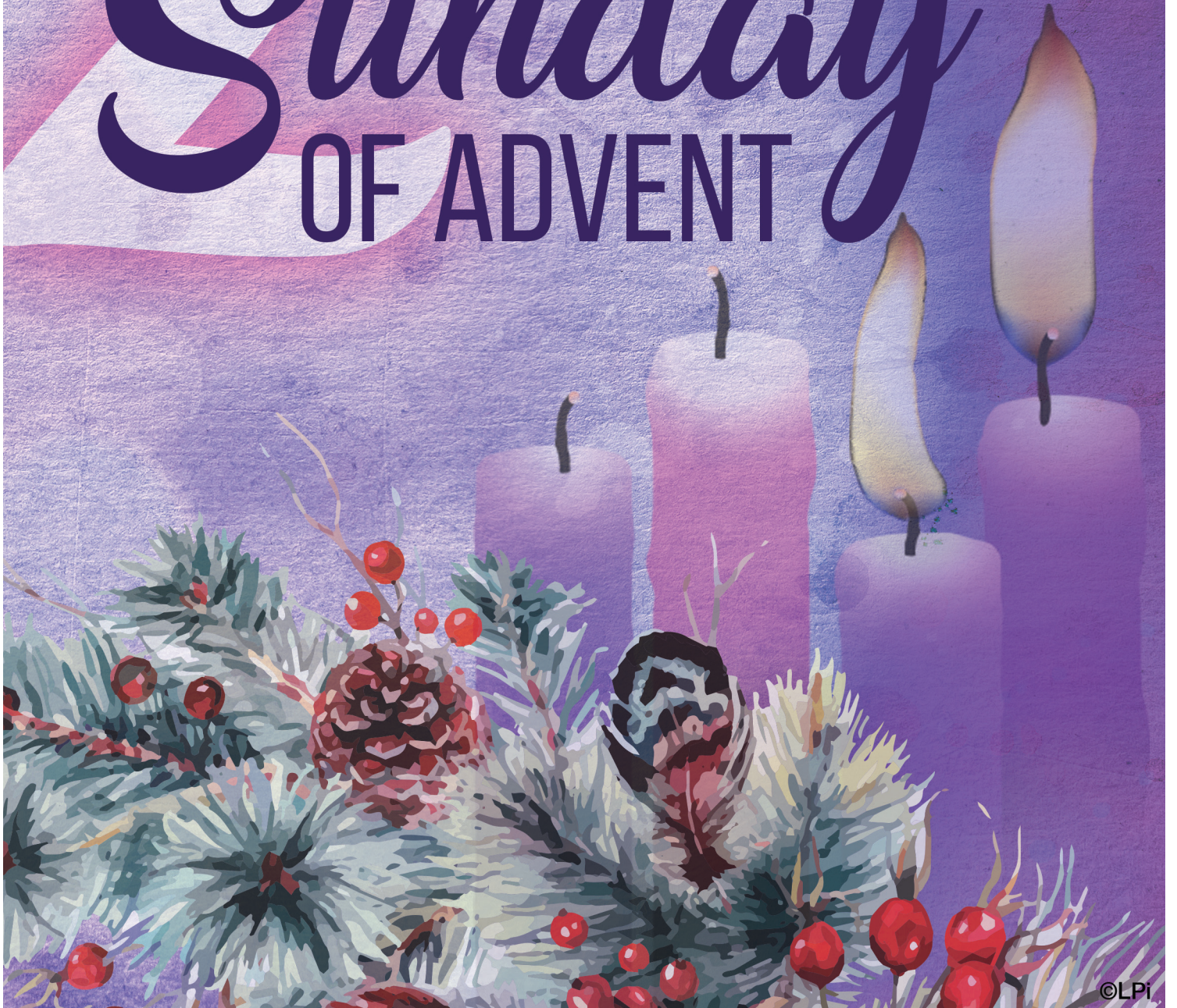




Saint Paul
the Apostle
DECEMBER 8, 2024

1st Sunday OF ADVENT



Dear SPA Family,

What we are today and what we have is a product of our abilities and efforts, and what we have received from God and people. In what we receive from others, material values are the easiest to see. Inheriting a great fortune is something. However, it means nothing when the gift of love is lacking. **It was out of love that God sent us his Son, Jesus Christ.** During Advent, we wait for His coming. Being open to this gift turns the greatest sinners into saints. It is for this reason that we cannot avoid Christ, who walks with us on the pilgrimage of our lives.



John the Baptist announced the coming of Jesus, and in this Advent, Saint John prepares us to receive Him, this Love. He warns us and rebukes us, he calls us to straighten the paths of our lives. St. John's warning is an expression of love and concern.

