**The Introductory Rite**

**Penitential Rite**

**Opening Prayer**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading** ........................................... Isaiah 35: 1-6

**Response**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

_Psalm 146:5-7, 8-9, 9bc-10_

Or: Alleluia.

\[ \text{Lord, come and save us.} \]

**Second Reading............................................ James 5: 7-10**

**Gospel Acclamation...................................... Advent Alleluia**

**Gospel....................................................... Matthew 11: 2-11**

**Homily**

**Profession of Faith**

**The Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the Body, and life-everlasting, Amen.

**Universal Prayers**

**Presentation of the Gifts**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**Preface Acclamation**

**Memorial Acclamation**

\[ \text{When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,} \]

we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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**O Come, Divine Messiah**

1. O come, Di-vine Mes-si-ah, The world in si-lence
2. O come De-sired of na-tions, Whom priest and proph-et
3. O come in peace and meek-ness, For low-ly will your
   waits the day, When hope shall sing its tri-umph, And long
   fore-told, Will break the cap-tive fet-ers, Re-cra-ble be:
   Though clothed in hu-man weak-ness We
   sad-deam your long-lost fold. Dear Savior,
   haste! Come, come to earth. Dis-pel the
   night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of
   grace.

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**O Come, Divine Messiah**

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**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**Preface Acclamation**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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Adapt. by Michael O’Connor, O.P.
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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me;
Within your wounds hide me;
separated from you, let me never be;
From the evil one protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever.
Amen.

Alma de Cristo

Alma de Cristo, santifícame.
Cuerpo de Cristo, sálvame.
Sangre de Cristo, embriágame.
Agua del costado de Cristo, lávame.
Pasión de Cristo, confórteme.
¡Oh, buen Jesús!, óyeme.
Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme.
No permitas que me aparte de Ti.
Del maligno enemigo, defiéndeme.
En la hora de mi muerte, llámame.
Y mándame ir a Ti.
Para que con tus santos te alabe.
Por los siglos de los siglos.
Amen.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God

1. People look East. The time is near Of the
2. Furnows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ, who

1. crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to
3. nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are
4. light the bowl, shall brim. Shining beyond the frosty
5. brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley

People Look East

Verses 1, 2 and 3

Great Amen

Communion

COME, EMMANUEL

Based on VENI, VENI EMMANUEL
Adapt. and arr.: Tony Alonso

Verse Response

After each Cantor phrase:

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel

el shall come to you, O Israel.
Goodness, Gracious, Great Balls of Yarn!

Our prayer shawl group is meeting on Wednesday afternoon, December 18th from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Narthex. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month through May.

All who knit and crochet are welcome. Bring your yarn, needles and patterns or we have some to share with you.

Join us for prayers and conversation—a great way to meet people and develop new friendships.

Our prayer shawls are created to offer comfort to the sick and bereaved. Hope to see you on the 18th!

Any questions, call Sue Balcerak (262) 639-6825

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Readings for the week of December 15th

**Sunday**
Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

**Monday**
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]
Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday**
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday**
Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday**
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]
Lk 1:5-25

**Friday**
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]
Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday**
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

**Next Sunday**
Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

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Parish Stewardship... A Way of Life

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces.

(1 Peter 4:10)

**December 8**
- Envelopes......................... $7,677.36
- Basket ............................ $319.33
- Children ......................... $48.25
- Building Fund .................. $283.00
- Other ............................. $1,095.00
- **Total** ......................... $9,422.94
- **Year-To-Date** .............. $201,100.42
- **Budget-To-Date** .......... $211,991.00

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Attention Seniors

If you are 70 1/2 years old or older, and you have a traditional IRA, you must take a required minimum. Distribution (RMD) or you will incur a significant tax penalty. But, taking your RMD as income could affect your tax bracket.

You may be able to transfer any amount up to $100,000 to St. Roman Parish or any qualified charity from your IRA by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and reduce your tax liability.

To pursue this method of donation, contact your tax preparer and please contact your IRA custodian to begin the process.

If you require St. Roman’s tax exempt number, please contact the parish office at (414) 282-9063.

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OUR ANNUAL SALE OF “OPLATKI”

Oplatki are being sold in the Narthex after all masses throughout the month of December. They are also available to purchase in the parish office. The cost is $3.00 per pack.


**Ladies** ~ Join us at St. Roman Parish on Monday, January 13, 2020 as we continue our 2019-2020 Dinner and Movie Series.

