



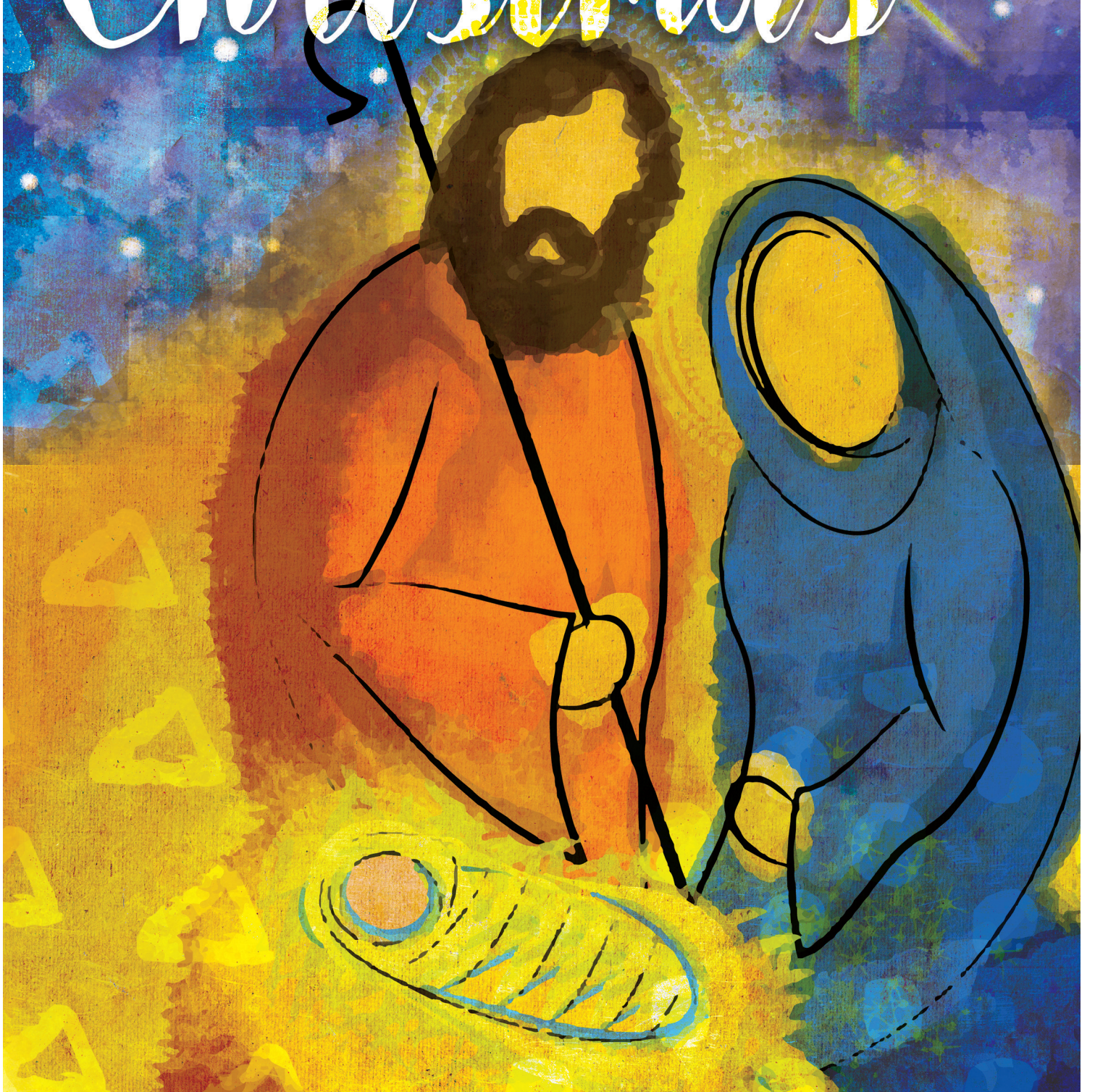
Saint Paul

the Apostle

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

Merry
Christmas



Dear SPA Family,

The angel said to shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today, in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)

As we celebrate another Christmas in our 34-year history and my fifth year as your pastor, I am grateful for the opportunity to come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas.



