SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE CATHOLIC PARISH

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

11802 Pacific St. Omaha, NE 68154

www.stroberts.com 402.333.8989



Eucharistic people seeking the face of Christ

Advent / Christmas 2024

12th Annual Night of Hope

Thursday – December 5 | 7:00 p.m. (Music begins at 6:15 p.m.)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday – December 9 | 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday – December 9 | 6:30 p.m. (extra priest will be present)

Living Nativity

Sunday – December 15 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays | 4:00–5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. –8:30 p.m.

Daily Advent Reflections from Fr. Mark

www.facebook.com/strobertbellarmineomaha

Christmas Masses

***Christmas Eve** – Tuesday December 24*

4:00 p.m. (Children's Mass), 7:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m.

***Christmas Day** – Wednesday December 25*

7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)

Tuesday, December 31 | Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday January 1 | 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

(Holy day of Obligation)

ALL ARE INVITED 12th Annual Night of Hope at St. Robert Bellarmine

Our 12th Annual Night of Hope is scheduled for **Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m., in the Church**. The speakers are Taylor Proud, Pamela Kocina-Kerzman, Mickey Marasco Holthe, and Karen McMillan. Come listen to different speakers share stories of hardship and how faith has renewed their lives. A great way to prepare yourself and your family for Christmas!



Free Admission - Live Music provided by JeVon Mickles





PARISH OFFICE

11802 Pacific St., Omaha, NE 68154
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Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Mon - Thurs 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Friday

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LAUREN MOHATT

New Bulletin Deadline:
Monday by 12:00 PM
Send Items to:*bulletins@stroberts.com*

Parish Registrations:
Register in Parish Office
or www.*stroberts.com*

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Priests
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Mass Schedule
Saturday: 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Daily: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Live Webcasts https://www.stroberts.com/
Sunday Masses 9:30 AM, Daily 8:30 AM
Rosary - Mon-Sat 8:09 AM, Sun 9:09 AM
Following Mass on:
Tuesday ~ Mary of Perpetual Help Novena
Friday ~ Parish Chaplet to Divine Mercy

Liturgy of Hours
Daily: 6:00 AM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00-5:30 PM &
7:30-8:30 PM
Thursday:(Before First Fridays) 4:30-5:30 PM, 7:00-8:00 PM

Baptisms
Make arrangements with Parish Office denise.podjenski@stroberts.com

Marriages
Date needs to be set at least six months before the wedding.

Sick Calls
Communion Calls will be made to those confined to home. Please notify the parish office of a serious illness and hospital confinement. Priests will visit hospitalized parish members.

DEVOTION

"Can you not watch with me for one hour?" (Matt 26:40) **Adorers are needed!** Please contact the Perpetual Adoration Captains if you can sign up for an hour.

Sunday Joann Holtz *jholtz6@cox.net* 402-630-2702
Monday Jenni & Dan Owens *dowensfamily@gmail.com* 402-330-1993
Tuesday Suzie Lawler *suzielawler@cox.net* 402-492-9749
Wednesday Theresa Howell *theresahowell@cox.net* 402-334-9634
Thursday Beth Jareske *2jareskes@cox.net* 402-431-0505
Friday Kate Brennan 402-333-6086
Saturday Jan Brannen *jsb505@cox.net* 402-334-9533

Perpetual Adoration 24 hours in the Adoration Chapel

Nocturnal Adoration
10:00 PM-6:15 AM starting on Saturday, before the first Sunday of the month. Contact Paul McCandless, 402-333-8554 or *mccandlessnd@aol.com*

Mary of Perpetual Help Novena Tuesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Divine Mercy Fridays after 8:30 AM Mass

Respect Life Holy Hour 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Church

