

# ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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

JOSHUA 24:15



*Second Sunday of*

# *Advent*

December 5, 2021

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.

Baruch 5:5

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### MASS

Monday through Friday 6:25 am (Upper Church)  
8:30 am (Upper Church)

Saturday 8:00 am (Upper Church) - *weekday Mass*  
4:30 pm (Upper Church and HFC) - *vigil*

Sunday 7:30 am (Upper Church)  
9:00 am (Upper Church)  
10:30 am (Upper Church and HFC)  
12:00 pm (Upper Church)

**MASKS ARE  
REQUIRED FOR  
ENTRY TO  
THIS FACILITY**



**Please note: Our 9:00 am HFC Mass is postponed  
until re-evaluation in January 2022**

### MONDAY EVENINGS OF PRAYER

*(including Adoration, Vespers, confession, Benediction)*

Monday evenings from 5:30 — 7:30 pm

### CONFESSION

Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 8:15 am (Upper Church)  
Monday only 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Upper Church)  
Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Upper Church)

### FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

### WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

### BAPTISMS

Sunday



#### **Kathryn Marie Ponzio**

daughter of Michael and Kimberly Ponzio

#### **Isla Mae Wilson**

daughter of Kyle and Erin Wilson

#### **Michael Owen Schultz**

son of Eric and Kathleen Schultz

#### **James Michael Allegretti**

son of Michael and Katelyn Allegretti

#### **Colin Michael Daly**

son of Aaron and Kileen Daly

#### **John Wayne Krass II**

son of Kevin and Lindsay Krass

#### **Grace Serafina DiMenna**

daughter of Greg and Danielle DiMenna

#### **Olivia Rose Fox**

daughter of Matthew and Dina Fox

#### **Alexander Ignatius Centioli**

son of Lauren and Rebecca Centioli

#### **Ava Elizabeth Watt**

daughter of William and Marissa Watt



**III Ryan Lemenager and Meredith Machon**

**II Daniel Blauw and Colleen Lahart**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Monday** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

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

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

**Thursday** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**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** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



## YEAR-END LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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DECEMBER 5, 2021



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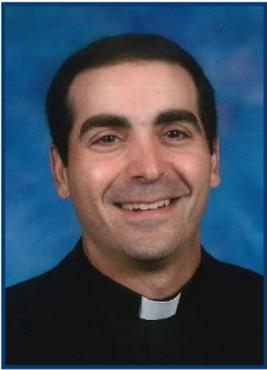
**SECOND**

**Sunday**  
OF *Advent*

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

## LETTER FROM A PASTOR TO HIS PEOPLE



Dear Parishioners,

I've been asked quite frequently what my "vision" is for Saint Paul of the Cross; what I hope to "do" as pastor here. I'm usually stumped for an answer. (Cue folks at the Archdiocese smacking their foreheads.) I mean, I love being a priest and I want to do the Lord's will. I want to preach

Christ, to share my own love for Jesus with you all, and for you all to similarly love the Lord. That's all I can really discern concretely right now that Jesus wants me to do for the parish: to help you all simply increase your love for God.

Saint Paul was a pastor. His words from our second reading (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11) sum it up best. Let me parse it out for you (his words are in *italics*, followed by mine).

*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.* Yes, I pray for you everyday. And you and I are partners in the Gospel. Together we learn about Jesus, we reflect on him and on our lives, and we try to show others the faith.

*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.* There is good in each of you. God is making it grow as we speak. I am just a facilitator.

*God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.* I love you. No, don't run from me the next time you see me. It's hard to describe, but it's the love of Jesus in my heart loving you. Priests are conduits of grace. We receive a transplant of the Sacred Heart.

*And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more...* what I said above! I want you to love God. Not 'join this ministry' or 'give money' or 'bring me beer' (all good and will be received, but not fundamental). Love God.

*... in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...* we need to be people who discern spirits, who do the Lord's will and reject anything contrary to it.

*... 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.* When you pray and love God, you are pure. Purity brings peace and fulfillment.

The "day of Christ" is now, so let's together love God this day, this Advent.



This Sunday, December 5th at the 10:30am UC Mass will be the **RCIA Rite of Acceptance** for those individuals preparing to enter fully the Catholic Church this upcoming Easter. We have a nice group and I'm grateful to Beshar Behjat for leading RCIA. Beshar also coordinates our Thursday *Lectio Divina* prayer group and young adult group. Feel free to email him if you are interested in joining either of those groups.

**SPC School** will have its Advent Reconciliation services in the gym this Monday and Tuesday. There will be a special school Mass on Wednesday, December 8th at 10am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Friday, December 10th is the school Christmas concert for the younger grades and Saturday is one of the drive-in movies in the parking lot at 6pm.