Christmas is not only a festive day in the life of the Church but also in our families. Opportunities to come together are such cherished moments and, particularly as people of faith, the chance to communally worship God and to thank God for the blessings we have received is a great joy. As I look at all the blessings of this past year, I rejoice in the many ways our parish has continued to grow, thrive, and stand as a shining beacon of God's love in our community and in a world that is filled with many challenges.

I am particularly grateful as we celebrate this joyful Holy Day of Christ's Birth – God's Birth. I am overjoyed that you pray with your family of faith here at St. Paul the Apostle at one of our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses. If you are not able to worship with us this Christmas, I pray that your Christmas celebrations are joy-filled with the people that you love the most.

Please know of my gratitude for your generous support for the parish this Christmas. Your support helps us continue our vital ministry that has been a beacon of light and hope for over 34 years in the communities of Gurnee, Gages Lake, Wildwood, Grandwood Park, Old Mill Creek, parts of Grayslake, Third Lake, Park City, Waukegan, Libertyville, Mundelein, Round Lake(s), Kenosha and many more and let's not forget about the visitors to Gurnee Mills, Great Wolf Lodge, and Six Flags :)

From providing opportunities for prayer and worship, educating the whole person at our parish and faith formation activities, as well as the charitable good work we do, **your generous support allows us to continue the mission of Christ and His Church to love God and neighbor daily.**

This Christmas, know of my prayers for you, your families, and those you love. May God bless you and may God bless St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

*Behold, Christ is Born – Merry Christmas,
Fr. Chris*

To read Mary Penich's **Something to Think About...**

please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

Fourth Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL MEDITATION



The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that “there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord” (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.”

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel (VENI, VENI EMMANUEL)** arranged by Josh Blakeley and Rich Grillone

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, Make Us Turn to You** by Chris Muglia

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF EMMANUEL** by Josh Blakesley and Rich Grillone

Preparation of the Gifts: **Gather #779 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman** by Carey Landry

Eucharistic Acclamations/Agnus Dei: **MASS OF EMMANUEL** by Josh Blakesley and Rich Grillone

Communion Song: **Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)** by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #140 Emmanuel** by Steve Angrisano

READING I

MI 5:1-4A

Thus says the LORD:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.
Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the
time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and
we shall be saved.

READING II

HEB 10:5-10

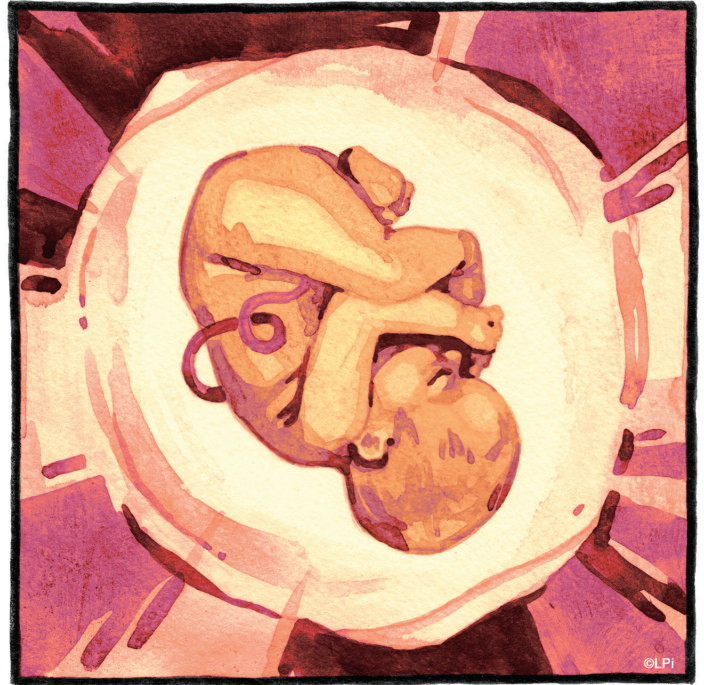
Brothers and sisters:
When Christ came into the world, he said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in.”
These are offered according to the law.
Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.”
He takes away the first to establish the second.
By this “will,” we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once
for all.