Rosary Mon-Sat at 8:05 AM Sundays at 7:40 AM, 9:10 AM, 10:40 AM,

Readings for the Week

December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Pray for Our Sick

J Cuchy, Jim S., Frank B., Debbie S., Rita Wolfe, Annie M., Marlene M., Brandi, Anna, Jody S., Christiane T., M. Sarah C., Mike M., Susie Greene, Jennifer O'Neill, P. Foster, C. Ziemba, Mary B., Greg, Marianne, Cheryl B., Crouch family, Randy, Jennifer O., Susan W., Dan & Shirley, Thelma T., John R., D. Spaen, David T., Carmin Q., G. Garro, Jr., L. Chohon, Maggie A & Baby, Tim R., D Baum, Dave W., S. Kremla, Justin A., Mary Gates, Mickey H., Sharron N., Jim P., Mike Brown, Kerrie N, E. Carroll, S. Harrell, John M., Kitty M., Kay W., Dorothy D., Colleen M., Tom S, Gina T., Mary Barnes., Dan M., Lily, Nancy N., Leo M., James S., Carrie, Mary B., Cheron B., Patricia P., A. Howell, Stephanie B., Gary L., Charlene S., Stacey, Linda O., Teri P., D. Mapes, Jonas A., Joe Z., Sue F., Loretta, Morgan, M. Oman, Louise Basye, John V., Matt, Gary, Charles, Sylvia Puccioni, Marzia Puccioni Shield, Tony Deckman, D. Stevenson, J Veik, R. Rodgers, Nick S., Easton R., Joel N., Hank E., Dr. R. Pitner, Lucia B., Frank B., Jim Chuck P., Dr. G Langdon, Frank P., Linda J., Francine, Susie R., Mary J. McManus, Peter Coniglio, Jennifer Campbell, Chris Wheeler, Melissa, Maureen, Kelly, Colleen D., and everyone in need of our prayers. Call the Parish Office 402-333-8989 by M**onday at noon to be** placed on the prayer list for the following Sunday.

Our Deceased

† Doris (Dory)Tschantz
† Lois McKernan
† Petra Schmidt
† Virginia Kurzak
† Katrina Miodowski

Prayer Garden



The perennials have all been put to bed for the winter, the waterfall is off, but the Prayer Garden is aglow with Christmas lights.

Come experience the calm beauty of the garden this time of year.

Open 7am-9pm daily.

Mass Intentions (and celebrants)

Monday, December 2nd
6:30 am † Dee Fell *Fr. Mark*
8:30 am † Deacon Dick Petersen *Fr. Bob*
5:30 pm Carmen Mancuso *Fr. Harry*
Special Intention

Tuesday, December 3rd
6:30 am † Ray Huelskamp *Fr. Rob*
8:30 am † Victoria Preister *Fr. Harry*
Unit Mass
5:30 pm † Susan Laughlin *Fr. Lewis*

Wednesday, December 4th
6:30 am † Jeannine Ries *Fr. Lewis*
8:30 am † Ann Rose *Fr. Mark*
Unit Mass
5:30 pm † Robert & Chuck Gifford *Fr. Harry*

Thursday, December 5th
6:30 am † Kathy Smithberg *Fr. Rob*
8:30 am † Millard Blach *Fr. Lewis*
All School Mass
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm † Joe Holewinski *Fr. Mark*
Anniversary
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions

Friday, December 6th
6:30 am † Sharon Spaedy *Fr. Harry*
Anniversary
8:30 am † Joohn W. Shea *Fr. Lewis*
5:30 pm † Maureen Bovick *Fr. Mark*

Saturday, December 7th
8:30 am † Marcelino Blanco Jr. *Fr. Lewis*
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Confessions
2nd Sunday of Advent
5:30 pm † Mary Piernicky *Fr. Harry*
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Confessions
10:00 pm - Nocturnal Adoration

Sunday, December 8th
6:15 am - Nocturnal Adoration ends
7:00 am † Don Kraft Fr. Lewis
8:00 am † Charlene Helgoth *Fr. Lewis*
9:30 am † Samantha Thibodeau *Fr. Harry*
Anniversary
11:00 am People of St. Robert's *Fr. Mark*
Living & Deceased
12:30 pm † Deceased members of *Fr. Mark*
Lordemann Family

A Word

Advent Irony

There is an irony about the season of Advent.

Jesus tells us, *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life... Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. (Mt 6:25-26,34).* Each day, we must trust in God's goodness and His care for us. He created us out of great love. He has compassion for our struggles and weakness. In return, we live gratefully, humbly, charitably, and prayerfully.

However, Jesus tells us concerning the end of the world, *"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world… Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life… Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape all these things that will take place…" (Lk 21:25-36).*

On the one hand, we are to live each day fully and not worry about tomorrow. But then we are also to be constantly vigilant for the signs of the times and prepared for tribulation. This may seem contradictory, but at a deeper level, it is a blueprint and reminder of how to live each day.