Only those who truly love us will tell us about our mistakes in order to save us from wasting our lives. Love makes demands so that we can be complete. In this case, he calls us to straighten the paths of our lives, because sometimes they are so twisted and bumpy that there is no chance of finding God and our neighbor on them.

I remember from my childhood, the unpaved road leading to some fields of my family farm. After the rain, it became one large puddle of mud. Traveling this road was a pain for horse wagons and especially for tractors that worked in the fields or hauled trees from the forest. More than once, my father and his sons (me too :) worked hard to get the tractor out of the muddy slush. Today, this road is leveled and paved with asphalt; my brothers can reach their destination quickly and easily. But before that happened, **a lot of work and effort had to be put into its construction.** After the road was built, the great mound near the stables from which we used to sled down in winter disappeared. Hundreds of thousands of times, the shovels dipped into this mound, taking sand to build this road.

John the Baptist calls us to straighten the paths that lead us to God and our neighbor. These are the ways of God's commandments. **Sometimes on this path, the mountains are so high and the valleys so deep that there is no chance of reaching our destinations.** Sometimes, valleys of mutual aversion are insurmountable, and mountains of prejudice reach the sky and obscure other people for us. Jealousy will twist the roads so much that we may not see the way out of them. Hate digs valleys so deep that we see nothing but revenge. And pride often reaches gigantic dimensions so that the prouds can only see themselves. All these intricacies isolate us from our neighbor and God and deprive us of the most important gift, which is love.

Lack of love stops us in development and deprives us of the possibility of a saving encounter with God. Straightening these paths requires a lot of effort and perseverance. However, taking this effort causes that *"...all people will see God's salvation"*

Have a Blessed Advent Season, 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

Second Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL MEDITATION



In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when “the word of God came to John the Baptist:” Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John

the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: “Come, Lord Jesus. Come.”

— 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: **The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us** by Chris Muglia

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

Preparation of the Gifts: **Prepare the Way** by Charlie Hall and Louie Giglio

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #142 Ready the Way** by Curtis Stephan

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

Communion Song: **Patience, People** by John Foley

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Creator of the Stars (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM)** arranged by Josh Blakesley

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #142 Ready the Way** by Curtis Stephan

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Awake to the Day** by Ed Bolduc and John Barker

READING I

BAR 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children
gathered from the east and the west
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:
but God will bring them back to you
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.
For God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low,
and that the age-old depths and gorges
be filled to level ground,
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.
The forests and every fragrant kind of tree
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;
for God is leading Israel in joy
by the light of his glory,
with his mercy and justice for company.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

READING II

PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,
because of your partnership for the gospel
from the first day until now.
I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it
until the day of Christ Jesus.
God is my witness,
how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL

LK 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”



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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: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Tuesday: Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13

The Lord our God comes with power.

Wednesday: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10

O bless the Lord, my soul!

Thursday: JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19

You are the highest honor of our race.

Friday: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Saturday: Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Patricia Wells | Marion Henderson | Marina Culpepper Canlas | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Elizabeth Falotico
9:30am: Oscar Morien | Ron Paiser | Marina Culpepper | Yolando Quitoga Diputado
11:30am: Joseph & Yolanda Leahy | Jeanne Sneed | Teresita G. Catalan | Robert A. Mooney
5:00pm: Paciencia Durban | Our Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

7:30am: Elaine Erwin
7:00pm: Elaine Erwin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

7:30am: Michael Kinahan | Anne Adolphe | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay | Betty Rygiel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

7:30am: Raffaella Sacco | Eligio Jumayao | Lowell M. Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

7:30am: Lucy Herrmann | Betty Falotico | Susan Villaroman | Salvado Hilario | Amelia Hilario

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

7:30am: Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Loreto Gaspar, Jr. | Helen & Thomas Rusnak | Kathleen Russell | Walter & Emily Macrowski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

7:30am: Ravi Kurien | Dolores & Kevin Killian
9:30am: Oscar Morien | Bob Yerkes | John Tomasiewicz | Robert Yeatts | Szymoniak Kinga
11:30am: Ana & Mercy Dizon | Chuck Gresser
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of December 2, 2024