GOSPEL

LK 1:39-45

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached
my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”



When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her
womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud
voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb.” — LK 1:41-42

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Tuesday: 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Wednesday: Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29.
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Thursday: Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Friday: Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

Saturday: Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Tuesday: Christmas Eve

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

5:00PM: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Rosalinda Dizon | Esther & Eugene Kolaczowski | John Carter Bennett | Thomas & Helen Rusnak

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: Elaine Erwin | Garibay-Casis Family | Starzec Family | Keny Baily

11:30am: Lawrence & Ada Hickey | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo | Rosalinda Dizon | Jovita Garcia

5:00pm: Celso Balita Castor | Remigio Payawal | Carlito & Roberto Mangaran | Priscila Gozo | Gil Policarpio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

7:30am: Visitacion Robles | John Printen | Thomas Printen

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

WEEKDAY MASS

7:30am: Carlos Rivera

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm: Theresa Galuska | Marion & Jack Henderson | Ray Totten | Scott Kohler | Rygiel & August Families

6:00pm: Richard Hink | Lawrence Hickey | Jovita Garcia

8:00pm: Carl Willaby

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Mass: Robert, Harry & Jeanette Siuda | Stefan Ciaston | Fred & Mary Ann Perry | Fred & Joan Harold | Maria & Joe Fricano

9:30am: Tom Wessel | Joe & Betty Falotico | Don & Joan Meersman | Bud & Bea Tebbetts | Winston Casis & Casis Family

11:30am: Dizon-Doreza Family | The Hilo & Cacal Family | Richard Schroeder | Loida Busa Phelps | Edward Skowron

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024 - NO MORNING MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

7:30am: Nieves Arceo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Robert Thiemeyer | John Carter Bennett | Marion & Jack Henderson | Fred & Joan Harold

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Rosa Krissel

9:30am: Larry & Mary Helen Connelly | Tony Mengarelli | Winston Casis | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay | Szymoniak Family

11:30am: Peter Bohdanowicz | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo | Rosita Nazareno

5:00pm: Rachelle Turano Wojcik

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of December 13, 2024

Sunday- \$19,646

Sharing- \$150

SVdP- \$4,925

Let There Be Light- \$2,275

Turkey Dinner- \$200

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$2,624

Online Sunday- \$10,889

Online Sharing- \$1,096

Online SVdP- \$356

Month to Date - December

Sunday- \$ 36,344

Online Sunday- \$ 21,606

Sharing- \$ 265

Online Sharing- \$ 1,656

SVdP- \$ 11,144

Online SVdP- \$ 803

Let There Be Light- \$ 3,726

Turkey Dinner- \$ 447

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$ 2,889

*Please see next weeks bulletin for

updated collection numbers



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Karen Swazas
Francisco Doreza, Jr.

Joe Laureano

Cherry Laureano

Margaret Gaubhran

Tom Asna

Orietta Giannetti

Marquette Wilson

Maria Iwinska

Victoria Magat

Teresita Villamorán

Martha Andradi

Doan Pham

Kim Liwanag-Lynn

Karen Lopez

Joy Matubang

Melody Cook

Jane Heraty

Jacob Bereles

Bob Franz

Cortney Kinahan

Marie Kloss

Rod Reyes

Betty Falotico

Carmen Torres

Daniel Alfaro

Luis Fernando Mathieu

Dorothy Stratten

Keith Kellogg

Lisa Mischke

Loretta Miranda

Dave Erickson

Darrel Alfonso

Carla Irwin

Alice DeSilvia

Richard Kot

Charles Smith, Jr.

Adriana Aparicio

Pearla Villareal

George Pratscher

Suzelle Conze

Kathy Hunt

Jackie Herrera-Giron

Kaz Wilk

Rose Scarpelli

Portia Tinker

Donna Kalinoski

Kathy Pozniacki

Frank Shade

Roberto Dacumos

Alfredo "Doy" Martija

Antonio "Tony" Alvarado

Charlie Lucas

Laura Hopkins

Rosa LaBellarte

William Otero

Brian Hickey

Marcy Davis

Emily Meyer

Laura Hopkins

Rosa LaBellarte

Ruben Querubin

Rachel Ciullo

Patricia Freeman

Toni Lynn Mengarelli

Monica Nash

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call

Catherine in the Parish Office:

info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.