Come and enjoy our buffet dinner and stay to watch "Hidden Figures". The movie is 2 hour 7 minutes long.

This event takes place in Adamski Hall, 1810 W Bolivar Avenue. Entry is from the Parking Lot.

The Cost for dinner is $10 per person. Payment may be made in cash or by check payable to St. Roman Parish. The reservation deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020. If mailing, the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2019.

Doors Open at 5:30 pm. Dinner is served beginning at 6:00 pm.

- Once you enter Adamski Hall, enjoy complimentary coffee, ice water, and veggies and dip. The bar will be open for those who wish to purchase beer, wine or soda. You may take your name card and redeem it for your dessert.
- Visit our raffle table before dinner, from 5:30 to 6:40 pm, to purchase your chances to win wonderful prizes. Raffle ticket sales will end at 6:40 pm and we will begin drawing tickets at 6:45.
- Prayer is scheduled for 6:00 pm and we will begin serving immediately after giving thanks to God and asking for His blessings. The movie is expected to begin between about 7:00 pm; as soon as everyone is finished with dinner and we draw the winning numbers for the prizes.

Our dinner menu includes pulled pork or beef brisket (indicate your choice below), creamy Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Italian Pasta Salad, and watermelon. Assorted desserts will again be provided by our wonderful committee.

About the Movie: Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

Please remember that all persons wishing to sit at the same table must submit their form and payment in the same envelope. A list of people and payment for all guests may also be attached to one form. The maximum at each table is 8 people. If you have more than eight in your party, please split them into two groups and request they be seated at tables next to each other. In this case, two forms should be filled out with the names and returned together in the same envelope.

Reservations, along with payments, are due to St. Roman Parish Office, 1710 W Bolivar Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53221 on or before January 3, 2020 and must be post marked on or before December 31, 2019 if received through the mail.

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**January 13, 2020 Movie Night Dinner Reservation**

Name and Phone Number of person making the reservation:

Name of Guest (please begin with the person making the reservation when listing guests below)

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Handbell ringers needed

St. Charles Borromeo Parish is in need of two ringers for their handbell choir.

Call St. Charles for more information.

The parish office will close at noon on Friday, December 20th. We will be celebrating our staff holiday party!

We have car magnets available for purchase in the parish office. They are $2.00 each.

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Carmen High School South
Winter Blood Drive
St. Roman Parish

Adamski Hall
1710 W. Bolivar Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Friday, January 3, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!
The K5 classes have been learning about the states of matter. We were able to enjoy root bear floats as one of our culminating activities, since they have a solid, liquid and a gas. It was a very tasty lesson.

Thank you for your support of our Advent Giving Tree. In addition to supplying gifts within our parish and school community, gifts are shared with those in need at Hope House, The Alpha Crisis Pregnancy Center, the SVDP Meal Site, and the Joy House Women’s Shelter.

This year, we would like to focus on infants, children and families in transition. Much like The Holy Family, families in transition go thru a great deal. They too struggle with a safe place to live and how to provide for their children. Many of our families have no vehicle/ or gas money and rely on public transportation to get to Dr.’s appointments and employment. Many are new, anxious mothers with limited resources, or families dealing with crisis. With that in mind, we are asking for donations centered on those needs.

In addition to the wonderful items you supply annually, we ask that you consider making donations of the following:
Baby/children’s items (diapers, wipes, toys, blankets, hygiene items etc.)

Gift cards in SMALL increments ($10 -$15 please) to gas stations or The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS cards). Should you consider gift cards, please write the amount loaded onto the cards.

Rely on your past experience and think of items you may have needed when you were struggling at some point.

Please bring your new, unwrapped, unboxed gifts to the Narthex and place them under our Giving Tree before all Masses on December 14/15 and December 21/22. Gifts will be delivered the following week.

As always, the parishioners of St. Roman are overwhelmingly generous and it is most appreciated. May the spirit of the season help us share our gifts with those less fortunate. We wish you joy, peace & comfort this Christmas & in the coming New Year.

