Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21/22, 2019
The Introductory Rite

Penitential Rite
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading ........................................Isaiah 7: 10-14

Response

Psalm 24

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.


Second Reading ......................................Romans 1: 1-7

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

Gospel ................................................Matthew 1: 18-24

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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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.

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

1. Now the heavens start to whisper,
   As the veil is growing thin.
   Earth Horizon's Seed, Love's
   From the sinking sun of justice.

2. Heavenly clouds that Christ,
   Come to bless with fire to listen
   To thebruised Christ, the morning's lone star,
   In the stirring world of Promise.

3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
   The Lamb, deep in the plant, in the star of splendor, in the Child's Stamford;
   Where the hope of the world in the stem of Jesus.
Parish Stewardship
A Way of Life

The contributions for the week of December 15th will be posted in the next available bulletin.

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.

We express our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of:
† Thelma Gabriela Duran Duarte

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.

Readings for the week of December 22nd

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

**Monday**
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/ Lk 1:67-79

**Wednesday**
Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Thursday**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

**Friday**
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Next Sunday**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**
4:00 pm (SCB) Fr. Carlos Zapata
4:30 pm (STR) Fr. Brian Holbus

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**
8:30 am (SCB) Fr. Brian Holbus
8:30 am (STR) Fr. Carlos Zapata
10:30 am (SCB) Fr. Drenzek
10:30 am (STR) Brian Holbus
12:15 pm (STR) Carlos Zapata

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.

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)

_________________________ Pulled Pork  Beef Brisket
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Amount of Cash Enclosed _____________     Amount of Checks Enclosed _____________     Total Enclosed _______________
Adult Dance Fundraiser
To Benefit The
Catholic Youth Football Club
for the purchase of equipment
Saturday, February 15, 2020
At St. Roman Parish Betz Center
1810 W Bolivar Ave (entry is from the Parking Lot)

Music from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm
Doors Open at 7:00 pm
Single Admission $20 ~ Two for $30
Admission includes music, beer, wine, soda, the opportunity to purchase raffle
ticket to win cash or prizes. Carry-ins are allowed.

If you are not able to attend, please consider making a donation of any
amount to help replace equipment that can no longer be certified.

For reservations or donations, please return a check payable to
The Catholic Youth Football Club with the form below to:
CYFC c/o St. Roman Parish, 1710 W Bolivar Ave,
Milwaukee, WI 53221
or
CYFC c/o St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 5571 S. Marilyn St,
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Tickets will be kept at the admissions table for check in.
Tables will be reserved for parties of eight or more
received on the same order form on or before February 1, 2020

Reservation/Donation for CYFC Adult Dance Fundraiser

Name_________________________Phone #_________________________

# of tickets____________Donation_____Total Enclosed____________________

Additional Guests:____________________________________

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Today, the liturgy of the Word invites us to consider and admire St. Joseph's figure, a truly good man. About Mary, God's Mother, it has been said that she was blessed among women (cf. Lk 1:42). About Joseph it has been written he was a just man (cf. Mt 1:19). As persons made after God's image and semblance, we all owe our individuality to God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth, with actual and radical freedom. And as a response to that freedom we can glorify God, as He deserves, or we can also make, out of ourselves, something quite unpleasant to God's eyes. We have no doubt that Joseph, through his job and personal commitment to his familial and social surroundings, sort of won our Creator's "Heart", by considering him a man to be trusted in the collaboration of human Redemption through his Son, made a man as we are. Let us therefore learn from St. Joseph his allegiance—and already proven from the very beginning—and his good behavior during the rest of his life—closely—correlated to Jesus and Mary. We make him patron and mediator of all fathers, whether biological or not, that in our world must help their sons to provide a similar response to his. We make him patron of the Church, as an entity intimately linked to his Son, and we keep on hearing Mary's words when she finds that the Child Jesus was "lost" in the Temple: «Your father and I...» (Lk 2:48). Therefore, with Mary, our Mother, we find Joseph as the father. St. Teresa of Avila wrote: «I took for my advocate and comforter the glorious Saint Joseph, and commended myself fervently to him (...). I do not remember at any time having asked him for anything which he did not grant».

