



Our Lady of the WAYSIDE PARISH



Several of Santa's elves – one with an apparent fear of heights – decorated our Church's entrance last Sunday.

December 10, 2023
The Second Sunday of Advent

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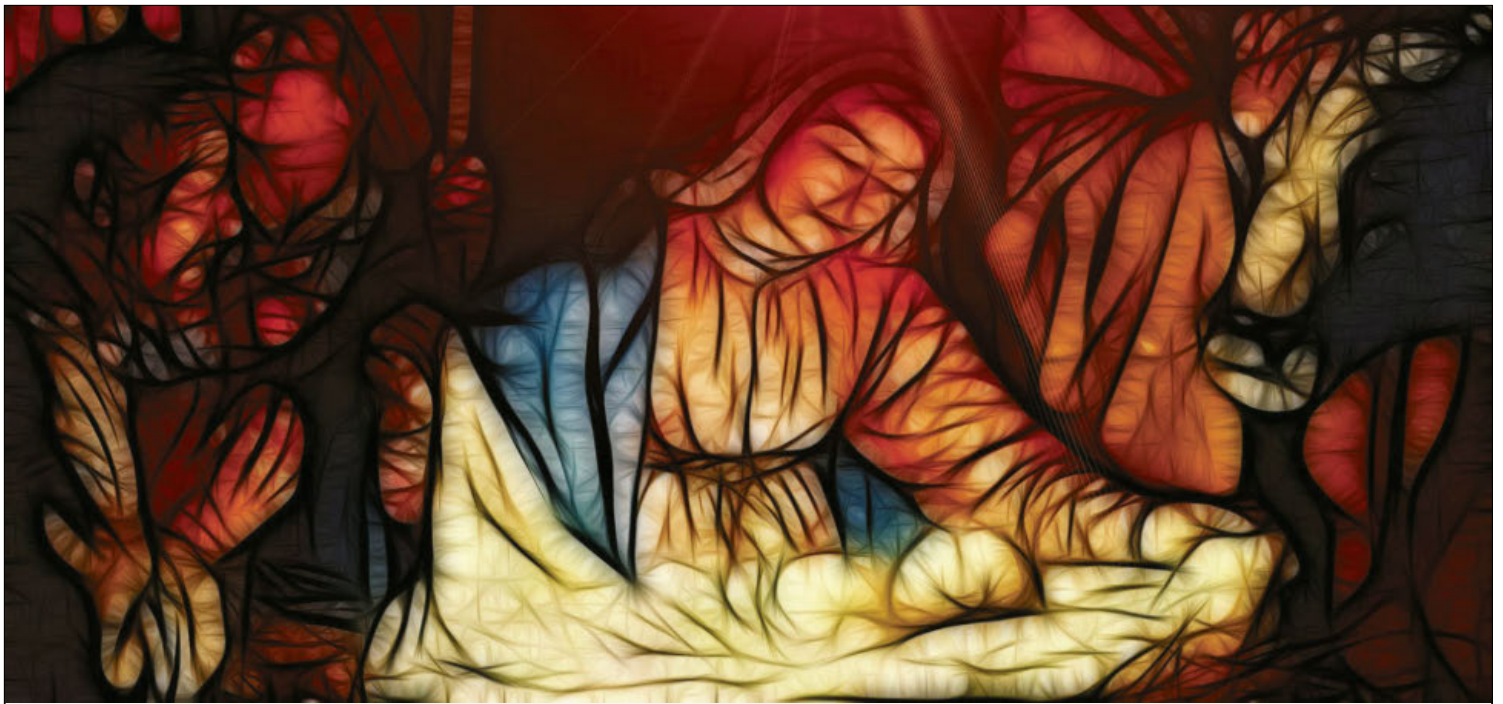
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Vision Statement:

We will be a parish who lives
the message and mission of
Jesus.



CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE!