God created the universe and each of us for a specific reason. That purpose is our immediate life but also the culmination toward which everything in life tends. The mystery is this: at creation, seeds of this "end" were buried in the beginning of everything. In a way, we are a haunted people. Our hearts cannot seem to find lasting happiness. There is always the sense that there is more. We gaze at the stars at night and feel a kinship/resonance with them. Beauty beckons because it seems to point to something beyond itself. We have a longing that nothing in life can seem to quench. Maybe our perpetual restlessness is really for a home not of this world. We need to live each day with a careful eye toward the end of things, the true end for which everyone of us was created.

We are a haunted people but also an Advent people. We become mindful of the Second Coming as we remember and enter into the memory of our Lord's first coming. In the context of the liturgical year, we keep returning to the birth of this Christ Child. It was a cataclysmic event of such beauty and import that it changed the spiritual axis of all creation. The season of Advent is a fresh beginning to encounter His birth in time and in our souls. As we surrender to it, His birth will surely lead us, in the fullness of time, to the end for which we were created—divine life, gladness, and fulfillment with the Creator Himself.

Religious Education

Religious Education Upcoming dates:

December 4th	Family Religious Education (FRE) Workshop-6:00 p.m.-Mainelli Center
December 11th	2nd-8th Grades Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.-school
December 18th	RE Advent 5:30 Mass & Skit with St. Nicholas
December 25th	Merry Christmas!

Questions, contact Cheryl Erker, DRE at 402-333-1959 or cerker@stroberts.com

SRB 8th Grade DC Trip



Parent's Night Out!!

A fundraiser for the St. Robert's 8th Grade Washington DC Trip Saturday, December 7, 2024,

Drop Off/Pick Up Night of Event: St. Robert's Cafeteria
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
$30 per child
Deadline to sign up: December 1, 2024

Bring your child to St. Roberts Cafeteria and SRB 8th graders and parent chaperones will watch them. They will enjoy a night of crafts, games, snacks, movies while you get some Christmas shopping done, enjoy dinner out or just relax at home and enjoy the peace and quiet. The possibilities are endless, but whatever you choose know your child will be having the best 3 hours of fun. The proceeds will go towards the 8th Graders Washington DC Trip.

Games | Crafts | Snacks | Movies | Christmas FUN!!!!!

Limited to 100 kids, so be sure to sign up early!!!

Sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuzCAard7OBhws0t0cn3K1aZNsc9ROX7YPn24fggSBi9KQbA/viewform

Payments can be made:

- Venmo - @SRB-8thDC (Last 4#5376)
- Cash/Night of event-Please make checks out to SRB with 8th Grade DC trip in the memo line.

Contact Susan Ferguson at (402) 616-7674 or SusanAFerguson@gmail.com

Baptism Class



The next Baptism class will be on Wednesday, Dec 4 in meeting room 1. Please Call the parish office to register 402-333-8989.

Parish Information

Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild 2025 Membership

The 2025 St. Robert's Ladies Guild Membership Drive is underway! The Guild, which has been active since the parish was founded in 1966, is a great way to get involved and develop lifelong friendships. Please visit the St. Robert's website for more information. https://www.stroberts.com/organizations-items/1832-ladies-guild . ?'s **Traci Osuna** at traciosuna-85@gmail.com.

Donut Sunday Today

This Sunday is Donut Sunday hosted by the Ladies Guild! We invite you to join us after the 7, 8, 9:30, and 11 Masses December 1 for fellowship with family and friends.



Please Help Send Our 8th Graders to Washington, D.C.!

Our 8th-grade students are preparing for an exciting educational trip to Washington, D.C., where they will experience history firsthand and deepen their learning. Please consider making a donation to help ensure that all students who want to participate can join in this unforgettable experience. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated!** To donate, simply scan the QR code

https://ppay.co/sqVAkXA6uPU

Spirit of Sharing 2024



Wrapping Party and Gift Drop in the Mainelli Center **Monday, December 2** from **5pm-7pm.** Please have all gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) labeled with the Family number and name of recipient. Thanks again for your generosity in supporting these families!

If you have any questions or need to make other arrangements for gift drop off – please contact **Wendy Prosser** wprosser9@gmail.com or 402.659.6743 or **Nancy Kuhl** nkuhl@cox.net or 402.203.5758.

Understanding Divine Mercy Series



Through the message of Divine Mercy our Lord is preparing us for His final coming.

