

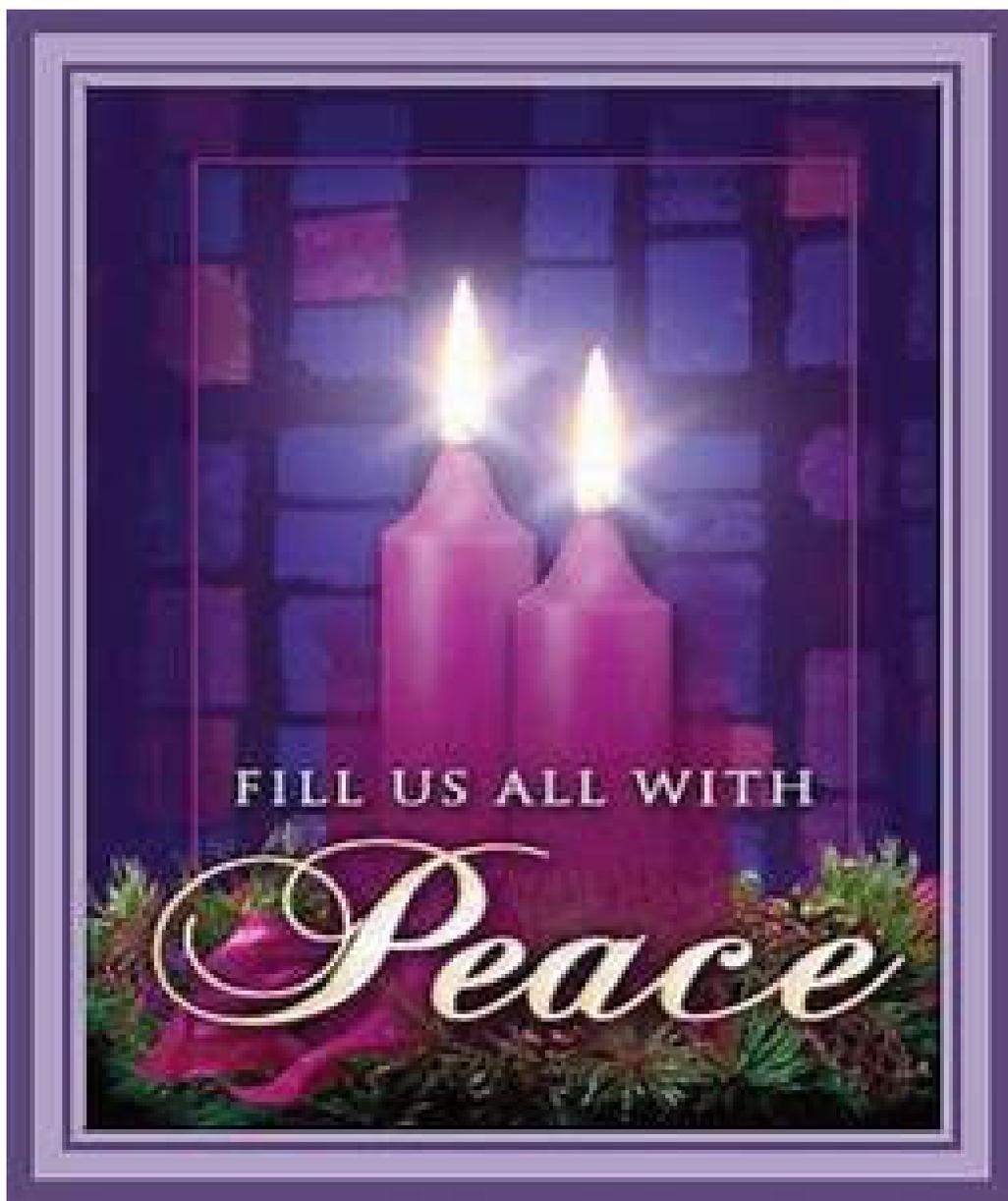


Sunday, December 8, 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15



Come, Lord Jesus

Session I
Preparing the Way
Wednesday, December 11th
9:15 am & 7:30 pm
Kinane Center



St. Paul of the Cross Welcomes...

