirement Collection is next weekend! Please give generously!

Don't forget to pray for Pope Francis

THE VOICE

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday in Advent

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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 3, 2017

Exchanging Wills

"Why do You let us wander, O Lord, from Your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear You not?" —Isaiah 63:17



The author of today's passage from the book of the prophet Isaiah laments to the Lord that his fellow Israelites are so prone to turning their backs to God. This causes the prophet to beg God to return to His people. This prophet has the true spirit of Advent: He is waiting for the coming of the Lord with a heart that longs to make changes so that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We humans were born with a rebellious nature and a stubborn, selfish will. However, we are not doomed to rebellion against the Lord. In this season in which the world exchanges gifts, God offers us the greatest possible gift exchange. He lets us exchange our will for His. He gives us His perfect will; we give Him our selfish, unwatchful will.

In these days of Advent, ask the Lord to conform your will to His (Rm 12:2). Let this be your Advent prayer: " 'Not my will but Yours be done' (Lk 22:42). 'Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven' (Mt 6:10). 'Be it done to me according to Your will' (see Lk 1:38). 'To do Your will, O my God, is my delight' " (Ps 40:9).

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This Weekend: December 2nd & 3rd
1st Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm Confessions - St. Catherine

5:00 pm Vigil Mass - St. Catherine

Reader: Kathryn

Cup: Volunteer

8:00 am Mass - St. Francis

Reader: Myra

Cups: Volunteers

10:00 am Holy Rosary - St. John

10:00 am Confessions - St. John

10:30 am Mass - St. John

Reader: Mary K

Server: Volunteers

Cup Holders: Dan & Dorothy

Coffee: Rene Durfey



Next Weekend: December 9th & 10th
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

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8th, 2017

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

St. Francis, Rosary 7:30 am

St. Francis, Mass 8:00 am

St. Catherine, Rosary 4:30 pm

St. Catherine, Mass 5:00 pm

St. John, Rosary 7:00 pm

St. John, Mass 7:30 pm



THANK YOU Hannah Fatland for agreeing to be a reader, and a coffee hour hostess. Also thank you to Jim Greiner who has volunteered to be a money counter. If you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please let Fr. Marri or Donna know. We especially need Eucharistic Ministers.

Yearly offering envelopes are being prepared. Please let Donna know if you haven't previously gotten the envelopes and wish to do so, or you no longer wish to have the envelopes.

December

Money Counters

Ed Cooney & Dorothy Schott

Pope Francis: What matters in the end is how well we loved

By [Hannah Brockhaus](#)



Vatican City, Nov 26, 2017 / 06:07 am ([CNA/EWTN News](#)).- On Sunday Pope Francis said that when the Final Judgment comes, what will matter most is how much we loved God and others, especially through daily, concrete acts of charity toward those most in need.

“At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in the least of our brothers and the needy,” the Pope said Nov. 26.

“Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all the nations, but he (also) comes to us every day, in so many ways, and asks us to welcome him.”

Pope Francis spoke to around 30,000 people gathered in St. Peter’s Square before leading the Angelus prayer. Celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Pope offered a reflection on the Last Judgment and Jesus’ “criteria” for entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

He explained how at the second coming, when Jesus appears “in divine glory,” he will summon all of humanity to him, separating the righteous from the unrighteous. And to the righteous he will say: “Come, blessed of my Father, receive as inheritance the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”

This is because: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you dressed me, sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to see me.”

Francis noted how when Jesus speaks about the Final Judgment to his disciples, the men are surprised by his words, because they don’t remember meeting Jesus, let alone helping him in this way. So Jesus explains what he meant: “All you did to one of these the least of my brothers, you did to me.”

“This word never ceases to hit us,” Pope Francis said, “because it reveals to what extent God’s love comes to us: to the point of being identified with us, but not when we are well, when we are healthy and happy, no, but when we are in need.”

In this way Jesus reveals “the decisive criterion of his judgment,” the Pope said, which is “concrete love for the neighbor in distress.”

We should ask the Virgin Mary to help us to not only meet Jesus in his Word and in the Eucharist, he continued, but “at the same time in the brothers and sisters suffering from hunger, illness, oppression, and injustice.”

“May our hearts welcome him into our life today, for we are welcomed by him into the eternity of his Kingdom of Light and Peace.”