Knights of Columbus

Juan Diego Food Pantry



St. Robert's parish provides the Catholic Charities/**Juan Diego Food Pantry** at 31st and Q in Omaha with most of its non-perishable food items. Cereal, rice, pasta, maseca flour, cooking oil, soup, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, baggies, etc., are most beneficial.

Please return sacks filled with such items by 12:30 p.m., today, December 1.

Interested in volunteering to help with the Juan Diego Food Pantry? Contact **John Ries at 402-618-4369** or sign up through sign up genius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4CACAF23A3FB6-46550696-juan#/

K of C Dues are now due for 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. Please go to: https://strobertbellarmine.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/11/responses/new to pay, or use the QR Code on your phone: ?'s: contact John Ries - 402-618-4369 or johnries53@gmail.com

Circle 3

Been There Done That!

Join us at our annual **Happy Hollow Christmas Brunch** on **December 12**. All ladies of the parish are welcome! The cost is $26, **checks made payable to Kathryn Grieb.** The venue is open at **9 am** with brunch served at **9:30**. You may drop off your check or cash at the Parish Office.

?'s: **Linda Fell 402-333-6322** or **402-960-1567** or lindafell4@gmail.com. Please have your reservation into the office by **December 9**.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Upcoming Dates:



Tuesday, December 3: Christmas Party 11:30 at Olive Garden 168th & Center. If you want to attend & haven't registered yet, call **Gwen Johnson** at **402-657-5993** to register.

Tuesday, December 10th: last Prayer Shawl meeting until we resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Please donate any unwanted yarn or new yarn…..We so appreciate all donations. Gwen Johnson & Nellie Distefano

Pro Life

Walking with Moms in Need

St Roberts is Walking With Moms in Need! We are here to promote a culture of life and support one another - in all stages of Life.

In addition to our pro - life work in the community, we want to help our own parishioners. If you are pregnant or parenting and are in need of assistance, please reach out to Ann at annmbauer@gmail.com or 402-660-4557.

Christmas Singalong



Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and expression of our anticipation for the coming of our Lord. Join one of our SRB choirs for a live rehearsal and sing-along of all of the sounds of Christmas in preparation for the coming of our Savior.

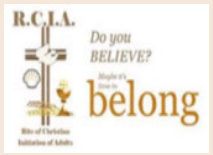
On **December 15th** following the **12:30 Mass**, sit back in your pew and experience the joy of the season. Maybe this is your call to participate more actively in our parish's music ministry! Following this music practice, all are welcome to Christmas Carol to others in area nursing & retirement living facilities before viewing our annual Living Nativity.

?'s call Rebecca Dunn at 402-580-2673 or email Rebecca_dunn@ralstonschools.org



Pastoral Ministry

OCIA (formerly RCIA) CTK & SRB



Are you interested in joining the Catholic Faith? Or just learning more about the Faith? OCIA classes have begun. For more information, contact Debbie at 402-333-8989 or dmarcil@stroberts.com.

12/04 – Social Justice & The Catholic Church
12/11 – TBD
12/18 - Christmas Celebration & Potluck Dinner
12/25 - Break - Merry Christmas!
01/01 - Break - Happy New Year!

Safe Environment

Safe Environment Certification for All Volunteers –

All parishioners/parents who volunteer with children in our parish or school (Christ the King and St. Robert Bellarmine) are required by the Archdiocese of Omaha to be Safe Environment Certified. **Anyone not certified will NOT be able to volunteer at the parish or school**. Sign up at www.omaha.cmgconnect.org ***Upcoming scheduled trainings***

St. Robert Bellarmine Mainelli Center All classes begin at 4:00 p.m. 12/2, 1/6. ***Christ the King Parish Center –*** All classes begin at 4:00 p.m. 12/10, 1/13. There are more classes offered on the CMG website. Questions email Debbie at dmarcil@stroberts.com.

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of more adult funeral servers to help altar serve at Funeral Masses. The commitment is 90 minutes when you are able to serve. This is a beautiful service for our families grieving the loss of a loved one. Email dmarcil@stroberts.com or call 402-333-8989

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

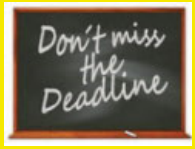
Help us celebrate the Nativity of our Lord by making our Christmas altar beautiful! Donate in memory of a loved one.

All donations will be used to purchase poinsettias and other decorations for our Church. Names will be listed in the Dec.22 bulletin.