Aubrey Kathleen Nalli

Daughter of Anthony & Jennifer Nalli

Eliza Rose DiFranco

Daughter of Charles & Marissa DeFranco

Erin Olivia Miller

Daughter of Zachary & Janelle Miller

Lucas Tobias Bronowicki

Son of Mariusz Bronowicki & Michele Catalano

Noah Salvatore DeFrank

Son of Joseph & Anita DeFrank

Finnegan Beau O'Leary

Son of Daniel & Taylor O'Leary

Vivian Katherine Derfler

Daughter of Edward & Katherine Derfler

Cameron Jade Magnuson

Daughter of Michael & Courtney Magnuson

Andi Elizabeth LaPalermo

Daughter of Anthony & Elizabeth LaPalermo

Nikodem Dzierzanowski

Son of Jerzy & Bozena Dzierzanowski

Peter Nicholas DePilla

Son of Nicholas & Christine DePilla

Dean James Libby

Son of James & Tiffany Libby

Advent 2019



Come, Lord Jesus!

What do Catholics
believe about Mary?
Wednesday, December 4th
9:15 am & 7:30 pm
Kinane Center

Session I

Preparing the Way
Wednesday, December 11th
9:15 am & 7:30 pm
Kinane Center

Session II

The Birth of the Messiah
Wednesday, December 18th
9:15 am & 7:30 pm
Kinane Center

Advent Reconciliation Service
Monday, December 16th
7:30 pm - Upper Church



JOIN US TODAY
DONUT SUNDAY
IN THE MORELLO
PARISH LIFE CENTER
8:30 AM UNTIL 12:00 PM



Wedding Banns

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.



Dear St Paul of the Cross Parishioners,

We are well into the season of Advent. I don't know about you, but this season always makes me smile. If Advent is here, then Christmas cannot be far away. I somehow turn into a little boy once again. There is a sense of expectation in the air. We are hopeful because the Lord is coming. The Season of Lent is a time of penitence when we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

On the other hand, the Season of Advent is a time for hope and expectation when we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

If there is one word that keeps recurring during this season's liturgies, it is the word "come." Almost every reading, and every antiphon and song celebrate that word. Even though the historical coming of Jesus as a baby is over and done, the Lord still comes to us. That is why being a Christian in a certain sense is inextricably tied to the Lord Who comes to us. The foundation of the Church occurred when the first disciples did not know what to expect or where the Risen Lord would show up. The Early Christians lived in the expectation of the Second Coming. The last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, ends with this plea: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

The Scriptures give us two images of waiting with expectation – a pregnant woman and the farmer. While the pregnant woman awaits the birth of her child, the farmer is eager to gather in the harvest. Both of them are filled with hope and because of that hope they are ready to wait, as long as it takes. Some Early Christians were disappointed because the Lord did not return during their lifetime. Even after two millennia we are still waiting.

We, Americans, are not good at waiting. Waiting often makes us impatient. We are a people of action who like to get things done as soon as possible. We are not called upon to wait as we wait for a bus or a train. We are not asked to wait as we anxiously wait for test results. We are asked to wait with hope. Just like Mary and Joseph, we await the coming of the Savior knowing that His arrival brought about a new era.

We need to live this sense of expectancy during this season. We should live it also all through the year. We should keep our hearts and minds open to the Lord Who comes to us in various ways and different contexts. However, there are certain avenues that are more privileged than others. From the earliest times, Christians knew that the coming of the Lord in the Eucharist holds a special place in our faith and life. It is to the Eucharist that we come. It is from the Eucharist that we go back into the world to transform it and make it holy. The life of the parish centers around the Sunday Eucharist. As a pastor, my fervent prayer every Sunday is that all members of our faith community gather around the altar to be nourished by God's Word and filled with the Body and Blood of the Lord. That is why in my talks to parents and children, whether they are in our school or in religious education, I try to encourage them to come to Sunday Mass regularly.

I encourage you to come to the Eucharist especially during this Advent season. The bulletin contains our Christmas schedule. Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to come to St Paul's. Perhaps there is someone in your neighborhood who hasn't been to Church in a while. Here is a great opportunity to invite him/her to celebrate the Eucharist with us. Ask them to be a part of your family as you participate in the Eucharist. Very often people need a little nudge or a kind invitation.