Exceptional father for those of us who have heard the call of our Lord to fill up, through the priestly ministry, the place Jesus Christ has handed over to us to carry on with his Church. —O glorious St. Joseph! do protect our families, our communities, all those hearing the call to vocational priesthood... and let us hope there will be many of us.

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How to Celebrate "Las Posadas Navideñas"

From December 16th to 24th the Hispanic community celebrates the posadas. This year also we will celebrate the novena of Baby Jesus (this is a Colombian tradition). Las posadas navideñas are the nine days of annual Christmas celebrations that culminate with a big celebration on Nochebuena, or Christmas Eve, in Mexico. The nine days symbolize each of the months that Mary was pregnant, and that’s also why Christmas Eve is more celebrated in Mexico than Christmas Day like in many other countries. Posadas often include traditional foods and drinks, especially things like tamales and ponche navideño. There are many different ways to make ponche, and each family does something different. Another holiday favorite of mine is rompope, an eggnog like drink that comes from the famous nuns of Puebla, located about two hours outside of Mexico City. From hosting las posadas to putting out nativity scenes, and making preparations for Noche Buena and La Navidad, here are some of the ways families in Mexico celebrate the holidays. There are lots of typical dishes and drinks served during the holiday season in Mexico. From ponche navideño and rompope to champurrado and chocolate caliente, there’s a warm drink to make everyone’s belly happy. Tamales, pozole, ensalada de Noche Buena, turkey, bacalao, buñuelos, cookies, and more make the holidays the best time to become acquainted with the rich traditions of Christmas time in Mexico.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother of Hope, enlighten us to continue walking towards Jesus Christ, who is our Salvation. Blessings

Fr. Carlos Zapata

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVENTO

Cómo celebrar las posadas navideñas

Del 16 al 24 de diciembre la comunidad hispana celebra las posadas. Este año también celebraremos la novena Del Niño Jesús (esta es la tradición colombiana). Las posadas navideñas son los nueve días de celebraciones anuales de Navidad que culminan con una gran celebración en Nochebuena, o Nochebuena, en México. Los nueve días simbolizan cada uno de los meses en que Mary estuvo embarazada, y es por eso que la víspera de Navidad se celebra más en México que el día de Navidad como en muchos otros países.

Las posadas a menudo incluyen comidas y bebidas tradicionales, especialmente cosas como tamales y ponche navideño. Hay muchas formas diferentes de hacer ponche, y cada familia hace algo diferente. Otro de mis favoritos para las fiestas es el rompope, una bebida parecida a un rompope que proviene de las famosas monjas de Puebla, ubicada a unas dos horas de la ciudad de México. Desde organizar las posadas hasta exhibir belenes y hacer preparativos para Noche Buena y La Navidad, estas son algunas de las formas en que las familias en México celebran las fiestas. Hay muchos platos y bebidas típicas que se sirven durante la temporada de vacaciones en México. Desde ponche navideño y rompope hasta champurrado y chocolate caliente, hay una bebida caliente para alegrar la panza de todos. Tamales, pozole, ensalada de Noche Buena, pavo, bacalao, buñuelos, galletas y más hacen de las fiestas el mejor momento para familiarizarse con las ricas tradiciones de la Navidad en México.

Que Nuestra madre La virgen María, la madre de la Esperanza, nos ayude a orar, sintiendo la presencia real de Jesucristo, su Hijo, sobre todo en la Eucaristía. Feliz semana para todos.