Use the Christmas Flower Envelope provided in your weekly envelopes or put in a clearly marked envelope. Be sure to indicate the name of your memorialized loved one. Feel free to drop off at the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection

Early Bulletin Deadline Times

Bulletin date:	**Items due by noon:**
December 8	Monday, November 25
December 15	Monday, December 2
December 22	Monday, December 9
December 29	Monday, December 16
January 5	Friday, December 20



Send to *bulletins@stroberts.com & lrempe@stroberts.com*

Weekly Offering

Unavailable due to early holiday deadline.

The deadline for year-end direct contributions from your investment/IRA account is fast approaching. Please consult with your tax or investment advisor if you wish to make a direct contribution in 2024.

To donate to St. Robert Bellarmine from your mobile device, please use the QR code below:

Contact: Maureen Moseman (development office) **mmoseman@stroberts.com** or Patrick Flanery (business office) **business@stroberts.com** or call **402-333-8989** with questions.

In remembrance of a loved one, please consider memorials to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish.



Second Collection next weekend, December 7/8 at all Masses for Retirement Fund for Religious.



Magnificat-Omaha* invites all women to our Advent Brunch on **December 7 at 9:30 AM** with inspirational speaker Lavinia Spirito. Lavinia, originally from Italy and the founder of the Catholic Way Bible Study series on EWTN, is a Renewal Ministries Retreat Speaker for Advent.

Cost: $20. For Reservations, go to www.MagnificatOmaha.org or email magnificatomaha@gmail.com. *Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

Contact **Karen Dwyer** at **402-616-7328** or email kdwyer@Gmail.com with questions.

Patrol the Parking Lot



Help is always needed to patrol the parking lot during Saturday/Sunday Masses. Please call or email **Tim Mohatt** at **402-320-0703** or tmohatt@stroberts.com if interested.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 2, 2024

1:00 p.m.	Monday Mah Jongg, MR3
4:00 p.m.	Safe Environment, MR3
6:00 p.m.	Entrepreneur Business Leader Workshop, CR
7:00 p.m.	Ladies Guild Christmas Party, MC
6:30 p.m.	GriefShare, MR3

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

11:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary, MR3
1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl, MR3
1:30 p.m.	Book Club, CR
5:00 p.m.	Boomer's Christmas Party, MC
6:00 p.m.	Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
6:00 p.m.	John Klimik, CR
6:30 p.m.	Wilson Model T, MR2
7:30 p.m.	AA Small Group, MR4

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:00 p.m.	RE
6:30 p.m.	OCIA/RCIA, MR3
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class, MR1

Thursday, December 5, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Student Ambassadors, MC
9:00 a.m.	Moms of Faith, MR3
1:30 p.m.	Boomer Meeting, CR
4:30 p.m	Confession, CH
6:00 p.m.	Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
6:15 p.m.	12th Annual Night of Hope, CH
7:00 p.m.	Confession, CH
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting, MR3

Friday, December 6, 2024, 2024

5:00 p.m.	K of C Christmas Party, MC
6:30 p.m.	AA Small Group, MR3
7:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball, East Gym

Saturday, December 7, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Bible Study, MR2
8:00 a.m.	Helping Hands, MR3
9:00 a.m.	Magnificat Brunch, MC
3:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary, CR
4:00 p.m.	Confession, CH
5:00 p.m.	Parent's Night Out, CAF
7:30 p.m.	Confession, CH
10:00 p.m.	**Nocturnal Adoration, CH**

Sunday, December 8, 2024

6:16 a.m.	**Nocturnal Adoration ends, CH**
All Day	**2nd Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious**
8:00 a.m.	Helping Hands, MR3
2:00 p.m.	Well Read Mom book group, CR
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary reunion, MR2
2:00 p.m.	CL Meeting, MR4
4:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball League, East Gym

Daily Prayer This Week



Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Each morning this week, while we are first coming to consciousness, we can name a desire, name an emptiness or feeling of anxiety or worry that we can feel. It is into the raw places in our lives such as these, that our Lord came to be with us. So, this week, we can begin to invite our Lord to be Incarnate in our lives, in the places we need him the most.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will "find joy in the Lord." And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, "the Lord binds up the wounds of his people."

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. "Come, Lord." "Come and save me." "Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life." "Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me."