As we engage in "expectant waiting," let us slow down a bit. Let us take time for things that matter: our faith, our family and our friends. Let us set aside time for prayer – individually and as a family. Let us open the Scriptures and read the story of Jesus' birth. Let us recount the story to our children. Let us prepare gifts that come from the heart. Let us take time to write love notes to all those we love.

Come, Lord Jesus! We wait expectantly.

Yours warmly,

Fr. Brito

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas

3:00 pm - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel & MPLC Gym
 5:00 pm - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel
 5:00 pm - Family Mass MPLC Gym
 Prelude Harp: 11:00 pm - Upper Church
 Prelude Choir: 11:30 pm - Upper Church
 Midnight Mass: 12:00 am - Upper Church

Wednesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 am - Upper Church
 9:00 am - Upper Church
 10:30 am - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel
 12:00 pm - Upper Church & Holy Family Chapel

Tuesday, December 31—Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

4:30 pm - Upper Church

Wednesday, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am - Upper Church
 10:30 am - Upper church



**We have a significant need for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers
 for all our Christmas and New Years Masses! Sign up sheets are in the Sacristy.
 Please consider volunteering.**



As has been our parish tradition, we will
 have **Oplatki Christmas Wafers**
 available in the Upper Church Sacristy
 and the Rectory. \$2 donation is appreciated.



Christmas Week– Weekday Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, December 24 : 8:30am Mass only. There will be no Confessions.
 Thursday, December 26: 8:30am Mass only. No Confessions.
 Friday, December 27: Usual Mass times 6:25am & 8:30am.**

Weekday Rectory Office Hours Christmas Week

Tuesday, December 24: 9am - 12pm
 Wednesday, December 25: Office Closed
 Thursday, December 26: Office Closed
 Friday, December 27: 9:00am - 4:30pm
 Saturday, December 28: 9:00am - 4:30pm

New Year's Week

Tuesday, December 31: 9:00am - 12pm
 Wednesday, January 1 : Office Closed

A Note from the Ushers

Christmas Eve Services will once again be very
 busy, especially all of the 3pm Services.
 Seating will fill up early.

We will do our best to accommodate all.
 For those who arrive late,
 the Parish Life Center will be your best option.



THIS WEEKEND!



St. Nicholas Party
This Sunday, December 8
10:00 a.m. to 12:30
Morello Parish Life Center

Please join us and
get into the Spirit of
Christmas!



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
APOSTOLATE
of **WOMEN**
EST. 1941



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS DOMESTIC ABUSE ADVOCACY GROUP (DAAG)

Did You Know?

According to the Park Ridge Police Department and Social Worker, there is an average of 5 calls per week in our community pertaining to Domestic Violence.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE 1-800-799-7233
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)



SOCIAL SERVICE
MINISTRIES

ADRIENNE TIMM, DIRECTOR

(847) 692-6767 adriennetimm@spc-church.org

Queen of Peace Guild and the Men's Club checked our clients in and offered everyone a turkey and all the fixings for side dishes to round out their Thanksgiving meals.



What a great way to begin the season of giving. Not sure who felt most, blessed, ..the givers or receivers! Amen.

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Adopt a family wish lists are now available

Family wish lists are available for our needy families in the area.

Wish lists include coats, boots, casual clothing, household items, books, toys, etc.

Families come in all sizes from individuals to families of 6.

We ask that you spend **\$50 per family member** to help make Christmas wishes come true.

Drop off for gifts will take place on
Friday, December 20 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
3 p.m. — 6 p.m.

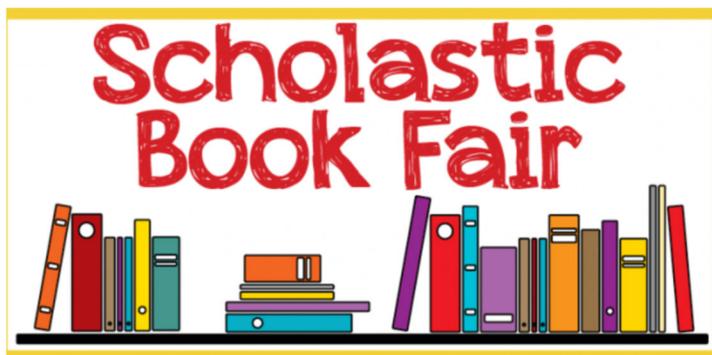
Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate early drop offs. Storage is not available.