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS – Sunday, December 24

3:00 (Family Mass), 5:00, 7:00, 9:30 (carols), 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Monday, December 25

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30, 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 31, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31, 5:00 pm (Vigil), 6:00–11:00 pm (Adoration),
11:00 pm (New Year Spiritual Celebration)

Monday, January 1, 9:30, 11:30 am

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6, 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 7, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm



Our Lady of the
WAYSIDE PARISH



Multi-Parish Reconciliation Services will be held at five parishes this Advent...

Monday, December 11 @7:00 pm

Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Arlington Heights

Tuesday, December 12 @3:00 pm

St. Edna Church, Arlington Heights

Tuesday, December 12 @7:00 pm

St. Mary Church, Buffalo Grove

Wednesday, December 13 @7:00 pm

St. James Church, Arlington Heights

Thursday, December 14 @3:00 pm

St. Colette Church, Rolling Meadows

HE WILL COME AGAIN...

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B



Father Arthur Marat

In today's reading, St. Peter says that, for the Lord, one day is like a thousand years. And a thousand years is like one day. Jesus is merciful, and He gives people time for their conversion, because He wants to redeem and save each person; Jesus wants each person to have a clear conscience as well as pure actions and thoughts.

And, this takes time. It takes time for man to discover God and to learn to live according to His Love. **Fortunately, time is unlimited in God's eyes. In Heaven there is no time.**

Our world continues in time. Yet, the history of the world is the history of God's Love for us. God wants to perfect this world, and He wants to perfect each of us, in order to guide us to our fullness. He does not want to blow up and destroy. Rather, through the events of our daily lives, we see how God wants to help each of us cooperate with His grace so that we may be prepared for His coming and for Heaven.

The second coming of Christ is good news. We should not be afraid of the end of the world or the second coming of Christ. For when Jesus comes again, just as He is coming to us in this Eucharist in the Word and Sacrament, he will come in order to invite us into the Kingdom of Heaven. Today, in this very Eucharist, Jesus is coming to us. Very soon we will encounter Him in Holy Communion. Therefore, I would like to invite you to receive Jesus in the Eucharist with trust and with joy. This is how we can best prepare for the second coming of Christ, because the Eucharist is the source of graces, the source of Love.

Yours in Christ,
Father Arthur



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have given a lifetime.

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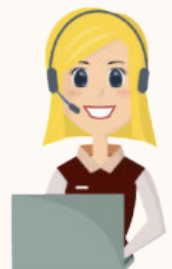
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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

We're looking for friendly students (16 or older) to work as part-time receptionists at the Parish Center.

- Monday–Friday: 4:00 to 7:30 pm
- Saturday–Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Alternating schedule (not 7 days a week)

To apply, please contact our office manager, Patricia, at (847) 253-5353. Thank you!





Volunteer for Christmas Eve Family Mass

3 p.m., Sunday, December 24

To register:

<https://bit.ly/2023XmasEveFamMass>



Christmas Eve Family Mass Childrens Choir

3 p.m., Sunday, December 24

To register:

<https://bit.ly/XmasEveFamMassChoir>




Our Lady of Unity Food Collection: December 10

On **Sunday, December 10** we will have our monthly food drive for Our Lady of Unity (formerly St. Mark's) Parish. Drop off non-perishable food at the parish garage from **between 9 am and noon**.

Most-needed items include:

- pasta noodles & sauce
- canned tuna & chicken
- canned vegetables
- soup
- cereal
- chili
- mac & cheese
- bagged sugar
- dry white beans

 "Alms are an inheritance and a justice which is due to the poor and which Jesus has levied upon us."

~St. Francis of Assisi

OUR LADY OF UNITY
FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Thank you for your past and future generosity in this important ministry.

Non-perishable food is now being accepted during the week in the lobby of the Parish Center.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR Simbang Gabi

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE
A TRADITIONAL FILIPINO
CHRISTMAS MASS**

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
5PM MASS**

LIGHT RECEPTION FOLLOWING



If you are interested in volunteering day of, donating food items, or money to keep this tradition going, please see QR Code.