On Tuesday, December 7th, the AOW will hold its traditional "**shoebox collection.**" In the past, 1,200 shoeboxes of toiletries have been collected and distributed to the poor. Thank you for your donations and thank you especially to the St. Catherine of Siena Guild for organizing this.

Wednesday, December 8th is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.** We will have 6:25am, 8:30am, 10am (school), 12:05pm, and 7:30pm Masses in the UC.

In case you've missed it, our **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel** is up and running, so please stop in to adore the Lord.

The **Social Services Ministry** is continuing to collect \$25 and \$50 Walmart gift cards which we will distribute to the poor prior to Christmas. And *Oplatki* Christmas wafers are on sale in the rectory office and in the sacristy in between Masses.

Yours in Christ,

## REFLECTIONS FROM OUR SEMINARIANS AND STAFF



### MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD, DISCERN WHAT IS OF VALUE, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD

Our readings for this week focus on the Advent theme of preparation. The Prophet Baruch announces good tidings, a time of joy and peace and glory: *“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.”* In our Gospel John the Baptist quotes the Prophet Isaiah, *“Prepare the way of the Lord... The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”* Finally, St. Paul writes, *“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.”* All three readings refer to Christ’s *adventus*, His arrival in history — Baruch and John prophesy the Incarnation and Paul anticipates His second coming.

What does this preparation mean for us? The event of the Incarnation has already happened and we’ve been awaiting the second coming for over 2,000 years. But how do we welcome Christ today, here and now? How do we give Him lordship of our hearts as we prepare for this Christmas? The answer of the saints is detachment — the disposition to let go of everything that prevents us from growing closer to God. This obviously means letting go of sinful attitudes and behaviors, but it can also mean sacrificing good things — whether that’s a meal, an episode of a favorite show, a sports game, or a favorite podcast in the car — in order to make more room for the best thing in life, our relationship with Jesus. When we make small sacrifices to spend time with the Lord — to put first things first — we not only find rest but also discover a capacity to love and serve others that we couldn’t manufacture on our own. Rather than exhaust us with a frenzy of shopping, baking, and decorating, Advent is meant to re-center us in Christ. Let’s take advantage of this season to “discern what is of value” and recommit our lives to prayer and the Sacraments.

*Martin Nyberg*

Martin Nyberg, 2nd Year Seminarian

### MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

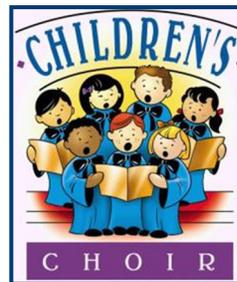
As we approach Christmas, the adult choir is busy preparing for Midnight Mass. We began rehearsing music for Christmas back in September when folks were still in t-shirts and shorts and the temperature felt more like summertime. Although we were limited last year by the pandemic, this year, the choir will be accompanied by organ and a full complement of strings and brass. In addition, Joy Thomas will provide 30 minutes of beautiful harp music before the choir begins their prelude. I encourage everyone to attend Midnight Mass, and to come early to enjoy both new and familiar carols sung and played by our superb choir and musicians.

The schedule is as follows:

11:00 pm – Harp Music

11:30 pm – Choral Prelude

12:00 am – Midnight Mass



### CHILDREN’S CHOIR IS BACK!

Children’s choir rehearsals begin **Monday, January 10**

Rehearsals are every Monday, from 4:30 – 5:30 pm in Duffin Hall (door A12 - located in the rectory basement).

The children’s choir sings at one Saturday 4:30 pm Mass every month. It’s a GREAT way to enhance your child’s participation in the liturgy.

Visit [www.spc-church.org](http://www.spc-church.org) to register or for more information, e-mail our Director of Music, Ed Eicker at [edwardeicker@spc-church.org](mailto:edwardeicker@spc-church.org)

*Ed Eicker*

Ed Eicker, Director of Music



## YEAR-END LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### MONDAY EVENINGS OF PRAYER

*Adoration, Vespers, Confession, and Benediction*

Monday evenings  
5:30-7:30 pm Upper Church

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

6:25 am Upper Church  
8:30 am Upper Church  
12:05 pm Upper Church  
7:30 pm Upper Church

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

3:00 pm Upper Church and HFC  
5:00 pm Upper Church and HFC  
11:00 pm Upper Church *Prelude Harp*  
11:30 pm Upper Church *Prelude Choir*  
Midnight Upper Church

### CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

7:30 am Upper Church  
9:00 am Upper Church  
10:30 am Upper Church  
12:00 pm Upper Church

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

7:30 am Upper Church  
9:00 am Upper Church  
10:30 am Upper Church *Note: no HFC Mass*  
12:00 pm Upper Church

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS SCHEDULE

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

8:30 am Upper Church

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

*Mary, Mother of God Saturday Morning Mass*

9:00 am Upper Church

*Vigil of the Epiphany*

4:30 pm Upper Church

### EPIPHANY MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

7:30 am Upper Church  
9:00 am Upper Church  
10:30 am Upper Church *Note: no HFC Mass*  
12:00 pm Upper Church

## OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

As has been our parish tradition, we will have Oplatki Christmas Wafers (4 wafers per pack) available for purchase at the Rectory office and in the Sacristy in between Masses.