Wrap all gifts individually and put nametags on them. Include gift receipts, especially for clothes.

Put the wrapped gifts in a big bag (s), tie with a bow, and tape the family number on the outside.

If you would like to anonymously adopt a needy family or individual for Christmas, please contact Adrienne Timm, at Social Service Ministry, 847-692-6767 - adriennetimm@spc-church.org





Scholastic Book Fair **TODAY!**

Kinane Center Library
 Sunday, December 8th
 9:00am to 1:30pm.

Every purchase from the book fair earns rewards for our school, so please stop by and support us.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For all young adults
 in their 20s & 30s,
 single or married

Our next meeting:
 Wednesday, December 11th at
 7:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

Join us for an evening of fellowship.
 We hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Beshar: beshare@hotmail.com

Welcome to St. Paul of the Cross.....

Register as a Parishioner
 Please join us on the First Sunday of each month in the Parish Life Center.

Update your information... Have you moved? Married? Changed your phone number or email address? Help us keep our information accurate. Call the parish office (847-825-7605) with your new information.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter...
 We would love to send you our e-newsletter that features the SPC events. Visit our website home page and look for the Newsletter sign up area.

Download our Parish App... stay connected with all the news and events here at SPC.

Praying With Scripture

Come join Praying with Scripture as we let the Holy Spirit guide us through meditation and reflection on the Sacred Scripture.
*No experience necessary.
 All are welcome!*

**Thursdays at 7:30pm
 in the Kinane Center**

For more information, feel free to call Beshar at 847-858-2374.

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PARISH-WIDE PARTICIPATION SOUGHT FOR SAINT BENEDICT THE AFRICAN GIFT CERTIFICATE GIVING TREES



St. Benedict the African is very close in our thoughts and prayers during the Church year. At Christmas time, in particular, we try to reach out to our sister parish in a significant way. Sister Joanne Delehanty from St. Benedict the African (East) has asked our parish to participate in helping parishioners through gift certificates. She explains it this way:

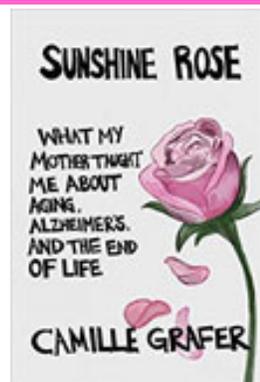
Being church is about living the challenging values the Gospel holds up constantly before us, justice & charity certainly being among them. The reality of being Church in our world isn't easy. Perhaps a concentrated focus on gifts at Christmas misses some larger issues of what separates us, what our image of our self as an inner city parish is.

Gift certificates would allow us, at our discretion, to meet more needs over a broader range of time than just the Christmas holiday. It would allow people the great gift of their own purchase. People who have no cooking facilities welcome an occasional certificate to a local fast-food Restaurant. McDonald's & Kentucky Fried Chicken are nearby. Also welcome are certificates from Kmart, Target, Walgreens, Jewel & Walmart which are a source for diapers and formula as well as toys. Also, gas cards, such as Marathon or Mobil would be greatly appreciated.

Giving Trees will be located at all entrances of the upper & lower church. Please take a **green** envelope hanging from the branches & either: **1)** purchase a certificate at one or more of the businesses listed above, *or* **2)** enclose cash for us to purchase certificates in your name.

Please deposit green envelopes in the rectory mail drop or the Offertory collection basket during December.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Harris of St. Jude Guild, 708-738-0077, debbie@tripilates.com.



Camille Grafer, Kindergarten teacher at St. Paul of the Cross School for many years, has published a book about her mother's experience with Alzheimer's. With grace and humor, Mrs. Grafer gives sound advice to others who may be caring for an elderly relative in their own home or searching for a safe nursing home.

The St. Paul family plays a central role in the book as sources of great strength and support during that time. Mrs. Grafer often took groups of students and their parents to visit the home where her mother lived in her later years, thus introducing them to the apostolate of caring for the elderly.