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

JOIN US FOR FOOD, DRINK & HOLIDAY CHEER

WHERE: OLV School Multi-Purpose Room

WHEN: Sunday, December 17, at 1:00 pm

* RSVP to Regina by December 11th: (847) 253-5353



Giving Tree 2023

This holiday season we are continuing our traditional Our Lady of the Wayside Giving Tree. We invite you to join us in making a difference for the individuals and families of Our Lady of Unity Parish who are in such great need.

This is our final weekend for the Giving Tree.

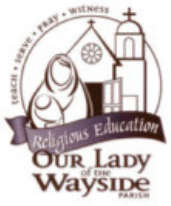
We ask that you place your return gift envelopes in the boxes at the back of church near the Giving Trees. The final date for gift return is **this weekend, December 10, 2023**. This allows time for our gifts to be delivered to and distributed at Our Lady of Unity Parish and allows the families time to shop.

Thank you for joining us in this beautiful expression of the Christmas Spirit.



To give electronically via GiveCentral, visit: <https://bit.ly/3oqJNg4> or scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REP Schedule for the Weeks of December 11 & 18, 2023

Sunday, December 10

- 10:30 am, REP Home Study Class Meeting at Middle School
- 10:30 am, Faith into Action Parish Service Project at Gym

Tuesday, December 12

- 5:00 pm, 1st through 4th grade classes meet; 1st grade Nativity Play practice
- 6:00 pm, 5th- 8th grade classes meet

Sunday, December 17

- 4:00 pm, 7th Grade Youth Ministry Encounter Meeting at Church and Gym

Tuesday, 12/19

- 5:00 pm, 1st through 4th grade classes meet
- 5:15 pm, 1st grade Nativity Play performance in the church
- NO REP for Grades 5-8



The Second Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Faith

As we light the second candle, representing faith, we remember the humble living conditions into which Jesus was born. Because there was no place in Bethlehem for Mary and Joseph to stay, they made their home in a stable and placed Jesus in a manger when he was born. They had faith that they would receive what they needed. *From Advent Week 2 : Activity Guide | Cross Catholic Outreach*

THIS ADVENT, LET'S PUT OUR



Faith into Action

AS WE PREPARE OUR
HEARTS AND MINDS FOR
CHRISTMAS!



DROP IN!
OR
STAY THE
WHOLE HOUR!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
10:30-11:30AM
OLW GYM

Service Hour
Opportunity!



Serve

Make Christmas
Cards for prisoners
& wrap scarves with
the Shawl Ministry



Pray

Pray for
recipients



Connect

Enjoy some
coffee, doughnuts,
and conversation!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! FUN FOR ALL AGES!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for December 3, 2023



	This Week	Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	\$14,210		
Mail and Walk-up	\$7,260		
eGiving	\$8,625		
Total Sunday	\$30,095	\$34,135	(\$4,040)

	This Week	YTD
Christmas	\$1,410	\$1,510
School Support	This Week	YTD
Rebek	\$75	\$19,145

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DECEMBER
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AS WE APPROACH CHRISTMAS, HOW DO WE APPROACH LIFE?

December is not just the month of Christ's birth, but also of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation celebrated on December 8th. This feast day tells us that Mary was just like us in terms of her humanity. Knowing this reveals a simple truth about the human condition shared by all. **Mary was no less "full of grace" at the end of her life than when it began. In the same way, no human can become any more "a person" at any stage of life than they were the instant they came to exist.**

Mary's Immaculate Conception demonstrates that **no matter what unique plan God created us with, it was put in action even before the first moment we were conceived.**

It is fitting the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception in December, and usually in the first week of Advent. Advent is the season when we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming and are called to frequent the sacrament of Reconciliation so we can worthily receive Him on Christmas Day.

In direct opposition to the beauty of Our Lady's feast day and the Nativity is Abortion, which continues to be a topic in our secular culture. While there are people who waver on the subject, the Church never has. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

- 2271 Since the first century, the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching is and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed as either an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.
- You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.
- God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.

Email RespectLife@olwparish.org today to join!