They can be purchased beginning December 4th through December 22nd. A suggested \$2 donation is appreciated.



### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday through Friday**

8 am — 4:30 pm

**Saturday**

9:30 am — 1:30 pm



SOCIAL SERVICE  
MINISTRIES

## WALMART GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Last year, we distributed Walmart cards instead of gifts to the families who qualified. We did not know how the cards instead of gifts would be received. Thankfully, an overwhelming number of clients preferred the cards. Mothers, fathers, and grandparents really appreciated being able to shop for their own families and know what would be under the tree before Christmas morning.

**This year 175 families qualify.** We ask for your support by donating \$25 and \$50 Wal-Mart gift cards to our Social Service Ministry. We would like every family member to receive a \$50 Walmart gift card. **We need to collect over 700 cards to make it happen!**

Please drop all Walmart cards and monetary donations by December 15th in the locked black box outside of the rectory door. Kindly write **ATTN: ADRIENNE TIMM on the outside envelope:** Please write checks to **SPC – Social Service Ministry**

Questions? Contact [adriennetimm@spc-church.org](mailto:adriennetimm@spc-church.org)



# Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross



## MONDAY EVENINGS OF PRAYER

### UPPER CHURCH

5:30 pm — 7:30 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Evening Prayer (*Vespers*)

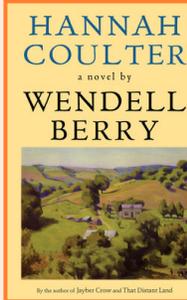
6:30 pm — 7:00 pm  
Confessions

7:10 pm  
Talk on Prayer

7:30 pm  
Benediction

## BOOK CLUB

JANUARY 3, 2022



We will discuss **Hannah Coulter**, by Wendell Berry at our next meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022. Copies of the book are

available now at the Readers Service desk at the Park Ridge Public Library.

For those wanting to get a jump start on our book for the January 31st meeting, we will discuss **The Picture of Dorian Gray**, by Oscar Wilde.

*Happy reading!*

## December MORNING COFFEE CUP CORNERS

DECEMBER 7th AND 21st



Fr. James and Fr. Nick invite you to join them for a cup of coffee, sweet treat, and conversation on the first and third Tuesday of each month after our 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am in Duffin Hall.

Whether you attend Mass, pray the rosary, or just want to stop in to say hello, *all are welcome!*

## PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

THURSDAYS AT 7:30 pm  
KINANE CENTER (1st floor)

Come join Praying with Scripture as we let the Holy Spirit guide us through meditation and reflection on the Sacred Scripture. If you would like to join, please email [beshare@hotmail.com](mailto:beshare@hotmail.com).



*No experience necessary.  
All are welcome!*



Here's how to sign up online:

1. Go to [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com)
2. Under Find, enter **rectory** and password **4949**
3. Click on the word TAKE for the date you'd like
4. Enter your name, email address, phone number, and what you will be making for dinner
5. Click SIGN UP

**Don't have a computer or have questions?**

Contact Patricia O'Brien  
[patriciaobrien@spc-church.org](mailto:patriciaobrien@spc-church.org)  
847-825-7605

## PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Come join St. Paul of the Cross Men's Club members 21+ as we play pick-up basketball. We meet in the Morello Parish Life Center Gym on the dates noted below:

**Thursday, December 9:** 9:15 pm  
**Sunday, December 19:** 8:30 pm  
**December 23/24:** OFF  
**Thursday, December 30:** 9:15 pm  
**Sunday, January 2:** 8:30 pm



For more information, contact Jerry at [geraldbrett@gmail.com](mailto:geraldbrett@gmail.com) or Doug at [dmahone1@gmail.com](mailto:dmahone1@gmail.com).

# Additional Opportunities

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS



Low gluten hosts are available. If you require one, please make sure to take Communion from the presiding priest, letting him know before receiving. If you have any questions, please check with one of our ushers before Mass.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th  
10:00 am — 1:30 pm  
Parish Life Center

The upcoming Scholastic Book Fair will be open to the public on Sunday, December 5th from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. Feel free to stop by after Mass to support this important fundraiser for St. Paul of the Cross school.



*All are welcome!*

**Masks are required**



For more information, please visit:

[www.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulofthecrossschool21](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulofthecrossschool21)

## WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

- Sign up for online giving at [www.givecentral.org/location/133/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/133/allevants)



- Sign up for ACH payments through your bank account
- Mail your gift to the parish office: 320 S. Washington, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Contact Sandy Labouvie with any questions:

**847-825-7605, x2249**

[sandylabouvie@spc-church.org](mailto:sandylabouvie@spc-church.org)

## ADVENT SMALL GROUP

THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 7-8 pm, BEGINNING DECEMBER 2nd

*Join any time throughout the season!*



Are you looking for something to bring a bit more meaning to your Advent experience this year?

