

My Dear Parish Family,

I hope all of you had a very relaxing Thanksgiving holiday where you were able to give thanks to God for all that we have received throughout our lives. I don't know about you, but it seems like we just celebrated Thanksgiving last year.

As it was another Thanksgiving, it was also another Black Friday shopping day as they call it. It is a time where people will get up in the middle of the night to stand in line or now they just jump right in on Thanksgiving Day to begin shopping.



Just like in past years people in order to save money or to get one of the limited offerings of product would get into fights over televisions and other items. It is utter madness! The dedication given to this period of time is quite amazing. It would seem that what St. Peter says in our second reading today is not true. *The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.*

Watching some of the fights that occurred during the Black Friday shopping day makes you realize that only our Blessed Mother was Immaculately Conceived without Original Sin and it shows how much our world needs our Lord.

Just a reminder this Monday December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows: 9 am and 7 pm at St. Michael's and at Mary of the Immaculate Conception at 7pm.

On Sunday December 14th at 2PM at St. Michael's will be the Penance Service for the Sacrament of Confession. I will offer additional times this week to receive this wonderful Sacrament of Mercy as well. December 10th it will be available at St. Michael's from 3-4 pm and at Mary of the Immaculate Conception from 7-8 pm. There is also the regular time on Saturday from 3-3:45 right before Mass and also at Mary of the Immaculate Conception from 9:15 to 9:45 when I am present for Sunday Mass or after Mass when Fr. Jim is offering. I will be there Sunday December 21st. In next Sunday's Bulletin I will list additional times for the Sacrament of Confession that I will offer for that upcoming week.

Also on Sunday December 14th at 6 pm, Fr. Andrew LaFramboise will be giving a talk on Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation *Joy of the Gospel* at Mary of the Immaculate Conception. We are happy to welcome him back to our Parish and thank him for giving this presentation to us. Hopefully you can come!

May God Bless you and Mary keep you,
Fr. Christopher Coman