Sunshine Rose: What My Mother Taught Me About Aging, Alzheimer's, and the End of Life is available online from Amazon and Barnes and Noble in paperback, Kindle, and Nook forms.

It is also available from the Park Ridge Library.

https://www.amazon.com/Sunshine-Rose-Mother-Alzheimers-Teachers/dp/1732698902/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=Camille+grafer&qid=1573155738&s=books&sr=1-1

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/sunshine-rose-camille-grafer/1129986818?ean=9781732698901>



PARISH NURSE NOTES.....

Hello everyone! Are we all dizzy yet?



About this time during the pre-holiday rush, many of us are probably feeling dizzy with busy-ness. Hopefully, we are not experiencing that other dizziness which is far more unpleasant and unwelcome. Our vestibular system “includes the inner ear balance organs and the parts of the brain that coordinate and process balance information”. The balance organs give vital information “about motion, equilibrium and spatial orientation”. Our vestibular system helps us to have clear vision during movements. This system can be “compromised in many ways”.

A viral infection, Meniere’s disease, (one disorder that affects inner ear fluid levels), trauma, benign tumors and “age-related degeneration”, can all contribute to vestibular problems. Experiencing dizziness is a common complaint bringing folks to the physician.

Dizziness is a sensation of being lightheaded, unsteady, or even fainting. Vertigo is a “perception of movement or whirling of the self or surrounding objects”. Disequilibrium is being unsteady, not balanced and often partnered with a spacial disorientation, (ie: when watching a 3-D movie and “momentarily perceiving an illusion of moving or falling as the images rush past”). Some causes of dizziness are “non-vestibular”, ie: a heart arrhythmia , or irregular heartbeat perhaps causing less blood to flow to the brain; dehydration can produce lightheadedness and fatigue; rapid breathing or hyperventilation causing a loss of carbon dioxide in the body; certain medications both prescribed and over-the-counter; multiple sclerosis and peripheral neuropathy, diminished nerve function of the legs and feet, causing unsteadiness; stress, tension, fatigue, all causing our brain stem to function less efficiently; decreased blood flow to the brain as a result of dehydration, arteriosclerosis, (narrowing of the openings in the vertebrae in the neck where blood vessels flow due to osteoarthritis), “orthostatic hypotension”, (becoming dizzy after sitting or reclining and standing too quickly), and perhaps vision disturbances occurring with a new pair of eyeglasses.

There are also many causes of dizziness as the result of vestibular problems. An acoustic growth, (neuroma) is a benign tumor growing on the vestibular-cochlear nerve. Autoimmune disorders can cause vestibular problems, ie: systemic lupus, Sjogren”syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, etc.. Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo results from “loose debris” collecting in part of the inner ear while head injury or the degeneration of inner ear hair cells from aging can cause vestibular problems.

Neck problems can cause disequilibrium and disorientation. Migraine-headache-associated-vertigo, as well as otitis media, an infection of the middle ear, as mentioned before, Meniere’s disease, and otosclerosis, an abnormal growth of bone in the middle ear that prevents structures in the middle ear from working properly, are some vestibular problems causing lightheadedness, dizziness, disequilibrium, etc., which can be mild or severe, possibly restricting a normal lifestyle.

The ENT (ear, nose and throat), physician can help with medication, positional exercises, etc.. (The ENT physician associated with vestibular problems is officially known as an otolaryngologist, practicing otolaryngology.) Till next week let’s remember in the midst of all the busy-ness this Christmas wish, “may peace be our gift at Christmas and our blessing all year through. Fondly,

Linda Burk

Senior Singles Moving On

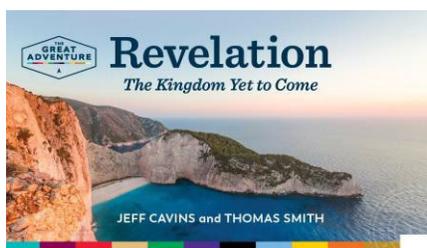
Senior Singles will attend **the 10:30 Mass, on December 15th, in the upper church**, in lieu of a meeting, on December 22nd. Several pews have been reserved in the front of the church, as you enter on the Washington St. side. Immediately following Mass we will enjoy brunch, at the Park Ridge Country Club. Reservations for the brunch are now closed.