These are strong words from Holy Mother Church that encourage us to take a long hard look at ourselves. **How are we teaching those we love on this topic? Are we good kitchen table activists for life? Are we showing our children that life is important not only because we think it is but, more importantly, because God does?**

When a home has a culture of openness to the hard questions of abortion, young children, teens and even adults can learn about the beauty of preserving the sanctity of life.

Although abortion is a weighty issue, it deserves our attention. God demands it of us as Catholic parents, educators and parishioners. He knows it is a difficult topic to discuss, but we must remember that if we don't teach our children, others will.

Here are some ways to start the conversation:

- Haul out an ultrasound photo or video. Teach your children human life begins at the moment of conception, when the individual grows according to his or her unique DNA; the human heart beats at about 18 days; the baby begins responding to touch (and pain) at 6-8 weeks and is viable at 24 weeks.
- Have the conversation more than once, and be open to future conversations with them. Share the importance of chastity and love in marriage.
- In the pre-teen and teen years, be sure to discuss what they can (and should) do if they or a friend become pregnant.
- Pray with them outside an abortion center or attend a March for Life locally.
- Say a Rosary for Life and pray for women with unexpected pregnancies who may be considering abortion as their option.

Life is important. If our parents didn't think so, would we be reading this right now? As we prepare for Advent, what would Christ as just judge determine where we stand on life? Would He invite us in or ask us to depart from him because he never knew us? There is a narrow and a wide path. One is easy and the other is not. Let us take the narrow path together and ask Mary to intercede for us, to put an end to the tragedies of abortion and attacks on human life, and that we may respect the dignity and value of each and every person – from conception to natural death. With God, anything is possible.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS NEEDED: ST. BENEDICT CHRISTMAS DINNER



For over fifteen years, generous families and friends of Our Lady of the Wayside have supported a wonderful cause — helping St. Benedict Parish in Chicago feed 300+ homeless and lonely folks on Christmas Day. We plan to continue the tradition this Christmas and will caravan to St. Benedict to set up and serve meals to those in need.



Individual & Family volunteers are needed for THREE SHIFTS:

1. **FIRST SHIFT** delivers the food to St. Benedict's on Christmas morning and then helps set-up the gym and prepare the food for the servers
2. **SECOND SHIFT** plates the food and visits with the guests. Many appreciate a warm smile and conversation as much as the generosity Wayside and St. Benedict provides
3. **THIRD SHIFT** arrives after the meal is served, to help with clean-up

If you are not able to attend in-person, there are several opportunities to contribute. *Please consider...*

- Providing cooked food for the meals. We need to purchase and prepare cooked turkeys, hams, mashed potatoes, and stuffing. Sides like corn, gravy, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce are needed as well as beverages and desserts
- Purchasing and wrapping hats and gloves (separately) to be distributed as gifts to our guests
- Providing gift card donations for guest raffle prizes

To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3QHaPGs> or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



Have questions, ideas or suggestions? Please e-mail Randi Rooney rooney@shanleypump.com or Steve Perille sperille@outlook.com. Veteran experience to restart this ministry would be much appreciated!



BIG THANK YOU, Hymnal Helpers

A big thank you to this “dream team” of volunteers who changed 16 cases of hymnals (over 500) on Saturday afternoon, December 2. The process began at 2:30 and was completed by 3:05... just 35 minutes with all old hymnals in the recycling bin. Amazing!

Thank you for being **#difference makers** in our Parish!

Dan McMahon,
Director of Music



Wayside Seniors 2.0! Off to a Great Start

The first Sunday of Advent Deacon Don Grossnickle gave a fascinating talk on the importance of light in the world. He shared ways we can be the light of Christ for others while teaching our seniors the science of candles! We learned to be the spark, the fuel and the glow of God's love for others.

It was an afternoon of friendship & community at Our Lady of the Wayside. We hope to grow this ministry in 2024 to serve all those over the age of 60 at Wayside with spiritual and social opportunities.