Over the last year, parishioners from Our Lady of Hope Mission, along with members of other area parishes, have been meeting to reflect together on the Sunday Mass readings and to create a community centered in Scripture, liturgy, and personal prayer. The group is led by Tom Wetzel, assistant professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible in the Theology Department at Loyola University Chicago. Tom has taught for various programs around the archdiocese over the last several years, including the Summer Scripture Institute at Mundelein Seminary.

The members of the group invite you to join us as we gather to be shaped by our Advent anticipation and Christmas celebration.

The group will meet via Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7:00–8:00 pm, starting December 2nd and running through December 30th. All necessary materials for the meetings are provided via email, and no previous experience with either Bible study or prayer groups is necessary. **All are welcome!**

To sign up for the group or to learn more about it, please email Tom at [twetzel@luc.edu](mailto:twetzel@luc.edu).



# 2022 SPC ROUNDBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th  
through MONDAY,  
JANUARY 24th

The SPC Roundball Tournament is open to all students of good academic and behavioral standing in sixth through eighth grades. A school tradition since 2013, the ongoing success of the Roundball Tournament requires the combined efforts of the school, the Alumni Association, the Roundball committee, and the St. Paul of the Cross Men’s Club.

The SPC Roundball Tournament consists of two separate basketball tournaments for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls. Our high school-aged SPC alumni return to their alma mater to coach the teams. More than 70 alumni participate each year and have just as much fun and friendly competition as the SPC students!

Members of the SPC Men’s Club serve as announcers, and professional referees officiate. Awards are given for the champions, school spirit, and leadership.



To learn more about the tournament, visit:  
[www.spc-school.net/students/extracurricular/roundball-students](http://www.spc-school.net/students/extracurricular/roundball-students)

Please sign up online at the appropriate link below:

**SPONSORS:** <https://forms.gle/xdAgKNHvxMfdXrM88>

**COACHES:** <https://forms.gle/Av6wxFo8LW1TExm19>

**PLAYERS:** <https://forms.gle/efDsAhoANoLiqxmx5>



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[giving.archchicago.org/cga](http://giving.archchicago.org/cga)

To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact **Krystina M. Campbell**, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at **312.534.5404** or [kcampbell@archchicago.org](mailto:kcampbell@archchicago.org).



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## Pastor Al™



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2022

CHICAGO MARATHON

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2022

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED. SIGN UP ASAP!



*Run in the 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon to support Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.*

Mission OLA strives to spread the love of Jesus by providing food and basic necessities to over 3000 families a month in West Humboldt Park. Runners will get:

- Guaranteed entries into the race
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- Training help from Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, former D1 runner)

For more info, please contact Sr. Stephanie at [olamission@gmail.com](mailto:olamission@gmail.com), 773-486-8431 or visit [www.missionola.com/marathon.html](http://www.missionola.com/marathon.html)




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## Worldwide Prayer Service & Candle Lighting

*to honor and remember children who have gone too soon*



The Elizabeth Ministry of Queen of All Saints parish is honored to host The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting service this year on Sunday, December 12th.

At 7:00 p.m. local time, family and friends around the globe unite in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all or part of the service as they feel comfortable. All will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one, whose names will be read aloud during the service.

No reservation is necessary.

Masks are required at all times.

The service will be livestreamed for those who wish to join us from home. Go to [qasparish.org](http://qasparish.org) and click Live Stream Mass to join us online.

### Sunday Evening, December 12

*6:45 p.m. Program Begins  
7:00 p.m. Candle Lighting*

*Queen of All Saints Basilica  
6280 N. Sauganash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60646*

Please contact us at [elizabethministry.qas@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethministry.qas@gmail.com) with questions or to request the name of a loved one to be read during the service.



## MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

### VESPERS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

**Presider (P):** God, + come to my assistance.

**All Respond (A):** Lord, make haste to help me.

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**A:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

#### HYMN & PSALMODY

**Ant.1 P:** Yours is more than mortal beauty, every word you speak is full of grace (Psalm 45).

**Mary Side of Church (M):** My heart overflows with noble words. † To the king I must speak the song I have made; \* my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

**Joseph Side of Church (J):** You are the fairest of the children of men † and graciousness is poured upon your lips: \* because God has blessed you for evermore.

**M:** O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; † in splendor and state, ride on in triumph \* for the cause of truth and goodness and right.

**J:** Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand. † Your arrows are sharp: peoples fall beneath you. \* The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

**M:** Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. † A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom. \* Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.