Senior Singles meet on the fourth Sunday of every month, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

The location may vary during the next few months.

For information contact Loretta Fleischmann, 847-696-3061, lfeischmann@sbcglobal.net
or Helen Roppel, 847-823-2998, hmroppel@gmail.com.

Bible Study by Jeff Cavins
Revelation: *The Kingdom Yet to Come*



An Eleven-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins (Presenter)

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins will explore Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in Salvation History.

Weekly Study Sequence: Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings

Home preparation - Read the Bible and answer the homework questions in the Study Set, which are a way to learn from within the heart of the Church.

Small group discussion - Small group discussion begins each class session. Participants share what they have learned and glean from others' insights to get a fuller understanding of the passages they have read, followed with answers provided to the Study Set questions as an aid.

Video Lecture - Follows discussion and presents a Catholic perspective of the readings.

St. Paul of the Cross will be hosting *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*. Hospitality will be provided before and during breaks. Classes begin Wednesday, January 8th 2020 at 7:00PM until 9:00PM and Thursday the 9th at 9:30AM until 11:30AM.

For more information see the page and video at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come> and discuss with George Kirkland at 847-692-3251 or email George@GeorgeSue.com.

Student workbooks are \$30 and required. Register for class and pay by credit card at spc-church.org/Revelation or fill out reservation form below and pay by check.

Registration Form: Checks with this form may be given to the Parish staff

Name(s): _____ Number of Students: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Paul of the Cross Church with memo: Revelation



In November, Apostolate of Women members came together to worship at a special Mass. During the Offertory, a representative from each guild brought a gift to the Altar that was representative of their guild. The AOW Woman of the Year, Mary Lusignan, was also honored at this Mass and brought up a Rosary that held special meaning to her and her family. It was a beautiful representation of women, goodwill, community and faith.



Pictured: A representative from each guild, AOW board members and Father Britto at the AOW Mass



AOW Woman of the Year, Mary Lusignan, with her husband, Lou, and daughter, Terri Bobek



PARISH EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

What will your legacy be? Please consider making a lasting gift to the Parish Educational Endowment Fund. For more information, please contact Joan Macpherson at St. Paul of the Cross: 847-825-7605, ext. 2249.

3 Early Bulletin Deadlines in December!

December 22 Bulletin due Tuesday, December 10 by 12pm.

December 29 Bulletin due Monday December 16 by 12pm.

January 5 Bulletin due Friday December 20 by noon.

Thank you! Lisa Pasquinelli

lisapasquinelli@spc-church.org

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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 — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (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).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Common of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: International Human Rights Day

Wednesday: St. Damasus I

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: St. Lucy

Saturday: St. John of the Cross

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

—Peter Scagnelli,



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

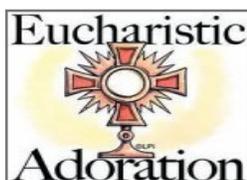
PREPARATION MAKES ADVENT PERSONAL

The celebration of Advent involves the excitement of the approaching birth of Jesus. However, the active aspect of this season involves preparing oneself to receive the Christ Child. Making oneself a proper recipient of the blessings of this glorious event involves an assessment of one's spiritual condition. Secular preparations for this occasion many times interfere with the spiritual preparation. Purchasing presents to give to others, which is honorable if done properly and parties celebrating the joy of the season, if overdone, can dominate one's attention and interfere with the spiritual work needed by one to ensure having a blessed Advent.

*If the excitement of Christ's Birth is lost to us, if there is no personal preparation, we have no Advent.
If we do not realize that we are talking about Salvation, our personal Salvation, and if we do not focus on or see the significance of the love of our Father in heaven, who values each one of us so much that He is sending His Son to save us, we have no Advent.
If we have no appreciation for the significance of the season's impact on our spiritual destiny, we have no Advent.*

In the peaceful stillness of our Adoration Chapel, we pray to capture the true meaning of Advent, what it means and what we have to do to reap its benefits. As with so many gifts offered to us by God, we must act upon them to receive them. Any gift, if not opened, is useless. By taking the time to visit the Chapel and adoring Jesus in the Real Presence, we personally participate in Advent and say,

"Welcome, Jesus, we have been waiting for You."



