

SECOND SUNDAY OF



Saint Paul
the Apostle

Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT- DANCE WITH CHRISTMAS JOY!

BY: MARY PENICH

A few weeks ago, we gathered to celebrate our family's November birthdays. These included my husband, our younger son and our youngest granddaughter. That day, it was quite easy for me to live up to my resolve to bring a bit of Christmas Joy to every day of Advent 2022 because it felt like Christmas to me. In my mind, or shall I write "in my heart", there's nothing better than spending time with Mike and our sons, our daughters-in-law, and our grandchildren all under one roof. Their lively chatter is music to my ears. Their smiles are the frosting on the cake. That day, in the midst of our revelry, my granddaughter began to dance.

Though her parents are great dancers, Ellie has surpassed their skills. As a little girl, she celebrated moments of joy by twirling on her tiptoes as only a preschooler could. Since then, years of dance classes and her own persistence have resulted in her truly amazing footwork. Ellie can break into a hip hop routine or glide across the room like a ballerina depending upon her mood. Apparently, she'd embraced the joy I felt because she embellished her demonstration with enthusiastic jubilation. Honestly, if I had any talent at all in this regard, I would have danced with her!



I share this because our Advent scriptures offer frequent references to joy which is great enough to elicit a dance. In today's first reading, Isaiah (1:1-10) described the day when One would come who is filled with "...a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength." He would transform this suffering world into God's holy mountain where peace and joy reigned. I'd love to dance just once in such a place!

Matthew's gospel (3:1-12) tells us that John the Baptist emerged from the desert after months of prayer and reflection. He'd made Isaiah's message his own. John's enthusiasm was so great that throngs of people came to listen and to be baptized by him. Even Pharisees and Sadducees sought baptism, perhaps as a safety measure in the event that John spoke the truth! How could they not dance with joy over John's good news?

In his letter to the Romans (15:4-9), Paul encouraged the people to recognize that Jesus was indeed the one who offered everything that Isaiah's and John's audiences had hoped for. Paul pointed out that, because his followers had seen, heard and touched Jesus for themselves, they had no choice but to rejoice. Might we break into dance if you and I fully embraced what Jesus has to offer as well?

Now, as it happened, Isaiah lived a difficult life which tradition tells us likely ended in his being sawn in two. Eleven apostles were martyred because they preached Jesus' message.



Saint Paul was beheaded for the same. We know too well the details of Jesus' death. There isn't much to dance about in any of this. Nonetheless, two weeks ago, we celebrated The Feast of Christ the King. We focused upon Jesus' last moments when he offered God's peace and joy to a most unlikely recipient. While passersby jeered at Jesus and one of the criminals who hung with him ridiculed him, Jesus' second companion in death simply asked for mercy. Overcome with love, Jesus dismissed his own suffering to dance the dance of compassion. Jesus offered this criminal ultimate joy -his own dance into eternity.

Now, I realize it's unlikely that Isaiah and Paul, the apostles and the man crucified next to Jesus danced much during their earthly lives. Though Jesus knew the outcome of his work, it's unlikely that he ever danced as he approached the streets of Capernaum or Jerusalem where crowds awaited him. Though my heart dances every time our family gathers, I don't physically dance my way to console an ailing friend, to attend a funeral, to buy gas or groceries, or to do laundry. I don't even dance into church! Yet, like Isaiah, Paul, and the man on the cross who asked Jesus to remember him, I have reason to dance, and so do you.

My granddaughter's response to our being together was to dance. Jesus' love impelled him to dance with compassion regardless of his own suffering. Jesus' example invites us to dance with love as well. Like Jesus, we'll find the courage to dismiss our own concerns long enough to turn to those who need us. Though our legs may not move in choreographed fashion, our hearts will dance into every opportunity to love just as Jesus did. Each time, we'll find ourselves one step closer to Christmas Joy!

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SPRED CANDY AND NUT SALE

For one weekend only, the SPRED (Special Religious Development) program will hold it's holiday candy and nut Sale after all masses Dec. 10 and 11 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION HELP NEEDED

Saturday, December 10 from 9:00-11?
-meet at parish house at 9am
-move Christmas decorations from PH to church

Saturday, December 17 from 9:00-1:00pm
-meet at church at 9am
-help putting up Christmas trees and decorating the church

Contact
Brian Kibitlewski
to help:
847-219-9431



December

16th



St. Paul the Apostle Music Ministry

Presents...

A Christmas Concert

"Emmanuel, God with Us!"