**J:** Therefore God, your God, has anointed you † with the oil of gladness above other kings: \* your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.

**M:** From the ivory palace you are greeted with music. † The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. \* On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

**J:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:

**M:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

**A:** Yours is more than mortal beauty, every word you speak is full of grace.

**Ant. 2 P:** The Bridegroom is here, go out to welcome him.

**M:** Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: \* forget your own people and your father's house. So will the king desire your beauty: \* he is your lord, pay homage to him.

**J:** And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, \* the richest of the people shall seek your favor. The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor, \* her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

**M:** She is led to the king with her maiden companions. † They are escorted amid gladness and joy; \* they pass within the palace of the king.

**J:** Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: \* you will make them princes over all the earth. May this song make your name for ever remembered. \* May the peoples praise you from age to age.

**M:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:

**J:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

**A:** The Bridegroom is here, go out to welcome him.

**Ant. 3 P:** God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-10).

**M:** Praised be the God and Father \* of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ \* every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

**J:** God chose us in him \* before the world began to be holy \* and blameless in his sight.

**M:** He predestined us \* to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, † that all might praise the glorious favor \* he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

## MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

**J:** In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, \* and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous \* is God's favor to us.

**M:** God has given us the wisdom \* to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased \* to decree in Christ.

**J:** A plan to be carried out \* in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, \* in the heavens and on earth.

**M:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:

**J:** as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

**A:** God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ.

READING: Philippians 3:20-21

We eagerly await the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

RESPONSORY

**P:** Come and set us free, Lord, God of power and might.  
**A:** Come and set us free, Lord, God of power and might.

**P:** Let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved,  
**A:** Lord, God of power and might.

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**A:** Come and set us free, Lord, God of power and might.

GOSPEL CANTICLE: LUKE 1:46-55

**Ant.:** **P:** See, your king comes, the master of the earth; he will shatter the yoke of our slavery.

**A:** My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, † my spirit rejoices in God my Savior \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: † the Almighty has done great things for me, \* and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those

who fear him \* in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. Amen.

**A:** See, your king comes, the master of the earth; he will shatter the yoke of our slavery.

INTERCESSIONS

**P:** To Christ our Lord, judge of the living and the dead, let us cry out with faith:

**A:** Come, Lord Jesus!

**P:** Lord, may the world know your justice which the heavens proclaim,

**A:** may your glory fill the earth.

**P:** For us you took upon yourself the weakness of man,

**A:** protect us with the strength of your own divine life.

**P:** Come to those imprisoned in the darkness of ignorance,

**A:** show them the radiance of your own divine light.

**P:** In your humility as a man, you took away our sin,

**A:** now in your glory grant us true happiness.

**P:** When you come in glory to judge us,

**A:** gather the dead into your kingdom.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, free us from our sins and make us whole. Hear our prayer, and prepare us to celebrate the incarnation of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

May + the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to ever lasting life. Amen.