If you choose an hour which already has one Committed Adorer, this enables the Committed Adorers for that hour to have some flexibility, if they are unable to be at the Chapel for their hour.

ONE COMMITTED ADORER HOURS

Day	Night	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sun	5 am	8 am*	5 pm	10 pm*
Mon	3 am	10 am*	12 pm	11 pm
Tues	2 am	8 am*	1 pm*	10 pm*
Wed	1 am	7 am*	12 pm	6 pm*
Thur	4 am	9 am*	5 pm*	8 pm*
Fri	3 am	8 am*	5 pm*	11 pm*
Sat	2 am	10 am	3 pm	7 pm

OPEN HOUR – NONE

**This hour has 2 Committed Adorers 1 more Adorer is required*

Can You Share One Hour With Our Lord?

Please contact Vince Ross vrossvr@comcast.net or (847) 692-7565



Christmas Shoebox Project

Sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Guild



We are pleased to invite you to participate in St. Paul of the Cross's Annual Christmas Shoebox Project for disadvantaged men and women. Your boxes will be given to several of organizations serving the Chicagoland area.

To make your shoebox:

Line it with tissue paper, wrap in Christmas paper with the lid separate.

DO NOT SEAL OR TAPE SHUT as each box must be opened and checked.

Include **2 or More** items from each group below. If you can, put all 4 clothing items. Add a Christmas card or note signed: *From a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.* Mark on the outside "MAN" or "WOMAN." Place a sturdy rubber band around the box.

New Clothing Items

- Knit Hats
- Gloves or Mittens
- Socks
- Scarves

Toiletries

Travel/sample sizes of:

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/soap/comb/brush
- Face/hand lotion
- NO MOUTHWASH
- NO HAND SANITIZER

Odds 'N Ends

- Playing cards
- Kleenex (small pkgs.)
- Puzzles or books
- Wet ones
- Pens/pencils/stationery

Edibles

Small packaged snacks, for example:

- Cheese and crackers
- Granola bars
- Cookies
- Candy, etc.

Collection Dates:

Directed Study:	Dec. 3 & 5
Sunday Catechesis:	Dec. 8 & 15
Regular & Family Catechesis & CGS	Dec. 3, 5, 10 & 12
Liturgical Based	Dec. 8 & 15 (leave in back of Holy Family Chapel)
St. Paul Students	week of Dec. 8
All Parishioners (leave at church entrances BEFORE mass)	Dec. 7, 8 & 14, 15

Questions: call Marcy Calkins (847) 542-3486
Thank you for your support...May God bless you!

Attention: 6th, 7th and 8th Graders Looking for Service Hours

You can help us with the shoeboxes on the above days at the following times:
 4-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays



To sign up contact: **Debbie Russo** at russonet@sbcglobal.net, home: 847-692-2817 or cell: 847-875-2438.
 Volunteers meet in the kitchen off of the Holy Family Chapel (church basement).

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9— The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:25 Healing for Sr. Theresia Maria,
Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:30 Casimer Zawis, Alyce Brunke, Joseph Sebastian

Tuesday, December 10 - Weekday

- 6:25 Jose Arango Menendez, Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:30 Frank Kemp, Theodore Koeune, Healing &
Blessings for Joanne Stewart, The Dockery Family

Wednesday, December 11 –Weekday

- 6:25 Special Intention of Thanksgiving,
Blessings for George & Leticia Lacson
8:30 Howard Lafin, Theodore Koeune,
Jacqueline Shadinger, Francis & Andrew Jaworski

Thursday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 6:25 Paul & Estelle Merk,
Blessing for John & Kristina McConnico,
Blessings on Jill LeCompte and Family
8:30 Casimer Zawis, Tim Heyer, John Carolan,
Theodore Koeune

Friday, December 13 - St. Lucy

- 6:25 Special Intention for Thanksgiving,
George, Francis & Mylo Lacson
8:30 Philip James, Robert Wilkening, John Newell

Saturday, December 14– St. John of the Cross

- 8:00 John Reckert, Janina Scislo,
Lawrence & Helen Ciebien
2:30 Wedding Brian Grice & Elizabeth Cozzi
4:30 UP Peter & Mildred Tortorello, Jose Almendarez,
Joan Dale, Joan Melby, Jack Privatsky,
Joseph Sebastian
4:30 DN Julia Prindiville,
MaryAnne & Cathleen Marie Novak