Sponsored by: The St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Roman Parish
### Calendar

#### Monday, December 16
- **8:00 am** Mass (CH)
- **3:00 pm** After School Care (AH/IMC)
- **4:00 pm** St. Thomas Aquinas Basketball practice (BC)
- **5:30 pm** 6th grade boys basketball practice (BC)
- **6:30 pm** Novena (CH)
- **7:30 pm** Posasa (AH)

#### Tuesday, December 17
- **8:00 am** Mass (CH)
- **3:00 pm** After School Care (AH/IMC)
- **5:00 pm** Food Pantry Distribution
- **5:30 pm** 7th grade boys basketball practice (BC)
- **6:30 pm** Novena (CH)
- **7:00 pm** Lector meeting
  - Hispanic Ministry (CH)
- **7:30 pm** Posada (AH)

#### Wednesday, December 18
- **8:00 am** Mass (CH)
- **1:00 pm** Prayer Shawl ministry (Narthex)
- **1:30 pm** Parish staff meeting (POMR)
- **3:00 pm** After School Care (AH/IMC)
- **3:00 pm** Children’s Choir rehearsal (CR)
- **4:00 pm** St. Thomas Aquinas Basketball practice (BC)
- **5:30 pm** 6th grade boys basketball practice (BC)
- **6:15 pm** Finance Council Meeting (POMR)
- **6:30 pm** SVdP Meeting (POLMR)
- **6:30 pm** Novena (CH)
- **7:30 pm** Posada (AH)

#### Thursday, December 19
- **1:00 pm** School Christmas concert (BC)
- **3:00 pm** After School Care (AH/IMC)
- **5:30 pm** 7th grade boys basketball practice (BC)
- **6:00 pm** Bible Study (IMC)
- **6:30 pm** Novena (CH)
- **6:30 pm** School Christmas Concert (BC)
- **7:00 pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal (CR)

#### Friday, December 20
- **3:00 pm** After School Care (AH/IMC)
- **5:30 pm** St. Alphonsus Basketball Practice (BC)
- **6:00 pm** Spanish Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- **6:30 pm** Novena (CH)
- **7:30 pm** Posada (AH)

#### Saturday, December 21
- **10:00 am** Food Pantry distribution
- **10:00 am** Advent Penance Service (CH)
- **11:00 am** Children’s Choir rehearsal & party (CR/AH)
- **2:00 pm** Private party (AH)
- **4:00 pm** Rosary (CH)
- **4:30 pm** Mass (CH)
- **6:30 pm** Novena (CH)

#### Sunday, December 22
- **8:30 am** Mass (CH)
- **10:30 am** Mass (CH)
- **12:00 pm** Basketball Games (BC)
- **12:15 pm** Misa en español (CH)
- **6:30 pm** Novena (CH)
- **7:30 pm** Posasa (AH)

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 14th**
- **4:30 pm** Fr. Brian Holbus
  - Don Hirt, Int. Family

**Sunday, December 15th**
- **8:30 am** Fr. Karl Acker
  - Dennis Riley Birthday, Int. Joyce
- **10:30 am** Fr. Brian Holbus
  - Tony Dombrowski, Int. Roger & Darlene Baranowski
  - Daniel Staskiewicz, Int. Family & Friends
  - Arlene Kazinski, Int. Jill Bauer
  - Christine McQueen Scott, Int. Family
- **12:15 pm** Fr. Carlos Zapata
  - Daniel Montejano & Jesus Valadez, Int. Familia

**Monday, December 16th**
- **Fr. Brian Holbus**
  - Health Blessings for Danny Spankowski, Int. Carlene

**Tuesday, December 17th**
- **Fr. Brian Holbus**
  - Fr. Carlos Zapata

**Wednesday, December 18th**
- **Fr. Carlos Zapata**
  - Millie Horn, Int. Family

**Thursday, December 19th**
- **Fr. Carlos Zapata**
  - SCB

**Friday, December 20th**
- **Fr. Brian Holbus**
  - SCB

**Saturday, December 21st**
- **4:30 pm** Fr. Carlos Zapata
  - Norbie Smith, Int. Daughter
  - Robert L. Koceja, Int. Family
  - Norbert Smith, Int. Paulette
  - Anna & John Sadjak, Int. Daughter
  - William Kowalkowski, Int. Family
  - Don Hirt, Int. Family
  - Jack Von Ulmen, Int. Isabel

**Sunday, December 22nd**
- **8:30 am** Fr. Brian Holbus
  - Patricia Schwalbach, Int. Family
  - Jim Stachowiak, Int. Family
  - Kletch & Leroy Families, Int. The Kletch Family
  - Janice Freuck, Int. Tom Freuck