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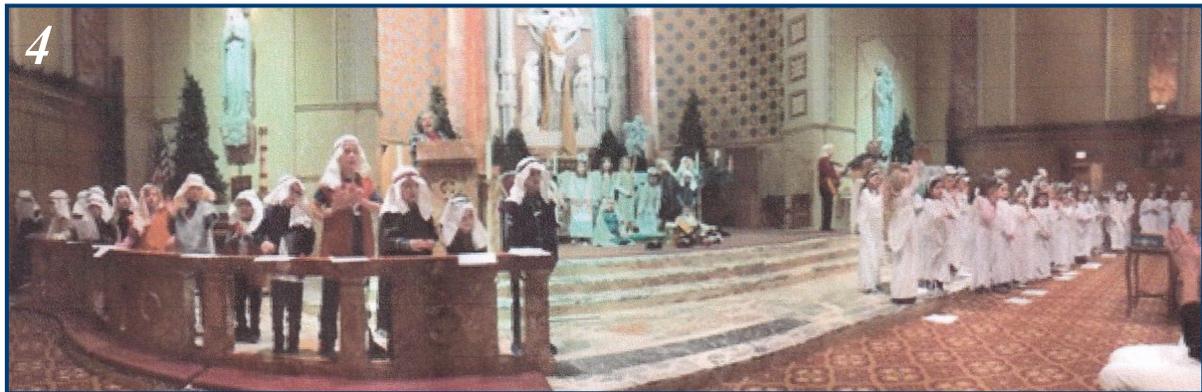
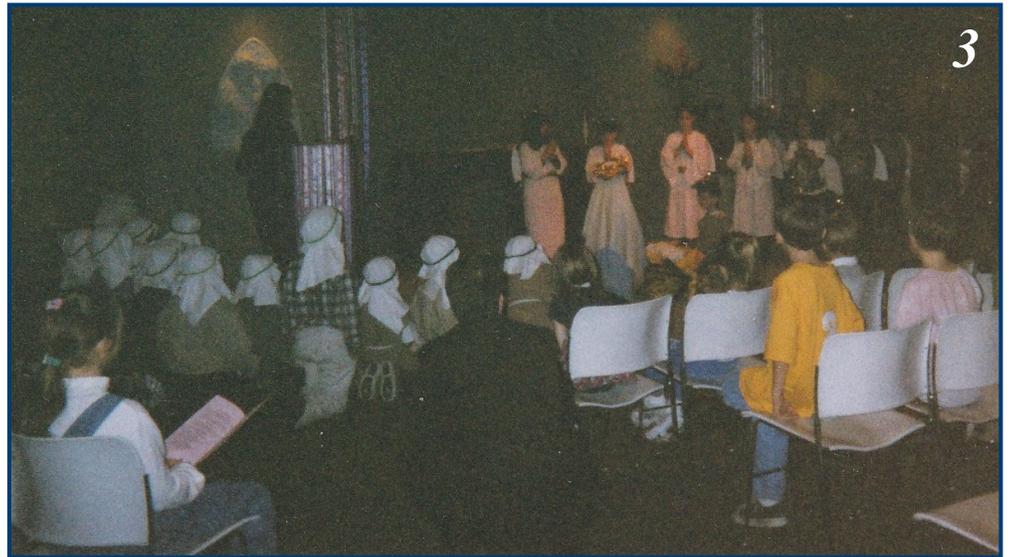
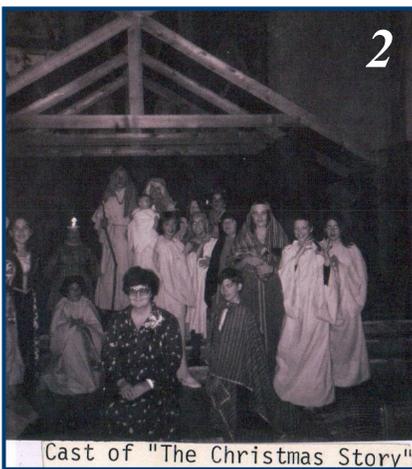
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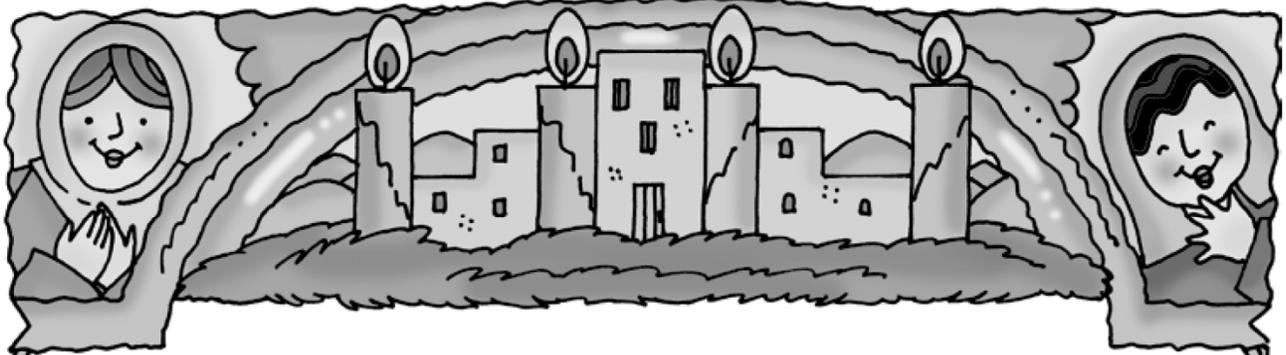


## CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

As we enter into the Advent Season, I would like to share over the next three weeks pictures from Christmases past. I am starting off with the Christmas pageants, where proud parents would watch their children perform the Nativity. Here are a few photos from the past 50 years. Pictures 1 and 2 appear to be from the 1970s. Picture 3 was taken from the early days of the Holy Family Chapel in the early 1990s. Pictures 4, 5, and 6 are recent pageant photos.