Please call the Parish Office at (847) 253-5353 if you would like to be added to the mailing list for this ministry: **Seniors 2.0!**

“Nuggets” of Wisdom From Father Brady



Thanksgiving Mass & Agape, Thursday, November 23, at 9 am

OLW Family,

I'm not sure if you had the opportunity to attend the 9am Mass on Thanksgiving last week. If you missed it, you missed a wonderful reflection by Father Brady. It contained nuggets of wisdom that only Father Brady can provide—nuggets that I hope to recreate for you in this article now.

If you recall, Thanksgiving's Gospel was from Luke and it involved Jesus' healing of the ten lepers, where only one—a Samaritan—came back to thank Jesus. Father Brady took some liberties in his reflection, but such approach is always welcomed anytime Father speaks. Father's reflection focused on two themes—one, forgiveness, and two, our common nature as beloved sons and daughters of God. The first theme, forgiveness, is also something universal, as each of us has some room to improve on our forgiving others.

But it was the second theme that really hit home for me and I'm sure for all those in the assembly. Father Brady emphasized that we need to remember and be thankful for our shared nature as sons and daughters of God. Father indicated that somehow, somehow we are all sons and daughters of God. How do we know this? Father provided an illustration that will be with me for the rest of my life.

In Jesus' teaching about prayer (Matthew 6:9-15), Jesus tells us to pray “Our Father...” He doesn't say “my Father” or “your Father,” but “Our Father.” In this sense, our heavenly Father truly is a Father to all of us. He does not belong to anyone solely or any more to one of us than the other. And, if He is our Father, well, that makes each and every one of us His sons and daughters. This is how we come to understand our shared nature as sons and daughters of God!

The implications are numerous. Everyone we have met or ever will meet is a unique son and daughter of God—our brother and sister. They are not a stranger. They are not unloved. They are not unvalued. No! Everyone we meet or will meet is part of our “family”—and we are called to treat them accordingly.

To me, this is a message that I need constant reminding of. And, guess what? We have such a reminder each time we pray the Our Father. God the Father is truly our Father. And, we truly are beloved sons and daughters of God. What a wonderful, powerful, and lasting message. Thank you, Father Brady for reminder and tie-in! Let's try our best not to forget it.



Blessings,
Deacon Paul

To watch Father's homily,
visit: <https://bit.ly/3t4CiKs>
or scan the QR code.



Bible Study

In Person & Online / Friday Morning 9:30



Join us for lively discussion of
next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 61:1-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:1-28

Join us in the Cabrini Room of the Parish Center
or email biblestudy@olwparish.org for a sign-in code.

For a sample video, visit: <https://bit.ly/46I6Wtb>

Our Lady of the Wayside

FUNDRAISER NIGHT WITH CAFÉ ZUPAS

LOCATION

1422 E. Golf Rd.
Schaumburg, IL

DATE & TIME

Tuesday, December 12
4pm - 9pm



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BALLROOM OF
ARLINGTON
HEIGHTS

Save the Date



Holiday Stress?

MEETING MENTAL HEALTH WITH GRACE

It's the most wonderful time of the year.

Yet, for many of us, it's the *most stressful* time of the year.

Here are 3 things to try when stress
creeps up on you.

1. Pause to Pray.

Treat stress or worry as a signal to pray. Take 15
seconds and **pray**. When you do, "the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and minds." (Philippians 4:7)

2. Time for Thanks.

Every time you feel worry or stress, take 5 or 10
seconds just to **thank God** for the answer you
need. Prayer with thanksgiving is powerful!

3. Be a Blessing.

The world of the *generous* gets larger and larger...
(Proverbs 11:24). Finding someone to **bless**
with a small note or an encouraging word puts
life in proper perspective.

A simple **prayer**, a word of **thanks**, or an act of
generosity are three amazing tools against worry
and stress. Use them often. God's peace flows
abundantly through these mighty forces.

KATHY O'NEILL, R.N. 

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL HEALTHCARE

Playing Isn't Just for Kids

Without structured time like recess, adults typically don't spend a lot of time playing. However, play might be a crucial factor in your overall well-being.

"Play is doing something that you enjoy. It does not necessarily mean a certain type of physical movement," says Lindsey Polke, a behavioral health nurse practitioner at Advocate Health Care. "It can be anything that brings enjoyment into your life."