Sunday, December 15-Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 UP Edward Kurtz
9:00 UP Maria Ziarko, Stefania Derba,
Barbara Matousek, People of the Parish
Rosann McClintock-Sattler
9:00 DN Healings for Sherry Ingram,
Special intention Noland Family
10:30 UP Walter Fleischmann, Filip Junkovic,
Mara, Olga & Peter Pekic, Jim McCurley,
Marie McMahan
10:30 DN Catherine Jarzombek
12:00 UP Pat, Mary & Bonnie Hughes, Lucia DeBon,
Alicia Murillo
5:30 UP Thanksgiving & Healing for Jakobik Family

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule - December 14 & 15

Day & Time	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 4:30 up	Fr. Peter	Nowak Wilkening	Cichon-Feeney, Feeney, Korz Oppedisano, Ramirez, Sullivan Welton	DeMott Diez Gillani
Saturday 4:30 dn	Fr. Britto	Hogan Prindiville		Nowak Volunteer
Sunday 7:30	Fr. Britto	Cooney Dickerhofe	Jarosch, Klaes, Podlin, Scanlan Stone, Weitzel, Zanzerin-Kulasik	Finlay Suderski Suderski
Sunday 9:00 up	Fr. Matthew	Holmquist Tallman	Buggy, Bull, Francis, Fuller Hernandez, Kaufman, Vivona	Rumsa Russell Sheehan
Sunday 9:00 dn	Fr. Britto	Teen Teen		Jefson Sikora
Sunday 10:30 up	Fr. Peter	Soifer Madden	Alpert-Zeunik, Limperis, Naples Olyva, Peisker, Scheller, Vallejo	Cedeno Gawronski Vaughan
Sunday 10:30 dn	Visitor	Muench Haley		Petrella Volunteer
Sunday 12:00	Fr. Matthew	Naum Johnson	Adlaf, DePaul, Dobrowski Gullo, Keefe, Solari-Twadell Teich	Fletcher Torina Torina
Sunday 5:30 up	Fr. Peter	Machon		Stanton Stanton

Please Remember....

Those Who Are Ill:

Vincent Albachiaro, Sue Beaumont,
John Brunke, Michael Campanelli,
Bryan Charnot, Patty Dunlavy,
George Fitzsimons, Jim Gerke,
Maggie Gotski, Paul Hinz,
Sherry Ingram, Therese Kodner,
Mary Kurkowski, Mark Lawrin,
Mark McCoy, Kathy McLaughry,
Marlene Matousek, Jim McMahan,
Pat Mulcrone, Mike O'Donnell,
Rose Parisi,
Baby Zahrabelle Pulickal,
Diane Rey, Charlie Selinka,
Edward Scannicchio,
Michael Scannicchio,
Dominick Sharkey, Lois Ann Suter,
Paul Suter, Henry Szapielak,
Patricia Tagliavore,
Maria Rose Talarico.
Dominic A. Vecchio, Amanda Velez,
John Vittalto, Owen Walker,
Kazimiera Wasylwi, Peter Wasylwi,
Carole Williams, Ava Zacharuk,

In Loving Memory:

George P. Boesen, Jr.
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*Our prayers go out to all who serve our country....
God bless our men and women in service.*



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Sunday: 7:30 AM
9:00 AM (Up & Down)
10:30 AM (Up & Down)
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Monday - Friday: 6:25 AM
8:30 AM (confessions 8-8:15 AM)

Saturday: 8:00 AM
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Up & Down)
(confessions 3:00PM—4:00 PM
Reconciliation Room in vestibule)

BAPTISMS

Every Sunday at 1:15 PM
Baptismal preparation class is required
and provided on The 4th Thursday every
month at 7pm.
(Contact the Parish office to register
for Baptism/Baptismal prep class).

MARRIAGES

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

First Sunday of every month in the
Morello Parish Life Center from 8:30 AM—12:00PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of each month: After the 8:00 AM Mass.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the rectory

ROSARY

Monday - Friday: Prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Saturday: Prayed after the 8:00 AM Mass.

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