All of this preparation can happen in the simplest way, before the first Christmas decoration goes up. And, for each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?" (Ps. 27)

https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/C2-AD-01.html

Saint of the Day



Saint Nicholas

March 15, 270 – December 6, 343

The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to Saint Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, Saint Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-nicholas/

Bellarmine Boomers Potluck



Join the Bellarmine Boomers **Tuesday, December 3rd** for the 5:30 pm Mass and our Annual December Potluck. Bring a side, salad, or dessert (with serving utensils) to the Mainelli Center before Mass.

We will supply the meat dish, dinner service and drinks. **RSVP to Lois by November 27 at 402-679-1482**. Donations of toiletries, deodorants, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. will be collected and given to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate ***Christmas Past***, good food, friendship, and very special harmonies. ?'s call **Barb** at **402-590-6644**.

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Please join us for our December 9, luncheon at **Big Fred's Pizza, 1101 S. 119,** at **11:30**. All over the age of 50 welcome. We'd love to see you there.

Reservations: **Susan McGreevy, 402 333-9520 or 402-578-9520**

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Dec 7/8 2024	5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
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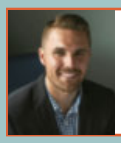
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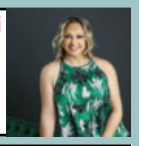
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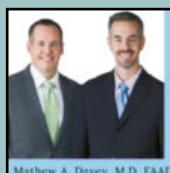

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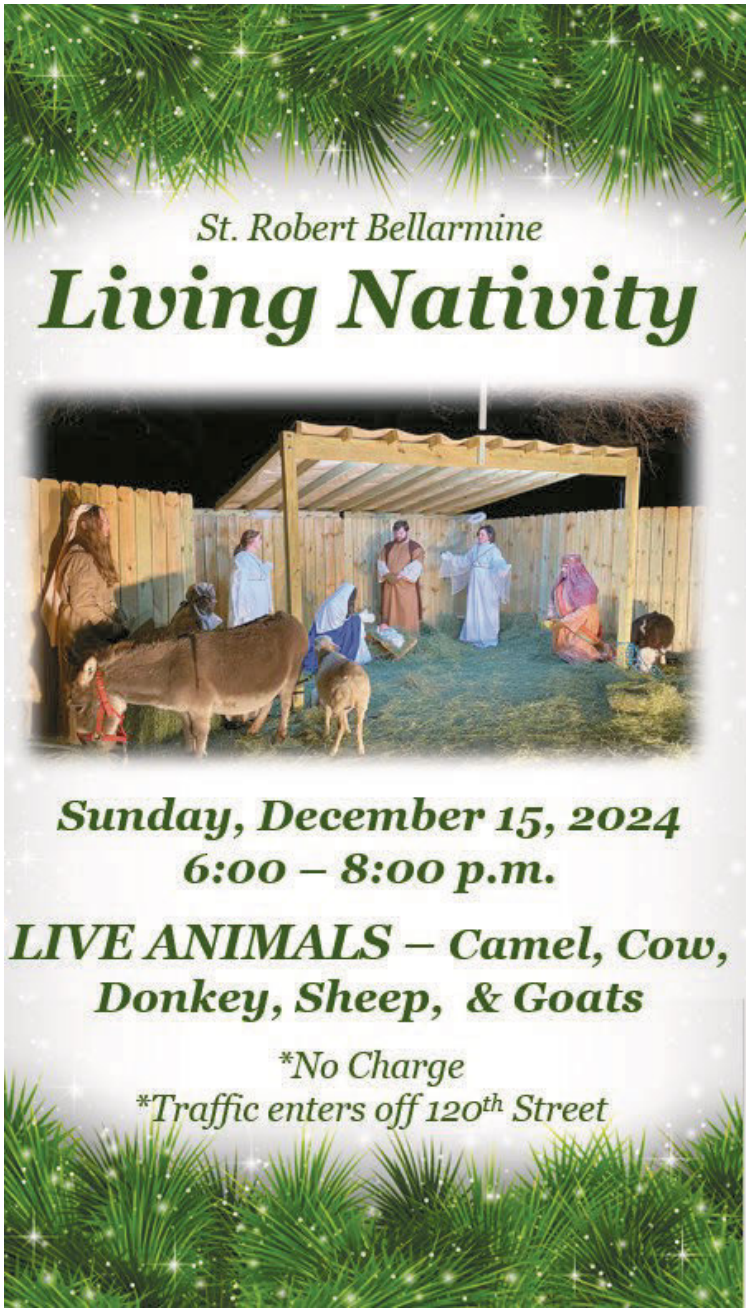
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