According to the National Institute for Play (NIFP), play is a state of mind while doing an activity that provides enjoyment and suspends time.

"Play is an important aspect of our emotional well-being," she adds. The NIFP says the need for play is as fundamental as the need for food or sleep. You're wired to play.

"Play can improve physical and emotional health. It can also help strengthen or form new relationships," Polke explains.

Other benefits of play include:

- Improving stress management.
- Refreshing your mind and body.
- Preventing burnout.
- Increasing energy.
- Inspiring creativity and innovation.



"Play can be social or physical, but it depends on your preference and personality type," Polke notes. What play is for you might not be play for someone else.

- The NIFP developed eight different play personalities:
- The collector. You like collecting certain objects such as mugs or ticket stubs.
- The competitor. You enjoy keeping score and playing to win, either as a fan or participant.
- The creator. You like making, building or fixing things such as scrapbooking or restoring a vintage car.
- The director. You enjoy organizing, planning and executing events or other social gatherings.
- The explorer. You like trying, seeing or feeling new things.
- The joker. You like entertaining or being silly.
- The kinesthete. You like playing through movement.
- The storyteller. You enjoy using your imagination such as telling or creating stories.

One or more of these personalities might resonate with you. You can also think back to what activities you enjoyed as a child. These activities don't have to be expensive or time-consuming. Coloring a free printable coloring sheet, hosting a game night or taking a five-minute walk can be play.

"By starting small, you can add playtime for as little as 30 minutes per day," Polke says. "If it is something that you find enjoyment in, you may find yourself wanting to do it more often."

Adding play to your life is a simple way to greatly improve your overall well-being. When you plan out your upcoming days or weeks, set time aside for play.

Article contributed by: Sammy Kalski

Sunday, Dec 10, 2023

A voice cries out

This year the Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 75. The world could use a reminder that human rights belong to each of us and must be defended without exception. We live in an age marred by misinformation. Attacks on others grow more destructive online and in our common spaces. Climate change, hunger, and poverty are unequally borne by those whose rights are not recognized or protected. Advent is the perfect time to identify the rights that resonate most powerfully for you. Claim them. Discover ways to stand up for them. Create alliances with those whose rights are in jeopardy.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8 (5). *"In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"*

Monday, Dec 11, 2023

Backstory on the Bible

The 73 books in the Catholic Bible were written hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of years before they were officially compiled. It wasn't until the late fourth century that the Catholic Church decided upon the list of sacred scripture to be included. Pope Damasus I presided over the Council of Rome of 382 that determined the scriptural canon, and he commissioned Saint Jerome to translate these texts from Greek into Latin. This collection of sacred books is the inspired word of God, reveals the truth of Revelation, and forms the core of Catholic beliefs. Pass on the Good News!

MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 (181). *"We have seen incredible things today."*

Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023

Mysterious mother of the Americas

On a wall, under glass, is the life-sized image of Our Lady of Guadalupe—enshrined in the Basilica of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City, where Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego in December 1591. As mysterious and symbolic as the Woman of the Apocalypse described in Revelation 12, it continues to defy human explanation, including analysis from a NASA scientist. The humble cactus fiber cloak it appears on hasn't deteriorated in more than 400 years, nor has the image, which experts from Kodak likened to a photograph though photography wasn't invented yet. Countless miracles are associated with Guadalupe, but the greatest is the conversion of an entire continent. Pray for the people of the Americas with the Center of Concern prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe that begins: Hail Mary, Lady of Peace, We pray for the peace in our world; make us peacemakers.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47 (690A). *"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun."*

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023

Keep your eye on the divine

Like many early Roman saints, little is known about Saint Lucy. Tradition says that her eyes were removed in an act of torture before her death for being a Christian. As such, she is the patron saint of the blind. We often take sight for granted, but Lucy should remind us, especially in hard times, to look beyond our own vision

—and see with God's eyes. The reward for our faithful acts is the beatific vision. Or as Saint Paul puts it: "We see now in a glass darkly, but then face to face" (1 Cor. 13:12). Work to improve your vision.

