



DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday	12/12/2020	5:30pm	Wencel & Irene Sisak
Sunday	12/13/2020	8:30am	Craig Cesarz

Next Week

Saturday	12/19/2020	5:30pm	Wencel & Irene Sisak
Sunday	12/20/2020	8:30am	Jole Pioro

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions without an appointment will be available at the following times.



- 11:00 am- noon on Wednesday, December 16 in the LBC with Fr. Pat
- 6:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, December 17 in the main church at St. Matthew with Fr. Pat and Fr. Michael Maher, SJ.
- 10:00-11:00 am on Saturday, December 19 at St. Mary by the Lake with Fr. Pat.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you unable to attend Mass right now due to the pandemic, but still hunger for the Eucharist? Specially trained volunteers do not come into your home, only to your door, wearing masks and gloves. The sacrament is safely dispensed along with a short prayer card. Contact Heather Warner in the parish office if you would like to receive Communion.



MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



Mass intentions for next year can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. There is a limit to the number of weekend Masses that can be scheduled per person per year. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

CALENDAR THANK YOU

Thank you to Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home for their gift of 2021 calendars to all of our parishioners.

Please pick one up in the vestibule or the breezeway by the restrooms.

HELP NEEDED TO DISINFECT CHURCH

Are you interested in helping to disinfect the church after Masses? Please contact Heather in the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS



Help us decorate our church this Christmas season. Pick up an envelope in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket or mail back to church along with your payment of \$15. You may return more than one envelope. Please return envelopes by **December 20th to have names included in the Christmas bulletin.**

Remember or honor a loved one -

Living or deceased -

Or in thanksgiving for the blessings in your lives with a beautiful plant this Christmas.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS

If you follow the bulletin online (or don't receive an insert in your bulletin), we have a special Advent treat for you. Go to stmarybythelake.org every week during Advent for an Advent Meditation.



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FOOD PANTRY



The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:

- Boxes of cereal
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Hand soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Year end contribution envelopes for 2020 need to be in the parish office no later than Tuesday, December 29th.

Please note that if you give through WeShare, contributions take a few days to process. Please make sure that if you would like credit for 2020 that you give enough time to process.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

In anticipation of increased attendance at Christmas and in order to comply with the safety guidelines regarding capacity and social distancing, St. Mary by the Lake is doing what can be reasonably done without sacrificing "the irreplaceable preciousness and beauty" of the Sacred Liturgy.

We are requiring a reservation for all wishing to attend Christmas Mass.

We thank you in advance for your charity, patience, and cooperation. We are hoping this will be an effective alternative to having to turn people away once capacity is reached.

Once you arrive, you will need to check-in to be seated. We ask that you only appear for the Christmas Mass for which you have reserved space.

Please make your reservation by contacting the Parish Office during regular office hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm). You may also sign up online by going to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449ACA722A6FB6-christmas1>

Seating will be limited. Once a particular mass reaches capacity, there will be no additional reservations for that mass. We regret that we will not be able to accommodate anyone without a reservation. We also ask that children 2 and under please sit in the lap of another adult. Please only make reservations for people 3 years of age and older. We ask that each family planning to attend Mass in-person, please respond by December 15th so we can make sure we are following current health guidelines. Masses are filling up very quickly!

We currently are planning the following Masses:

- Christmas Eve: 3:00pm & 5:00pm
- Christmas Day: 8:00am & 9:30am

HOLIDAY DRIVE THRU FOR THE VETS WITH SANTA

THANK YOU!!!!

The St. Mary by the Lake Human Concerns Committee and Faith Formation program would like to thank everyone who participated in the Holiday Drive Thru for the Vets with Santa on December 5th.

Santa was overwhelmed by the several sleighs full of donations! The Union Grove Veterans Home is always grateful for the gracious generosity of our parish.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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First Reading:

Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

Gospel:

John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?

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THANK YOU TO BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to the Buildings and Grounds volunteers who have demonstrated much appreciated devotion to the parish and creativity in all the lovely Christmas light motifs on the parish grounds. It reminds us all in this time of darkness that the Christ Child is the light that dispels the darkness!

Even if you are not joining us for Mass right now, please take a drive out to visit the St. Mary by the Lake holiday display. And offer up a prayer of blessing and thanksgiving for our parish from your car.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new *Workbook for Lectors* is available for pickup in the vestibule, or arrangements can be made with Jen or Heather for pickup in the Parish Office.

ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!

A schedule to sign up for December is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

PREPARE YOUR GIFTS

Much of our time during Advent involves searching for and wrapping the "perfect" gifts for friends and loved ones. But as we prepare our gifts for others, we need to keep reminding ourselves that our gift-giving represents God's giving of the greatest Gift of all, Baby Jesus, wrapped in flesh.



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