



Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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WEEKEND MASSES:
SATURDAYS AT 5PM
SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5

8:00am: David Peterson
5:00pm: Amelia & Jack Vena
Betty O'Sullivan

Sunday, December 6

10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
Anna Cortesi

Monday, December 7

8:00am: Nancy Nanini
Rony Godou

Tuesday, December 8

8:00am: William, Sr. & Maria Vena
Rita Peterson
7:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

Wednesday, December 9

8:00am: Mary Ellen Dearhammer

Thursday, December 10

8:00am: Ronald F. Reszel

Friday, December 11

8:00am: Martini Family

Saturday, December 12

8:00am: Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
Margaret Vena
Gretchen Callahan

Sunday, December 13

10:30am: Les Grant
Joe & Frank Kolman
Margaret Vena



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Should you receive something, and are unsure of the originator, please contact Natalie in the Parish office (nhennigan@icparish.org) rather than directly replying to the email or text.

Also, please note that all emails from the Parish will come from an email address ending: icparish.org

Fr. Mike's Homiletter – December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 64:2-7; Psalm 85:9-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Today, we start at the beginning of Mark's Gospel. Last week, although it was the beginning of a new liturgical year, our reading came from the end of Mark's Gospel – just prior to the Passion narrative. So, we began at the end, and now we come back to the beginning. We can look at the readings as a bit upside down, but perhaps they really bring us full circle.

Most years, at some point, most of us say that Christmas is too busy and hectic – with shopping, cooking, decorating, parties and presents. This year, with shopping being so difficult, large gatherings put on hold, parties not an option (a bit too chilly on the patio in December?), our days should not be as busy as in prior years. It's a bit of a test – did we really mean it when we said we wished we had more time to focus on the real meaning of Christmas? Here's our chance...what are we going to do with it?

We all acknowledge that Jesus is coming at Christmas – He's coming to us, but are we going to meet Him? If not, why not? If yes, what are we bringing to this most important of all meetings?

Our first reading from Isaiah promises that God intends to rescue His people from exile. Their suffering will end, and God will shepherd His people to the new Jerusalem. But first, he will send a messenger to prepare the way. But what a messenger! John the Baptist is a “rustic” figure to say the least. He dresses in camel skin, eats what he can forage, probably has a wild hairdo and beard – just like many of the homeless on the streets of Chicago – the kind of guy we would generally avoid. Yet, he is the advance man for the arrival of God – the long-awaited Messiah. What signs of Jesus' coming to we see in our society today? Do we take the time to look for those signs? Do we ready ourselves to recognize them? Do we listen for today's prophets and attend to their message?

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Christ – at Christmas and at the end of time? Perhaps we could cultivate a habit that will stick with us after Christmas – bringing us closer to God all year round, year after year? Cardinal Basil Hume suggested adding a simple one line prayer at the start and the end of the day – before our feet hit the floor for the first time in the morning and as our head hits the pillow at night – so that thoughts of God frame our day. The prayer can be anything – “Thank you for this day” works at both ends of the day. (Some days “Help me get through this day” may be better at the beginning.) “Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever”. “Help me to do Your will, dear Lord”. Whatever works for you. Can we add a family prayer at any meal? Do we say grace before meals? Could we say a prayer each time we get into the car – for a grocery run, a school drop-off or pick-up? For any trip – perhaps as we latch the seat belt, we could think of the security we have in our God, and thank Him. When we think of someone during the day, could we form the habit of ending the thought with a prayer for that person – especially if our thoughts were negative ones? Could we remember to say a quick prayer at the sound of a siren – praying for the people in trouble and the responders speeding to help.

I have heard that it takes 21 days to form a habit – meaning there is time to form a positive new habit for this Christmas. What a lovely gift for the Christ Child! A gift which will create a sense of God's abiding presence and care for us in our own hearts. “A gift that keeps on giving.”

Peace!

Father Mike



FEAST OF THE
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

JOIN US FOR MASS ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 8AM & 7PM

We have 2 more classes until Christmas Break! Our last class is December 13th. Since we cannot gather for our annual Christmas Program in the gym, students and families across all grades will be participating in a virtual Christmas Sing-a-long.

Instead of the gym becoming alive with Christmas hymns and carols, our entire PREP neighborhoods and communities will come to life with song. Mrs. Masland will be playing the piano for us as we join her via Zoom wearing red, green, or a favorite Christmas top. PREP families will gather together and feel the magic of the season in this different way. From 9-9:20 feel free to open your windows, take a walk, and maybe you will hear the joy our PREP students like to think of as their gift to the community each Christmas season.