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30 (183). *"Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things."*

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023

He wasn't afraid of the dark

Today is the memorial of Saint John of the Cross, a Spanish Carmelite mystic, poet, and reformer who died in 1591. He may be best known for *Dark Night of the Soul*, which develops the idea that suffering—including the sense of God's absence—can actually lead to unity with God. "The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light," he wrote. John came to his insights through experience, having been maltreated and even imprisoned by his own religious community. If God ever seems far away, let John of the Cross guide you to the light.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). *"Whoever has ears ought to hear."*

Friday, Dec 15, 2023

The secret to our success

Damned if you do, damned if you don't. That is Jesus' complaint about public opinion. John the Baptist fasted and they called him crazy. Jesus feasted and they called him a glutton and drunkard. We've all been there. The best response to criticism is success. What is success in the spiritual life? "In God's will, there is great peace" is the answer Saint Josephine Bakhita offers. Wise words. Ignore your critics, and follow Jesus' path to peace.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 (185). *"Wisdom is vindicated by her works."*

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023

Modernism gets its say

Maude Petre, who died on this date in 1937, was a British writer and religious sister best known for her work on Catholic modernism. She was a prolific author, writing on a wide range of topics, including theology, philosophy, politics, and literature. She openly supported women's suffrage, which the church opposed at the time. Her 1907 book *Catholicism and Independence* got her kicked out of her order and she was refused the sacraments by her bishop. Her views were controversial, but they helped form Catholic thinking for the Second Vatican Council. Prayerfully consider that the Catholic controversies of today may lead to the church of tomorrow.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186). *"Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

5:00 pm Saturday, December 16, 2023 (Simbang Gabi)

Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat & Deacon Peter LeTourneau*

7:30 am Sunday, December 17, 2023

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Jerry Brennan

9:30 am Sunday, December 17, 2023

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11:30 am Sunday, December 17, 2023

Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat & Deacon Peter LeTourneau*

6:00 pm Sunday, December 17, 2023

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*Homilist

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

December 10, 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your Internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Pray for those celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony

I Kevin Burke & Nicole Penhersi – December 31 at 3pm



Pray for the Sick

Gloria White Bonomo, Helene Bottalla, Bill Brewer, Marie DeSanto, Victoria Haddock, Donna Hames, Theresa Hansen, Valerie Lund, Mary Mader, Carol Maglietta, Daniel & Delores McCloy, Larry McKone, Cherie Miskey, Frances Pitzer, Melvin Rotor, Marianne Saas, Stacey Scott, Fr. John Topper

SACRED LITURGY:

Monday, December 11, 2023

8:30 am – Mary Shaughnessy

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

8:30 am – George & Jeanne Miller, Virginia Lyle, Tom Simon, Deceased Loved Ones off OLW's Grief Support Group

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

8:30 am – Eleanor Quattrocchi, Thomas Galgano

Thursday, December 14, 2023

8:30 am – Rose & Harold Beilke

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:30 am – David A. Heiss

Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:30 am – Pat Scialo & The Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

5:00 pm – Genevieve Netzel, Michael O'Donohue, Pasquale & Rosa Caruso, Elizabeth Smeriglio, Tony Hutton

Sunday, December 17, 2023

7:30 am – Mary Lynch, Anna Splendorio, Joyce Kustra, Helen Gazell

9:30 am – Bessie Drazdik, Alice Kennedy, Brendan Kennedy, Josephine Stubing, Verne Whitnell, Jean Marie Roche

11:30 am – Anthony Angelico, Gayle Evans, Bill Jablonski, Greta Saelens

6:00 pm – For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: 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

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

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

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Pray for the Deceased

Dolores Baechle, Victoria Cox, Martin McDonough



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Pray the Rosary

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Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Deacon Peter LeTourneau at the parish office to schedule a baptism. A baptismal preparation session is required for your first child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to a preferred date for necessary preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30–10:30 am. Or, contact the parish office to schedule a time.