Lessons & Carols for Advent & Christmas

FREE ADMISSION!

**Friday, December 16th, 2022
7:00 PM**

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Join us for an Evening of Prayer

Please join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration, Vespers, and Exposition beginning at 7:00pm. Together we will pray with the universal Church as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity.



December 5th December 19th

Cookies with Santa!

Sat., Dec. 17th, 1-4pm

Downstairs gathering space

\$5 per child

Reservations

Required

Sign up online

Scan here to reserve



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Scan above or fill out this form, deposit it in the collection box with your payment.

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The Filipino Community of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Gurnee invites you to join us on December 17, 2022 at 7pm

Simbang Gabi or "Night Mass" is a nine-day series of Masses leading up to Christmas Eve. In 1669, during Spanish rule over the Philippines, priests began to say Mass in the early mornings instead of the evening novenas more common in the Hispanic world. This was a practical compromise for farmers, who began work before sunrise to avoid the noonday heat out in the fields. Parol, star-shaped lantern, was used by worshipers to guide their way. This cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture and became a symbol of sharing.

Simbang Gabi Raffle:

First Prize: Versace Tote Bag with a Bifold Wallet

Second Prize: Basket of Gift Cards

Tickets are \$20 each

Winner will be announced at the end of Simbang Gabi mass

Proceeds go to support our charities

Donations are also welcome

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HOLIDAY MEALS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES & VETERANS IN NEED


Thank you for your support to our annual Holiday Dinner collection. Your donations helped to provide a delicious holiday meal to 300 needy families and veterans within our local community.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

Christmas Celebration

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
11AM-1PM

Lunch entertainment by 
Lakeland Madrigal Singers



Please bring a wrapped \$10-15
unisex gift for game (optional)

RSVP by December 19th
murquhart@saintpaultheapostle.church
or call 847-816-8677

(please RSVP with name and phone number
in case of bad weather)

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Contact Sharon Harrigan
for more information

sharrigan@saintpaultheapostle.church

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

We need help sorting gifts on Sunday after the
11:30am mass. All are welcome to help!



Peace In The Womb Christmas Caroling

Love to sing? Join us as we spread Christmas hope and joy to two places of misery and despair: Kenosha Planned Parenthood and Waukegan Planned Parenthood. On Saturday, December 10th we will sing familiar Christmas carols at Kenosha Planned Parenthood at 10:00am followed by meeting at the Waukegan Planned Parenthood at 11:30am. The Waukegan Planned Parenthood is just a short drive south. A party will follow after the second location.

What: Peace In The Womb Christmas Caroling

Location 1: Kenosha Planned Parenthood, 3801 Roosevelt Road, Kenosha

Time 1: Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am

Location 2: Waukegan Planned Parenthood, 1601 N. Lewis Ave., WEST SIDE of Lewis Ave.

Time 2: Saturday, December 10th at 11:30 am

If you have questions, call or text Leslie at (847) 951-1064 or email hazfam6@comcast.net

“I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!”

Thank you to all who donated items to the annual 6th Grade Coat Drive! Your generosity and giving spirit were inspirational to all who sorted, bagged, delivered, and received! Our wonderful team of volunteers bagged and boxed many coats, hats, boots, scarves, etc. which were delivered to Holy Family for distribution to those in need. Thank you again! God Bless!



The Saint Anastasia Food Pantry thanks the parishioners of Saint Paul the Apostle for your generous donations in the recent food drive. Your contributions help support feeding over 100 families in need every week.





CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Open until
December 19th
or until supplies last

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

All proceeds support
Knights of Columbus Charities.
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*In loving memory of our
recently deceased parishioners.
May God's perpetual light
shine upon them.*

Mary Kremer



DECEMBER 11 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE
SATURDAY 5:00PM	BRUCE MARCHIONI	C. WICINSKI E. WICINSKI G. JOHNSON	M. HENDERSON T. OBERSTAR
	WARREN KATI		
SUNDAY 7:30AM	LYLA CHANDY	C. KARL D. NIEMAN L. CHANDY M. PIEPER	FR. CHRIS
	ANDY THIEL		
SUNDAY 9:30AM	MATT SCHWARZ	A. IGNACIO C. NIELSEN K. KIBITLEWSKI	R. IGNACIO T. BRENNAN
	MIKE FOURNIER		
SUNDAY 11:30AM	DODEE YEDINAK	A. RICHARDT G. GALANO S. TEBBETTS T. DENECKE-DATTALO	FR. JOE
	ANNA RICHARDT		
SUNDAY 5:00PM	LURA JOHNSON	C. BERTKE J. PLAMOOTTIL	FR. CHRIS
	EMILY FINK		

MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022-
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Esther Kolaczkowski
Loida Phelps & Edward Skowron

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

7:30am: Eileen Sutton | Bob Earling
9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey | Randy Valvador
Ruel Ignacio | Nenita Recinto
11:30am: Bud & Bea Tebbetts | Dianna Scola
Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulina Negrillo
5:00pm: Myron & Mary Loula

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

7:30am: Reggie Furtado | Betulia Moreno
Rodrigo Gorospe

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022- SAINT NICHOLAS

7:30am: Michael Plutkis

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022- SAINT AMBROSE

7:30am: Michael Kinahan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:30am: Concetta Piscitello | Concepcion Jomoc
Pacencia Darban
7:00pm: Les & Elvira Senty

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

7:30am: For the Parish Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Jack Henderson
Joseph & Yolanda Leahy
Loida Phelps & Edward Skowron

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Lowell Hall | The Casis Family
9:30am: Oscar Morien | Ron Paiser | Nenita Recinto
Thomas & Mary Moll
11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Pete Mikolitis | Raffaella Sacco
5:00pm: For the Parish Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Erlinda Saballa	Sheila DeFazio
Anthony Porreca	Renata Biondi
The LaBellarte Family	Peyton Newman
Joseph Inendino	Barbara Mikolitis
Tom Rusnak	Richard Lahey
Francisco Andrade	Ted Stanulis
Al Bruehl	Terry Simpson
Sharon Felt	Monica Max
Robert Felt	Angela Bank
Luz Angela Arboleda	Orietta Giannetti
Jason Festenstein	Adriano Giannetti Sr.
Babette Tilden	Mary Johnson
Jose Torres	Joanne Trentadue
Marife Lacson Bihasa	Carol Simpson Gill
Duke Wyatt Haraf	Sara Kang
Denise Perez	Barbara Prendergast
Earl Nicholas	Hilary Anderson
Sofia Cosentino	Kirk Steinhaus
Karen Swazas	Fr. Marty Zielinski
Cortney Kinahan	Austin Keating
Bill Kinahan	Rod Reyes
Cristina Soriano	Dolores Killian
Robert Santagata	Kimberly Liwanag
Ruth Blood	

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 KERI AT THE PARISH HOUSE.
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847-918-0600

“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.”
– Aristotle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:

Is 35:1-10
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

Is 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10
Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY:

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

FRIDAY:

Is 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

Is 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:6-10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY
 PRAYER GROUP
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM FF SUNDAY A K-6
9:00AM RCIA
9:30AM MASS
10:30AM FF SUNDAY B K-6
11:30AM MASS
12:30PM SIMBANG GABI PRACTICE
3:30PM CONF. YR 1/2 | 7-8 GR.
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
5:00PM HIGH SCHOOL CONF.
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30AM MASS
10:00AM THE CHOSEN:
 THE SHEPHERD
7:00PM ADVENT HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30AM MASS/HOLY HOUR
2:30PM FAITH SHARING
5:00PM HAND BELL REHEARSAL
6:00PM SPRED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30AM MASS
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE MEETING
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30AM MASS/HOLY HOUR
7:00PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS
7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MTG

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM FF SUNDAY A K-6
9:00AM RCIA
9:30AM MASS
10:30AM FF SUNDAY B K-6
11:30AM MASS
12:30PM SIMBANG GABI PRACTICE
1:00PM BAPTISM
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT

DONATIONS SUMMARY



Thank you for
your generosity!

WEEK OF 11/27/2022

Sunday- \$8,968
 Online Sunday- \$5,938
 Sharing- \$9
 Online Sharing- \$87
 SVdP- \$632
 Online SVdP- \$97

MONTH TO DATE NOVEMBER

Sunday- \$65,849
 Online Sunday- \$38,099
 Sharing- \$2,687
 Online Sharing- \$1,981
 SVdP- \$10,891
 Online SVdP- \$5,369
 Asylum Seekers- \$4,261



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 Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

PREGNANCY SUPPORT:

Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:
 Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-698-4357
 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Emergency: 911
 800-411-0103
 440-953-8255

FOOD PANTRIES:

Avon Township: 847-546-1446
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS:
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:
5:00PM

SUNDAY:
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM | 5:00PM

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:00AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS IN THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT CHAPEL
11:00AM

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