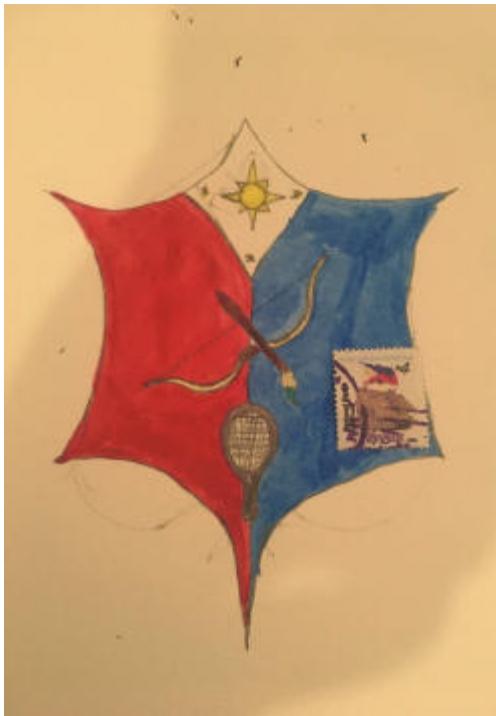


ZOOMING TOWARD CONFIRMATION!

On Wednesday, November 18, the 8th grade PREP students experienced their Confirmation retreat via Zoom. It was a spiritual and engaging time for our Confirmandi.

Pictured below is an example of a crest a student drew depicting symbols of their interests and background. The students dug deep into what makes them unique and how they can be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit moving forward.

Teen helpers from Carmel Catholic High School helped lead group discussions and sharing sessions. The group ended their experience feeling excited while making us proud for when it is time to present this fine group of young adults to the bishop in 2021!



CORKS 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Attached is the list of wines for this year's Corks (no Forks). As you can see, we've covered a wide range, both as far as origin and as price is concerned. All wines are at - or below – regular retail price, and our parish will receive generous 'commissions' on all of them.

I hope that many of you will find some wines to your liking, and order for the upcoming Holidays. If I may answer any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me at 847.736.2130. I have one last request: Knightsbridge's offer to ship any order at \$10 is very generous, and not a profitable proposition for them; may I ask you to only use that option if you order a 'certain' amount of wine?

Thanks so much, and God bless!

Hans

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Taittinger "La Francaise" Brut, NV, Champagne, France (375ml)	\$24.96	
Bisol Prosecco "Jeio" Brut, NV, Italy	\$12.96	
Bisol Prosecco "Jeio Rose" Brut, NV, Italy	\$12.96	
WHITE	PRICE	ORDER
2018 Mas La Chevaliere Chardonnay, France	\$12.96	
2019 RouteStock Chardonnay, Carneros, US	\$15.96	
ROSE	PRICE	ORDER
2019 Fontsainte Gris de Gris, Corbieres, France	\$12.00	
RED	PRICE	ORDER
2018 Labet Pinot Noir, Ile de Beaute, Corsica, France	\$19.96	
2018 Volpaia, Chianti Classico, Italy	\$19.96	
2019 Coudert, Fleurie "Cuvee Christie", Beaujolais, France	\$21.96	
2016 Val di Suga, Rosso di Montalcino, Italy	\$20.96	
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...AND GOD'S GRACE WAS SO
POWERFULLY AT WORK IN THEM ALL,
THAT THERE WERE NO NEEDY
PERSONS AMONG THEM. ACTS 4:33&34

Our Immaculate Conception

Annual Giving Tree tradition will look a bit different this year, but your support is needed this year more than ever!

Please help us to *virtually* spread the joy of Christmas this year!

Catholic Charities Celebration of Giving program brings joy and hope to families who might otherwise not be able to celebrate the holiday season.

Every year, more than 14,000 children and their families are blessed by the generosity of those who provide gifts & necessities during the holiday season.

This year we would like to ask for your **support** by purchasing **\$50 Target or Walmart gift cards** (no toys or gifts, **gift cards only** please) which **Catholic Charities of Lake County** will distribute to those in need.

We will accept gift card donations through Monday December 7th.

Please look for the collection bin in Church, or you can drop off the cards at the Parish Center mail-slot at any time.

If you prefer **to purchase from a wish-list** and have your items delivered directly to Catholic Charities, please visit their website [here](#).

THANK YOU for your generosity!



*Quiet
your
heart.*

Food for Thought...

"Man is made in the image and likeness of God." Every person with whom I come into contact is not only going to tell me something of God, but is also going to reveal something of God's love for me. I like to think that the affection another shows to me is a special word of love from God. It is as if every person who shows affection for me is in some way transmitting God's love to me.

-Cardinal Basil Hume

From *The Mystery of Love*

IC PRAYER NETWORK

If you have a prayer request, please contact Carol Kosirog at 847-433-3018 or Alma Morelli 847-432-2874 to be placed on the prayer list. First names only are used. Prayers for those persons are said on a daily basis by a number of people of our parish community. We thank them for participation in this wonderful ministry.