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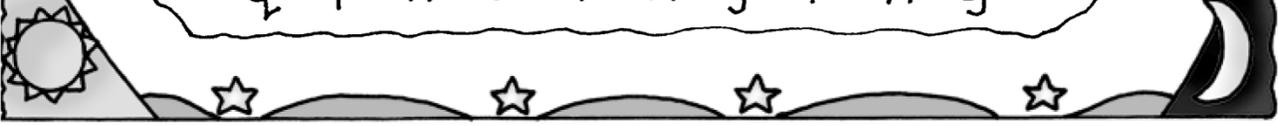
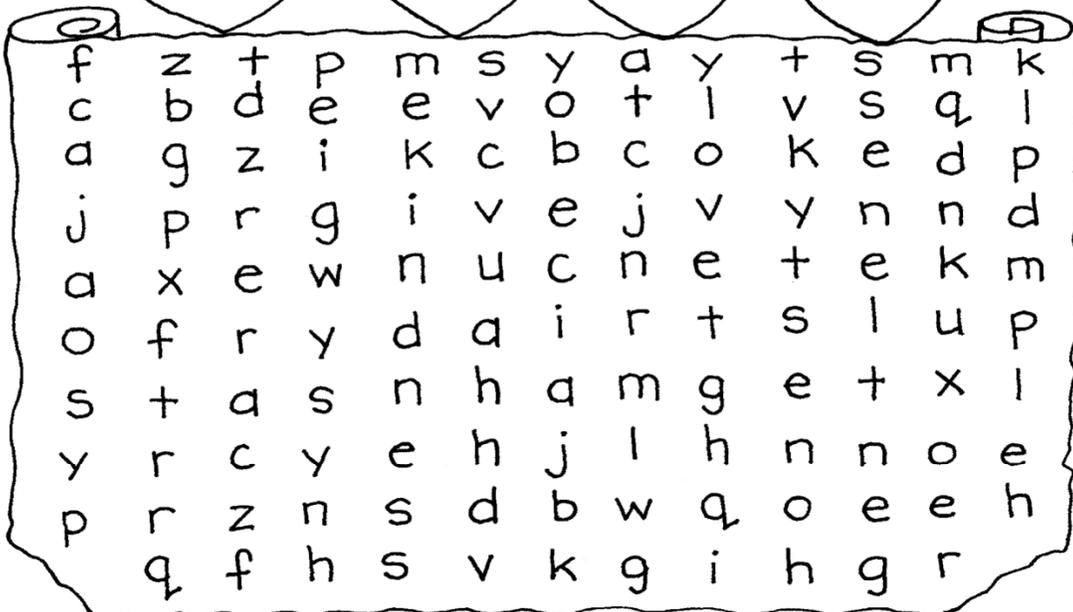


## Second Sunday of Advent

In his letter to the Philippians (1:4-6, 8-11) Paul tells the people that God has begun good work in them. Below are nine words describing the good work of Christians.

See if you can find and circle them in the scroll by looking up, down, across, and diagonally.

When you finish, see if you can think of any other words that describe good works.



# PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

## ADVENT — A TIME FOR PREPARATION AND FULFILLMENT



Our Church begins its liturgical year with the season of Advent. It is a season that invites and excites us with what is about to happen. After centuries of waiting for ***“a Messiah promised in the Book of Isaiah the Prophet which was shaped by his opening vision of the glory and sanctity of God confronting human sin,”*** the time has come for its fulfillment.

The Messiah is coming. Is it not proper to spiritually prepare ourselves for His coming? Is the gift that He will eventually give to us — salvation — which is our ultimate spiritual goal, appropriate for stimulating joy and happiness of the season in our hearts? The disobedience by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden has brought out the weaknesses of our nature. Only the passion and death of the Messiah can renew our salvation that was disrupted by Adam’s fall.

Our spiritual salvation, is a gift from God; however, for it to be acquired requires a willingness for us to nurture this gift through actions to strengthen our love of God and neighbor. Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is a support available to us to establish and maintain an intimate relationship with Jesus to seek His help for our spiritual journey. Our visits to Jesus in the chapel enhance His presence in our hearts.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open, 24/7. It is not too late to sign up for a slot, however! Please see our schedule below. Yellow indicates one adorer is signed up for that time slot; green indicates two or more adorers are present. If you would like to sign up for a time slot, please email [adorationchapel@spc-church.org](mailto:adorationchapel@spc-church.org). Thank you!

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6:00 AM	Green	clean	Yellow	clean	Yellow	clean	Yellow
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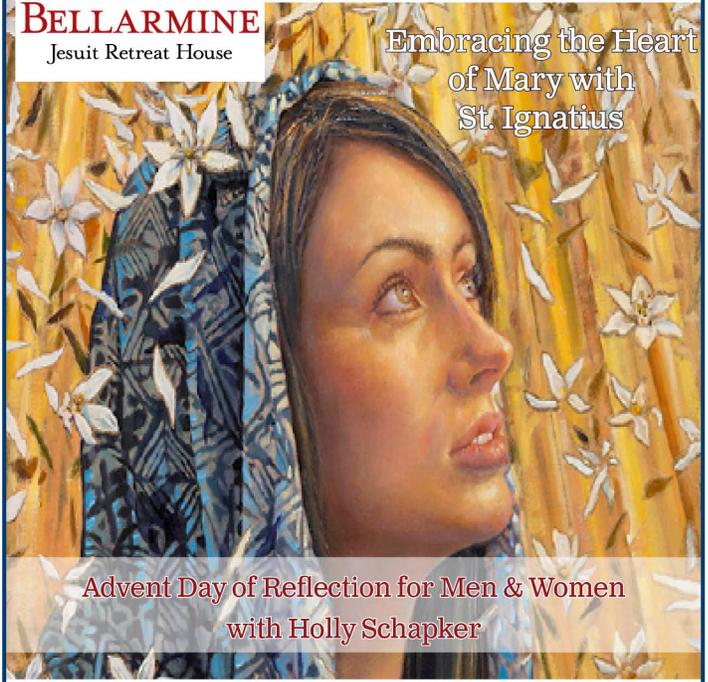
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**Saturday, December 11**  
**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** (with Morning Prayer Service at 8:30 a.m.)  
**Zoom Session**