Grant Severance

Olga Duchon

Matt Verde

Rosita Nazareno

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

11:00AM RECONCILIATION
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM RCIA
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - ORSON
5:00PM SIMBANG GABI MASS
6:00PM SIMBANG GABI
CELEBRATION!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

7:30AM MASS
2:00PM FUNERAL - STANCZAK
7:00PM HAND BELL REHEARSAL
7:00PM HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE
3:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
6:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
8:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY
12:00AM MIDNIGHT MASS
9:30AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
11:30AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

8:30AM BCBP MEETING
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:30PM BAPTISM - BEDOLLA
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - VALVERDE
3:30PM CF | 1 & 2 & HS | 7-8 & HS
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS

DECEMBER 28/29 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Lura Johnson Jackie Senger	VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IN THE BOOK AT THE DESK	Julie Wedell Mary Ann Emshwiller	Fr. Joe Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Doug Nieman Tom Krissek	VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IN THE BOOK AT THE DESK	Bob Zorc Mary Zorc	Fr. Chris Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Claress Pettengill Beth Penfold	VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IN THE BOOK AT THE DESK	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Manny Bautista Gerald Galano	VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IN THE BOOK AT THE DESK		Fr. Chris Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Bruce Marchioni Teen or Lector 1	VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IN THE BOOK AT THE DESK		Fr. Joe Dn. Andy



St. Paul the Apostle Filipino Community invites everyone to the 8th night of a beloved Filipino Marian devotion heralding the upcoming birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Simbang Gabi Mass

December 22, 2024, Sunday, 5:00 PM

Celebrant: Cardinal Blaise Cupich

Concelebrant: Rev. Chris D. Ciastoń



Proceeds of donations go towards Simbang Gabi charities in the Philippines:

- Missionary Sisters of the Evangelization
- Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries
- and expenses of Simbang Gabi celebration

Dinner will be served at the lower level after the mass.

“The infant in my womb leaped for joy!”



CHRISTMAS EVE
3PM* , 6PM*
8PM*
Midnight
 *live-streaming



CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30am
11:30am




NO 7:30am
Mass
on Dec. 26th


HOLY FAMILY
 Dec. 28th
 5pm
 Dec. 29th
 7:30, 9:30,
 11:30am
 & 5pm



MOTHER OF GOD
 Dec. 31st
 5pm
 Jan. 1st
 9am



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Jan. 4th
 5pm
 Jan. 5th
 7:30, 9:30,
 11:30am,
 & 5pm



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 Jan. 11th
 5pm
 Jan. 12th
 7:30, 9:30,
 11:30am
 & 5pm




Volunteers Needed!
 USHERS,
 GREETERS,
 PROJECTION
 RUNNERS




Advent Holy Hour
 Adoration, Vespers, & Benediction

December 23rd
7:00PM




ASCENSION

THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES, CFR

Register
on our website

Ascension has announced its 4th “In a Year” podcast: The Rosary in a Year (with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR). On January 1, 2025, daily episodes will be posted to the Ascension App, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify. The small group would meet with Sharon Harrigan virtually every other week to share thoughts and insights.

Prayer Shawl Request

Are you or a loved one in need of a prayer shawl? Please complete the following information and place in the collection box at any of St. Pauls’ weekend masses. You will be contacted regarding pickup/delivery of the shawl.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____

The prayer shawl is for:

___ me ___ another parishioner/friend

Shawl recipient is a: ___ male ___ female

Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Knit, Purl, Pray - our prayer shawl ministry is a special way to reach out with love to others in need of knowing they are remembered, prayed for while on a difficult life journey, and sometimes to celebrate an accomplishment or change in direction. We could use your help: more knitters & crocheters are needed to create prayer shawls and lap blankets. While you are welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings (first Tuesday, 11 am - 1 pm, or third Tuesday, 7 pm - 8:30 pm) in the lower level gathering space, members can participate solely from home. Please use machine wash & dry acrylic yarn in 'worsted' weight (often designated as size 4 on the skein's label) in colors that bring you joy as you work with it. Rectangular shawls should be 60" long by 20-24" high; triangular shawls should be 60" long by 28" high. Lap blanket size is recommended 40" X 40".

If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, we have supplies to get you started. It is helpful to know a new learner will be joining us in the event a special technique lesson has been planned for a particular month or if a meeting would be canceled due to inclement weather. Thank you for your consideration!

Questions?
Contact the parish office: info@spa.church



St. Paul's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign and Baby Shower, sponsoring "Aid for Women", is coming soon!

Please take a baby bottle home the weekend of January 11th and 12th. Fill your bottle and bring the bottle back the weekend of February 1st and 2nd. You may also donate online through the parish website.

In addition, "Aid for Women" is in need of the following items:

Diapers (sizes newborn - #6), fruit/vegetable baby food (no meat), sleepers, crib size blankets, pack & play sheets, baby wash, pacifiers, wipes, and swaddlers.

