

# *Reader Notes – November / December 2017 – Cycle A / B*

## **Upcoming Dates of Importance – Please Review**

On this schedule, we have several Holy Days and Special Masses:

- 1) **All Saints Day (Tuesday, October 31 / Wednesday, November 1)** ó The Mass for the Vigil will be offered at 7:00 PM. The Masses for the Feast Day itself remain the same as usual ó 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM (w/ OLLIS students), 12:00 Noon (w/ OLLIS students), and 5:30 PM.
- 2) **Mass of Remembrance (Wednesday, November 2)** ó The evening Mass for All Souls Day will be offered at 7:00 PM.
- 3) **Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24)** ó *Fr. Chris is currently looking at the available priests for Thanksgiving Day, so the Mass times may change. Please watch the bulletin!*
- 4) **Group Confirmation (Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 PM)** ó The readings for this Mass with the Bishop will be the same as those for the regular Advent Sunday Masses that morning, as this Mass counts toward the normal Sunday obligation.
- 5) **Immaculate Conception of BVM (Thursday, December 7 / Friday, December 8)** ó The Mass for the Vigil will be offered at 7:00 PM. The Masses for the Feast Day itself remain the same as usual ó 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM (w/ OLLIS students), 12:00 Noon (w/ OLLIS students), and 5:30 PM.
- 6) **Nativity of the Lord (Saturday, December 24 / Sunday, December 25)** ó Unless something changes, we will follow our normal Christmas schedule of multiple Vigil / Feast Day Masses. Please consult the bulletin as we near this date for any changes.
- 7) **BVM, Mary Mother of God (Saturday, December 31 / Sunday, January 1)** ó The readings for this Mass will be those for the Solemnity. *Since the Solemnity falls on Monday this year, it is not Obligatory, so I will need to speak with Fr. Chris about the Mass schedule.*

### **Volunteering for Holy Days / Special Masses**

Sign-up sheets will be available on-line via the web terminal:

- 1) On the OLL web site, go to the Ministry Schedules page and click on the MSP logo.
- 2) Once you log on, click the "Full Schedules" tab at the top of the page.
- 3) Select the link named after the Holy Days / Special Events for this period.
- 4) Once the schedule is open, just select the date on which you would like to help, find the appropriate slot, and click on "volunteer now".

If you would like to volunteer but cannot login for some reason, you can always call / email me with your information.

Please refer to any notes included for each event, as not all Masses require the same preparation and complement of ministers.

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## **Location of Readings and Other Resources**

On-line versions of the Readings and other documents can be viewed / downloaded via links found:

- 1) in emails reminding you about your slot, or
- 2) on the "My Schedules" tab in the web terminal.

In either case, click on the name / date of a Mass and a Service Plan will open. The resulting Service Plan view provides access to a printable copy or an audio copy (great for checking pronunciations!). In addition, you can access the readings directly at the USCCB web site: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/>.

Other items may also be posted in the Service Plan view, such as ministry-specific notes about upcoming Holy Days or certain resources needed by the musicians. Each resource should have its own link / button.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

*(Info on specific Holy Day / special Mass Readings continued on next page)*

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## **Mass of Remembrance (for All Souls Day)**

November 2

Since multiple options are available for this Mass, and since the Celebrant will select these readings closer to this date, I did not include a particular set. *I will contact these Readers at a later date.*

## **Thanksgiving Day**

November 26

Since multiple options are available for Thanksgiving Day, and since the Celebrant will select these readings, I did not include a particular set. *Please see the Celebrant prior to Mass regarding which set of Readings will be used.*

IMPORTANT: Thanksgiving Day is only celebrated on the actual date of Thanksgiving, as it is not a Holy Day or other church-related feast. Therefore, *a Vigil Mass is not offered on the previous evening.*

NOTE: The only people who MUST be scheduled in advance for Thanksgiving are the musicians. Even so, I will list this Mass on-line for those who might wish to volunteer for that Mass.

## **Nativity of the Lord**

December 24 / 25

Masses for the Vigil will be offered on the preceding evening. *We will need a HUGE number of ministers for all these Masses—if you can help, please let me know ASAP!* If you would like to sign up in advance, you can use the web terminal on-line, or you can also contact me via email or phone.

**IMPORTANT:** The Masses on Christmas morning are normally taken from the ðMass during the Dayö since it is well past dawn by the time of the first Mass. However, *various priests have “called an audible” in the past, so be certain that you are looking at the correct set of readings* before the start of Mass!

## **BVM, Mary Mother of God**

December 31 / January 1

Because this Solemnity falls during the Octave of Christmas, there is not a separate set of Vigil Readings. Therefore, the Readers for the Vigil Mass on the previous evening will use the same Readings as the Feast Day.