Fr. Carlos Zapata
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

8:00 am  Mass (CH)
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  Posada (AH)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4:00 pm  Mass (CH)
6:00 pm  Misa en Español (CH)
6:30 pm  Novena (CH)
7:30 pm  Posada (AH)
9:00 pm  Mass (CH)
10:00 pm Mass @ SCB

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

8:30 am  Mass (CH)
10:30 am Mass @ SCB
12:15 pm Misa en Español (CH)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

5:30 pm  St. Alphonsus Basketball Practice (BC)
6:00 pm  Spanish Choir Rehearsal (CH)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

10:00 am  Food Pantry distribution
4:00 pm  Rosary (CH)
4:30 pm  Mass (CH)
4:30 pm  Baptism during Mass (CH)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

8:30 am  Mass (CH)
10:30 am Mass (CH)
12:15 pm Misa en español (CH)
6:00 pm  Christmas Concert @ SCB

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**In observance of Christmas,**
the parish office will be closed beginning at noon on Monday, December 23rd. We will reopen on Friday, December 27th at 8am.

Wishing you and your family a very blessed Christmas.

- St. Roman Parish Staff.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 21st**

4:30 pm – Fr. Carlos Zapata
† Robert L. Koceja, Int. Family
† Norbert Smith, Int. Paulette
† Anna & John Sa'dak, Int. Daughter
† William Kowalkowski, Int. Family
† Don Hirt, Int. Family
† Jack Von Ulmen, Int. Isabel
† Suzanne Belter, Bob Belter & Joseph Selerski
  Int. Robert Belter & Family
† Dolly Dex, Int. Family

**Sunday, December 22nd**

8:30 am– Fr. Brian Holbus
† Patricia Schwalbach, Int. Family
† Jim Stachowia, 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 Lever, Int. The Lever Family
† Ray & Arlene Kazinski, Int. Judi W

12:15 pm– Fr. Carlos Zapata
† Isaias Cuarenta, Int. Familia

**Monday, December 23rd – Fr. Brian Holbus**

For the living & deceased members of St. Roman Parish

**Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve**

NO 8am Mass

**Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day**

8:30 am– Fr. Brian Holbus

**Saturday, December 28th**

4:30 pm – Fr. Brian Holbus
† Laura Gnas, Int. John M.
† Beatrice & Eugene Bratkowski, Int. John M.
† Becky Berger, Int. Family
† Bob Belter, Int. Gerry & Kris
♥ Anniversary of Wayne & Kathleen Blaszczyk,
  Int. Family

**Sunday, December 29th**

8:30 am– Fr. Carlos Zapata
† Robert Lemke Jr., Int. Mary Mecha

10:30 am– Fr. Brian Holbus
† Arlene Kazinski, Int. Sue Balceresk

12:15 pm– Fr. Carlos Zapata
♥ Birthday blessings for Ashlee Perez, Int. Familia
Merry Christmas ¡Feliz Navidad!

We would like to remind you there will be no Christian Formation classes on **Sunday, December 22 & December 29**. Classes resume on **Sunday, January 5, 2020** at our regular hours.

**Middle School**
- Grades 6-8
  - Monday, January 6
    - @ 7:00-8:15pm

**High School**
- Grades 9 & 10
  - Monday, January 6
    - @ 7:00-8:15pm

**Confirmation Preparation Session**
- Monday, January 13
  - @ 7:00-8:15pm

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

**Catholic Youth Formation Program News**

**Programa de Formación Juvenil Católico Noticias**

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

**Middle School**
- Grades 6-8
  - St. Charles Borromeo
  - Lunes, Enero 6
    - @ 5:45-7:00pm

**High School**
- Grades 9 & 10
  - St. Charles Borromeo
  - Lunes, Enero 6
    - @ 7:00-8:15pm

**Christmas Eve**
- Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm
- @ 6:00 pm (Español) & 9:00 pm

**Christmas Concert**
- Tuesday, December 24th at 8:45 pm

**Christmas Day**
- Wednesday, December 25th at 8:30 am & 12:15 pm (Español)

**Feast of the Holy Family**
- Saturday, December 28th at 4:30 pm
- Sunday, December 29th at 8:30 am, 10:30 & 12:15 pm (Español)

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
- Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 1st at 8:30 am & 12:15 pm (Español)

**Attention Bible Study participants:**

Please note that we will be meeting on January 16th and January 23rd. Thank you!
School News

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!
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Parish Secretary
Vanessa Camarillo.............ext. 410

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 RECONCILATION:
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 formation 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.