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**Attendance & Financials**
Sunday, December 29, 2019: 69  
Weekday: 0  
Offering: $669.00

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http://www.nps.edu/Atmsrv/ReligiousPrograms/index.html
JUST FOR MASS:

Looking for something simple and positive you can do for Advent? Try "Just for Mass". It involves asking a non-practicing Catholic to attend mass with you one time. No further obligation for the person or you. What better Christmas gift could we give a friend or relative than to help them come back to Church?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHAPEL MINISTRIES

Please consider helping the St. Thomas Aquinas community through service to the parish. We are in need of ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers, daily Mass servers, religious education teachers, volunteers to wash linens, or anywhere you can help. We thank you for your prayerful consideration; please contact Robert Fritsch at robert.fritsch@nps.edu.

EMHC & ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - JANUARY 22ND

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Training for NEW (and current) servers and EMHC's will be Wednesday, January 22nd. We will start with the training of EMHC's at 5:30 PM, break at 6 PM for dinner (pizza) and then train the Altar Servers. Considering joining one of these ministries and actively support your community. RSVP - Kristen Earp, kristenmearp@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC MASS:

Weekday Mass will resume at noon on Monday, 6 January 2020.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

MON 6: 1 JN 3:22-4:6; PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A; MT 4:23; MT 4:12-17, 23-25  
TUE 7: 1 JN 4:7-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; LK 4:18; MK 6:34-44  
WED 8: 1 JN 4:11-18; PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; 1 TM 3:16; MK 6:45-52  
FRI 10: 1 JN 5:5-13; PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; MT 4:23; LK 5:12-16  
SAT 11: 1 JN 5:14-21; PS 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B; MT 4:16; JN 3:22-30

ST. JOHN BOSCO:

John Bosco, also known as Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco and Don Bosco, was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. His birth came just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars which ravaged the area. Compounding the problems on his birthday, there was also a drought and a famine at the time of his birth. At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. His "Mama Margherita Occhiena" would herself be declared venerable by the Church in 2006. Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. When he was not in church, he helped his family grow food and raise sheep. They were very poor, but despite their poverty his mother also found enough to share with the homeless who sometimes came to the door seeking food, shelter or clothing. In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group. Their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. While visiting the prisons, Fr. Bosco noticed a large number of boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, inside. The conditions were deplorable, and he felt moved to do more to help other boys from ending up there. He went into the streets and started to meet young men and boys where they worked and played. He used his talents as a performer, doing tricks to capture attention, then sharing with the children his message for the day. When he was not preaching, Fr. Bosco worked tirelessly seeking work for boys who needed it, and searching for lodgings for others. His mother began to help him, and she became known as "Mamma Margherita." By the 1860s, Fr. Bosco and his mother were responsible for lodging 800 boys. The organization still exists today and continues to help people, especially children around the world. In the years that followed, Fr. Bosco expanded his mission, which had, and still has, much work to do. Fr. Bosco died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate. Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth." In 2002, Pope John Paul II was petitioned to declare St. John Bosco the Patron of Stage Magicians. St. Bosco had pioneered the art of what is today called "Gospel Magic," using magic and other feats to attract attention and engage the youth. Saint John Bosco is the patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents. His feast day is on January 31.