Labeled "Baby Shower" carts will be in the upper and lower level for items dropped off beginning January 11th and 12th.

The last day to drop off items is Sunday, February 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! God Bless!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

What are the names of the two Sacraments of Healing?

Answer:

The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation/Confession.

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Faith Formation Card Drive 2024

On behalf of all who received the beautifully written Christmas cards, thank you for your thoughtfulness!

The cards will be delivered to various assisted living and memory care facilities the week of December 22nd.

Each facility express their sincere thanks and gratitude for remembering their residents! God Bless!



Church Center App

1. scan the QR Code
2. download the app
3. select our parish
4. input your phone number
5. input the code into the app
6. say yes to notifications



During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Paul the Apostle located in Gurnee, Illinois. However, if St. Paul the Apostle ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact, Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.995.0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org].

Christmas Gifts

Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

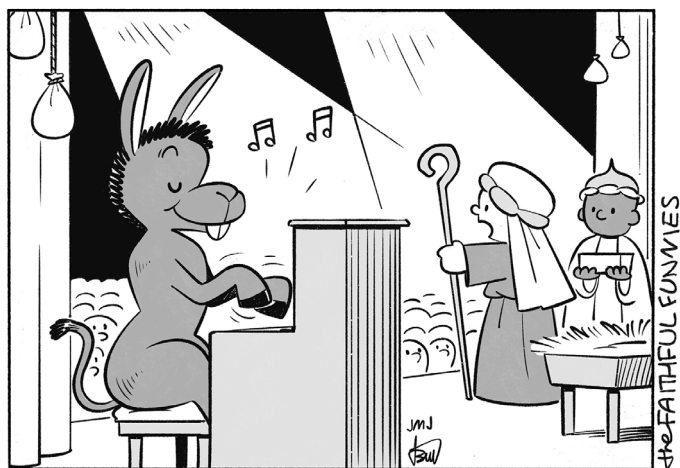
Answer: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

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"What type of key do you need for the Nativity play?"



"A don-key!"



FUN FACT! The Bible doesn't have any recording of Mary riding a donkey, but it's become a beloved part of the way we imagine the Holy Family traveling to Bethlehem.

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ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW



St. Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), the pearl of York, was born Margaret Middleton in York, England. Her father, the sheriff of York, and her mother were protestants. England was a kingdom of shifting sands when it came to religion at this time. Margaret was born during the reign of Mary I who had made the Catholic religion the law of the land. However, prior to Mary's reign, England had been

a protestant state following the reformation in about 1534. Just two years after Margaret's birth Elizabeth I was on the throne and England had returned to a protestant state.

Margaret married John Clitherow in 1571. John followed the protestant religion, but his brother was a Catholic priest. In 1574, Margaret converted to Roman Catholicism. She refused to go to Anglican services, for which her husband paid fines. In 1577 she was imprisoned for almost a year. She would be imprisoned twice more, her final imprisonment lasting almost two years. She used the time to live like a monk, in fasting and prayer, even learning to read. When she was released, she went on a night-time pilgrimage to the Tyburn gallows where Catholic five priests had been hung.

Margaret, following the example of Catholic noble, hid priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home, a criminal offence made punishable by death by an Act of Parliament in 1581. Her home was raided on March 10, 1586, and a frightened boy gave up the location of the items for Mass. She refused to enter a plea for a trial by jury, so she was automatically sentenced to be pressed to death. Her children followed in her footsteps as Catholics. Margaret was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of 40 martyrs of England and Wales. St. Margaret Clitherow, pray for us!

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Prayer - For Everybody and Everyday

Prayer for Advent Joy

DEAR JESUS,
THE NEWS OF YOUR COMING
WAS MET WITH BOUNDLESS
JOY – FILL US ANEW WITH THE
WONDER OF YOUR PRESENCE.
YOU ARE EMMANUEL, GOD
WITH US. AMEN.

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ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS!!!

Our online giving platform allows you to make donations to all Sunday and special collections throughout the year. If you are an online giver and don't have a need for the envelopes you receive in the mail, you can call the parish office at 847-918-0600

or email us at

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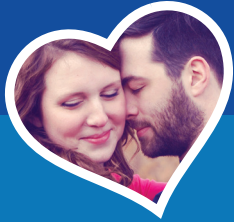


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