Sunday- \$ 14,833

Sharing- \$ 15

SVdP- \$ 5,619

Let There Be Light- \$ 1,340

Turkey Dinner- \$ 40

Online Sunday- n/a

Online Sharing- n/a

Online SVdP- n/a

Month to Date - November

Sunday- \$68,423

Online Sunday- \$44,209

Sharing- \$5,612

Online Sharing- \$1,802

SVdP- \$15,089

Online SVdP- \$8,503

Let There Be Light- \$17,425

World Mission Sunday- \$843

Turkey Dinner- \$13,816

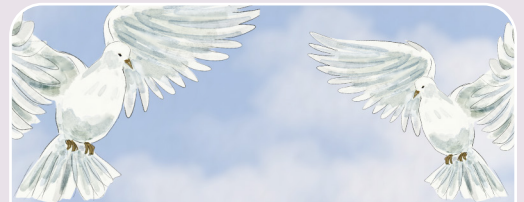


PRAY FOR THE SICK

Alisha Cooper	Loretta Miranda
Margaret Maher	Dave Erickson
Karen Swazas	Darrel Alfonso
Priscilla Baylon	Carla Irwin
Francisco Doreza, Jr.	Alice DeSilvia
Joe Laureano	Richard Kot
Cherry Laureano	Charles Smith, Jr.
Margaret Gaubhran	Adriana Aparicio
Tom Asna	Pearla Villareal
Orietta Giannetti	George Pratscher
Marquetta Wilson	Suzelle Conze
Maria Iwinska	Kathy Hunt
Victoria Magat	Jackie Herrera-Giron
Teresita Villamoran	Kaz Wilk
Martha Andradi	Rose Scarpelli
Doan Pham	Portia Tinker
Kim Liwanag-Lynn	Donna Kalinoski
Karen Lopez	Kathy Pozniecki
Joy Matubang	Frank Shade
Melody Cook	Roberto Dacumos
Jane Heraty	Alfredo "Doy" Martija
Jacob Bereles	Antonio "Tony" Alvarado
Bob Franz	Charlie Lucas
Cortney Kinahan	Laura Hopkins
Marie Kloss	Rosa LaBellarte
Rod Reyes	William Otero
Betty Falotico	Brian Hickey
Carmen Torres	Marcy Davis
Daniel Alfaro	Emily Meyer
Luis Fernando Mathieu	Laura Hopkins
Dorothy Stratten	Rosa LaBellarte
Keith Kellogg	Ruben Querubin
Lisa Mischke	Rachel Ciullo

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.

Patricia Mansueto

Ludwig Kalbrunner

Stanislaus Prusak

Virginia Rosset

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
9:30AM FUNERAL - KALBRUNNER
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:00AM RCIA
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
3:30PM CF | 1 & 2 & HS | 7-8 & HS
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

7:30AM MASS
7:00PM HAND BELL REHEARSAL
7:00PM HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
2:00PM WEDDING - BERSCHIED
2:00PM FAITH SHARING
5:00PM KID'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:30PM SPRED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM BIBLE STUDY
11:00AM SENIOR LUNCHEON
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
7:00PM 1ST RECONCILIATION/1ST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING
7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

7:30AM MASS
7:00PM CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

6:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:00PM COOKIES WITH SANTA
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:00AM RCIA
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - LUX
3:30PM CF | 1 & 2 & HS | 7-8 & HS
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFENIGHT

DECEMBER 14/15 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER	
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Warren Kati Maryalice Smith	J. Bena S. Grzesiak T. Oberstar G. Johnson	D. Wells	Joe Limas Christine Limas	Fr. John Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Jeff Bautista Catherine Karl	M. Janik M. Pieper T. Rafael -Azcueta	B. Toomey A. Wodek	Teo Rafael-Azcueta Ramon Azcueta	Fr. Joe Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Lisa Siefried Matt Shwarz	Aeron Ignacio N. O'Keefe R. Ignacio C. Latza C. Pettingill	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Chris Dn. Brent	
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Arleen Siap Margaret Beth Sanchez	E. Colcol M. Fernandes T. Mozny M. Parreno	M. Urquhart	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy	
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Mike Fournier Teen or Lector 1	C.Karl G. Murawski M. Murawski T. Robb	A. Wattlelet	Fr. Joe Dn. Bob	

Cookies with Santa!

Sat., Dec. 14th, 1-4pm

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WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2024
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SPRED
Candy and Nut Sale
**ONE WEEKEND
ONLY Dec. 14-15**

For one weekend only, the SPRED (Special Religious Development) program will hold its holiday candy and nut Sale after all masses Dec. 14 and Dec. 15 to support the faith formation program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. High-quality chocolates, cashews, and mixed nuts in decorative boxes will make a perfect holiday gift for families, friends, and teachers. With your generosity, St. Paul will continue to enrich the lives of special needs children and adults by helping them grow in their faith. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Catholic Charities Christmas Gift Program

Gift Sunday

Gifts are due no later than Dec. 8th, at 12:30pm




Immaculate Conception

**Monday
Dec. 9th**

**7:30am
7:00pm**

DN. MIKE NEEDS A LITTLE HELP!

Christmas is just around the corner! This means that it's time to think about decorating the church. Each year, we begin by moving our decorations from the Parish House to the Church. This is a big job that requires the help of a few people with a little muscle and big hearts. Small trucks and SUVs are also welcome! The more help we have, the more quickly we'll finish the job! Don't worry! Our camels aren't as large as the one Deacon Mike found!