Also, if you would like to be a praying member of the network, please contact one of the above numbers.



We are looking for someone to help with laundering and ironing purificators, chalice cloths and towels. This ministry is not grand or large but a very necessary ministry which is significant in its' purpose.

We do not always have to do grand things or things that are costly. This ministry is not done by priests, nor the deacon but by dedicated people who would like to help.

Please search your hearts and pray about this ministry. If you are able to assist your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office at nhennigan@icparish.org or call the office at 847-433-0130.

Thank you to Elizabeth Podolski!!! Elizabeth has been doing this ministry and has quiet angel to help our parish with this.

We want to express our sincere thanks!!

We rely on the generosity of our parish community to help us cover expenses related to ministry, maintenance, staffing and other pressing needs.

Our collections are still down from our average Sunday budget.

Please consider using this link to set up an online donation for
Immaculate Conception Parish

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/109/event/1292>

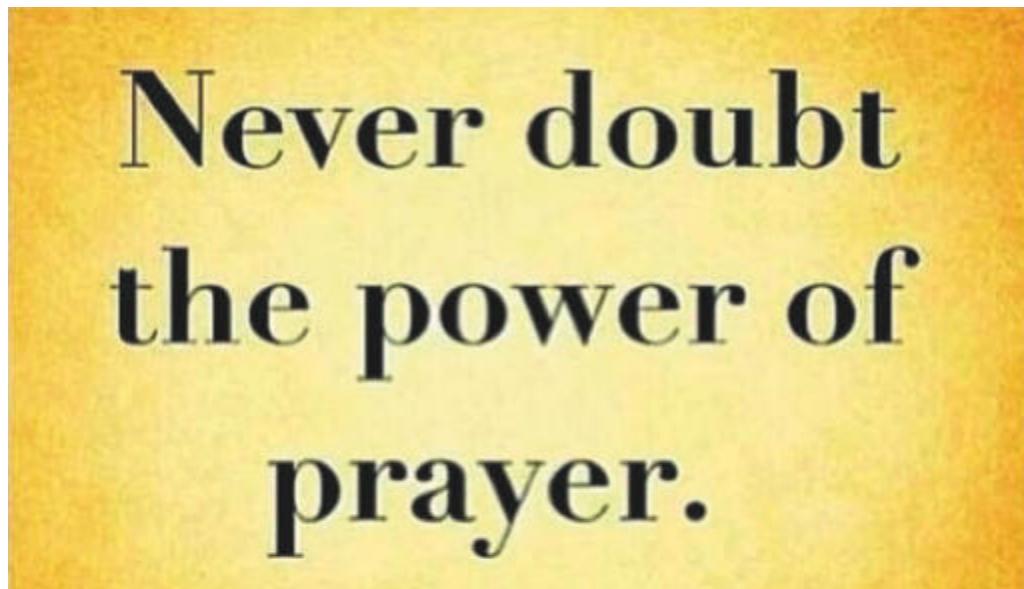
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Below we are listing information we have gathered about on-line and streaming resources for Mass and prayer during the time our church must be closed. We will keep them in our on-line bulletin and on our website as long as our church is closed. Please keep checking our website – we will update information and post additional prayer resources and reflections as we become aware of them.

Sources which will enable you to hear Mass on-line or on television:

<https://www.archchicago.org> – daily mass from St. James Chapel in the Pastoral Center, also Sunday Mass in Spanish and in Polish – at any time

ABC7 – 12:00 Sunday – Mass at Holy Name Cathedral

Univision - 10:00 AM – Sunday – Mass in Spanish

EWTN: Direct TV - Channel 370
 Dish Network - Channel 261
 Verizon Fios – Channel 285
 Xfinity – Channel 33, 291, 1668

Online: Holy Name Cathedral – anytime – go to the Holy Name Cathedral website
<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>

Relevant Radio: The Relevant Radio app is available at Relevant Radio. Com
Mass – 12 noon, rebroadcast at 7:30 pm
Also on the Father Rocky Facebook page

Word On Fire Ministry: wordonfire.org

Resources for Scripture and Prayer:

Daily Mass readings are available on the US Conference of Catholic Bishops web site:
- Go to usccb.org – choose the date on the calendar on the right or
- Go to <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

Give Us This Day – a daily Mass and prayer book is making its content available for free during this time. Go to Give Us This Day. Org

Living With Christ – another daily Mass and prayer book is also making its content available for free. Go to Living with Christ.us

Liturgy Training Publications, the publishing arm of the Archdiocese, also has on-line prayer resources, including daily reflections. Go to ltp.org, look for the window offering resources during times of crisis, or the media events – current virtual workshops.

For material needs or other assistance , we understand that you can find resources by going to <http://211.org>, a web site sponsored by the national United Way organization.