**10:30 am** Fr. Carlos Zapata
- Lillian Reise, Int. Family
- Carl Salzer, Int. Jeffrey & Barbara Weitzer
- Marcella Karshen, Int. Family
- Donald Leer, Int. The Leer Family
- Ray & Arlene Kazinski, Int. Judi W

**12:15 pm** Fr. Carlos Zapata
- Isaias Cuarenta, Int. Familia

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**We express our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of:**

† **Eleanor Ciske**

Let us pray as a community of faith that she receives the fullness of the resurrection and rests in the peace of the Lord. Amen.
### Upcoming Classes

**Session Number Eight**

**When?** Sunday, December 15, 2019 • 8:45 – 10:15 am  
**Where?** Saint Roman

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**Próximas Clases**

**Sesión Número Ocho**  
**¿Cuando?** Domingo 15 de diciembre de 2019 • 8:45 - 10:15 am  
**¿Dónde?** San Román

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**Wednesday, January 8th (6:30 pm - 8pm)** First Communion Parent Meeting at **St. Roman Adamski Hall** (Parents only)

**Miércoles, 8 de enero (6:30 pm - 8pm) Reunión de padres de primera comunión en **San Román Adamski Hall** (solo para padres)

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**No Christian Formation Class**

**When?** December 2, 2019 & December 29, 2019

**No habrá clases de Formación Cristiana**

**¿Cuándo?** 22 de diciembre y 29 de diciembre de 2019
Mark your calendars for these fun, upcoming events at St. Roman School!

**Sunday, February 2, 2020: Teacher Meet & Greet**

*Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses!*

Join us in the gym for family fun with a bounce house and refreshments. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, ask questions, watch our school video, and tour the school.

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020: Open House**

*Please join us from 6:00-8:00pm! This is an event you won't want to miss!*

This is a great opportunity to take an official tour, meet current St. Roman students and families, talk with teachers, ask questions, and learn about curriculum and programs offered at our school. Plus, we have a Mad Science program for the kids along with decorating their own cookie!

We will have computers set up and staff available to assist you in registering for the 2020-2021 school year!

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Please contact the school office at 414.282.7970 with questions!
ST. ROMAN PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES:
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Mass of Anticipation)
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am in English; 12:15 pm in Spanish
Holy Days: Schedule to be announced prior to each celebration
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am–3:00 pm
Office closed holidays as announced in the bulletin.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Fridays (in writing) by 3:00 pm
Holidays may alter the deadline date. Watch the bulletin for changes.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents need to be registered members of the parish prior to the baptism date and attend baptismal preparation classes that are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month. A $10 fee will be collected along with a completed form. Call the Parish Office to sign up for the class. Baptisms can be scheduled at any Mass or on the 3rd Saturday of every month. No Baptisms are celebrated during the season of Lent.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: One of the parties must be a registered member of the Parish and a practicing Catholic. Marriage preparation requires that the parish priest be notified at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated upon request following any weekend Mass by speaking to the Presider. An appointment may be made for other times by request. Anyone unable to attend Mass or receive the sacraments in church due to physical or emotional illness or age should call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: The priests and pastoral care visitors see the hospitalized and homebound parishioners regularly. You are welcome to call the Parish Office to inform us of parishioners who are hospitalized.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): This is for unbaptized adults, those baptized in other Christian traditions, and those baptized in the Catholic Church, but not raised in the faith, who now wish to be received into the Catholic Church or complete their initiation. The reception of sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are celebrated annually at the Easter Vigil. Preparation takes place throughout the year, beginning in fall. If you are interested, or know of anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Teens celebrate Confirmation during the junior or senior year of high school. All teens, whether they attend a Catholic high school or public high school, are expected to participate in a three-year formational process. Adults seeking Confirmation (who have already been Baptized, received first Eucharist, and raised in the Catholic faith) are invited to participate in this process. Classes begin in September. The sacrament is conferred in May. Call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP/SUPPORT: All employed persons over age 18 attending St. Roman should register as members by calling the Parish Office. Regular participation in Mass and the sacraments, sharing time/talent with Parish programs, and financial support are important parts of Parish life.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: We have food for the needy of our Parish area. Please call the Parish Office for information.

ST. ROMAN FOOD PANTRY: Tuesdays 5–7 pm / Saturdays 10 am–NOON

As we walk together at St. Roman School, we are Committed to God, Challenged to Grow, and Called to Serve.