If you can help, please meet us on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 AM, in front of Parish House. This usually takes just a few hours. You can let us know you're coming by leaving your name with Catherine at the Parish House at 847-918-0600, or just show up.



Also, the following Saturday, December 21, at 9:00 AM, we'll meet in the Church. This time, we'll set up the Christmas Trees there. Again, if you can help that day, leave your name with Catherine at the Parish House at 847-918-0600, or just show up.





CIRCLE OF WOMEN ADVENT GATHERING!

**SATURDAY, 12/14/24
FROM 9:30 TO 11 AM**

Join us for continental breakfast and 3rd week of Advent reflection and discussion.

All women welcome!
We look forward to seeing you as we wait for the Nativity.

Advent Holy Hour
Adoration, Vespers, & Benediction



**December 16th
December 23rd**

7:00PM





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!"

CATHOLIC TRIVIA
- JUST FOR FUN

Question:
During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated?

Answer:
December 8th — the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Faith Formation Christmas Card Drive

Give the Gift of Time, Thoughtfulness, & Prayer

Join our Faith Formation students in bringing some joy to our community by writing a Christmas Card to a senior living facility resident.

Cards are due Sunday, December 15th, at 5:00pm.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Vicariate I

FAREWELL MASS

Archbishop-designate Jeffrey Grob

Archbishop-designate Grob looks forward to greeting Vicariate I parishioners before taking up his appointment as Archbishop of Milwaukee.

December 18
6:30 p.m. Mass
Reception follows

St. Joseph Catholic Church
121 E. Maple Ave.
Libertyville, IL

Parking Information:
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CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Opening on November 29th from 8am-8pm

Weekends: 8am - 8pm Monday-Friday: 4pm - 8pm

All proceeds support Knights of Columbus Charities. Open everyday while supplies last until December 20.



"Did you hear about the shepherd who wanted a new job?"



the FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"He fell asleep counting sheep."



Shepherding was a lowly job in the biblical era, but shepherds were the first notified of Jesus' birth!

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Las Posadas

Question: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer: "Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

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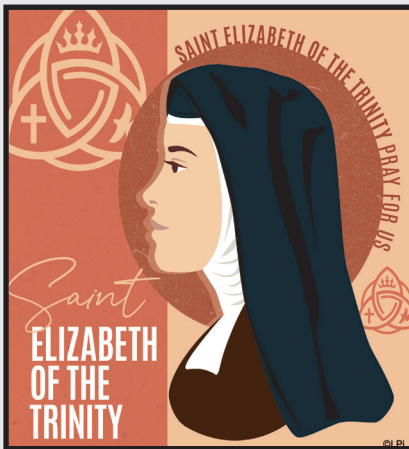
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ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was born Elizabeth Catez in Avor, France, where her father was stationed with the military. She was the eldest of two girls. Her father died in 1887 and the widow and her daughters moved to Dijon. Their apartment was close to the city's Carmelite monastery. Elizabeth was a stubborn child with a hot temper, but she was also a good

student and an accomplished pianist.

Fascinated by the nuns at the nearby convent and inspired by Thérèse of Lisieux (also a Carmelite), Elizabeth began her religious journey. At just 14 years old she made a personal vow of virginity and set her mind on becoming a Carmelite. Elizabeth's mother opposed her desire to enter the convent and asked that she wait until she was 21. The saint worked with troubled youth and children, catechizing them while she waited.

Finally, Elizabeth was able to enter the Carmel in Dijon in 1901. She loved being a part of the community. She found particular peace and connection with the Trinity in contemplative prayer. Much of what she wrote has been published, including many of her letters and her prayer, "O My God, Trinity Whom I Adore." Elizabeth would be with the Carmelites for only five years before she succumbed to Addison's disease after much suffering. Before her death she said she was sure it would increase her joy in heaven if her friends asked for her help. She was canonized in 2016 by Pope Francis. Her fierce belief in the Trinity within us, reachable through contemplative prayer, and her deep wish that we embrace God's love by letting ourselves be loved are her powerful legacy. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, pray for us!

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Prayer - For Everybody and Everyday

Prayer of Preparation

WITH ABIDING HOPE AS WE
LOOK FORWARD TO JESUS'
ARRIVAL –
MAKE STRAIGHT THE
PATHS, LORD!
FILL US WITH HOLY
EXCITEMENT,
IN YOUR NAME.
AMEN.

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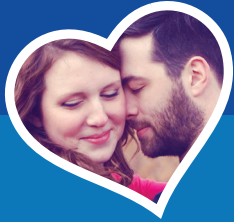


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