To register, please [click here](#) or visit [forms.office.com/r/fzPBUyWfb](http://forms.office.com/r/fzPBUyWfb).

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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE, PRESIDER, AND INTENTIONS

Day	Feast	Time	Presider	Mass Intentions
Monday, 12/6	St. Nicholas	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Birthday Blessings for Charlie
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	Elaine Wershing, Stefano Affatigato, Sr. Norma Thelen SWC, Thomas Stapleton
Tuesday, 12/7	St. Ambrose	6:25 am UP	Fr. James	Catherine Jarzombek
		8:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Rita, Anna and William Parilla, Philip James, Thomas and Mary Cooney, Ray Kennedy, Dockery Family
Wednesday, 12/8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:25 am UP	Fr. James	Marie Karasiewicz
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	Martin Diskin, Holy Souls in Purgatory
		12:05 pm UP	Fr. Nick	Abigail Hope Helvey
		7:30 pm UP	Fr. Nick	Max Mielecki
Thursday, 12/9	St Juan Diego Cuahtlatocatzin	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Francis Kenealy
		8:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Sr. Dolores Farragher, Carolyn Datwyler, Birthday Blessings for Emily Lou Tan
Friday, 12/10	Advent Weekday	6:25 am UP	Fr. James	Paula Kobel
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	Frances and Andrew Jaworski, William Royal
Saturday, 12/11	St Damasus I	8:00 am UP	Fr. James	Jacquiline Shadinger, Eugenia Garcia, Rita Garcia Ermae
		4:30 pm UP	Fr. Nick	Robert Halston, Joan Strzyz, Jeffrey Snaldi, Ann Crago, 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Dave and Carol Nieheaus
		4:30 pm HFC	Fr. James	Helen Koffee
Sunday, 12/12	Third Sunday of Advent	7:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Paul and Estelle Merle, Cooney and Dockery Family, Lucia DeBon, Gildo DeBon
		9:00 am UP	Fr. James	Marcela Cabrera, Jay Fuller, Sandra Patchett, Rosann McCormick-Suttler
		10:30 am UP	Fr. James	Yan Mezyr, Patricia Hedstrom, Maureen Flanagan, Kris Laughlin, Healing for Dan Shannon, Birthday Blessings for Ginny Underwood, Blessings for Cindy and Family
		10:30 am HFC	Fr. Nick	Nancy Morandi, Jim Springer
		12:00 pm UP	Fr. Britto	Lina Ottomano, Caterine Palacz, Blessings and Healing for Jose Tan

*Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son.*

- Luke 1:35b

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11</b>			
4:30 pm UP	Gail Wilkening, Dave Sullivan	George Kirkland, Suzanne Kirkland, Carol Welton	Gavin Gardiner, Christian Junkovic
4:30 pm HFC	Ursula Wegrzynowicz, Mary Ann Tanquary	Patti Nowak, Kathy Ramirez, Heather Rusk	Rory Haugh, Finn Haugh
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12</b>			
7:30 am UP	Eugene Cooney, Elizabeth Patejunas	Susan Humm, John Humm, Jim Mirabelli	Katherine Johnston, George Connolly
9:00 am UP	John Tallman, Jane Olson	Will Alicea, Thomas Swoboda, Linda Swoboda	Nolon Gradoville, Sophia Labuz
10:30 am UP	Patty Beaudet-Frances, Kim Soifer	Geri Jarzombek, Julie Limperis, Gloria Peisker	Marion Brooks, Phaelyn Burns
10:30 am HFC	Katie Brander, David Dempsey	Theresa Csuk, Josephine Gullo, Joan Keefe	Gabby Irwin, Matthew Sherman
12:00 pm UP	Neda Naum, Izabella Stachowicz	Vincent Santucci, P. Solari (sub requested), OPEN	John Romano, Abby Seuryncck

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*January 9th issue:* Friday, December 31st

## SCHEDULE

### MASS

**UC = Upper Church; HFC = Holy Family Chapel**

Monday through Friday 6:25 am (UC)  
8:30 am (UC)

Saturday 8:00 am (UC) - *weekday Mass*  
4:30 pm (UC and HFC) - *vigil*

Sunday 7:30 am (UC)  
9:00 am (UC)  
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