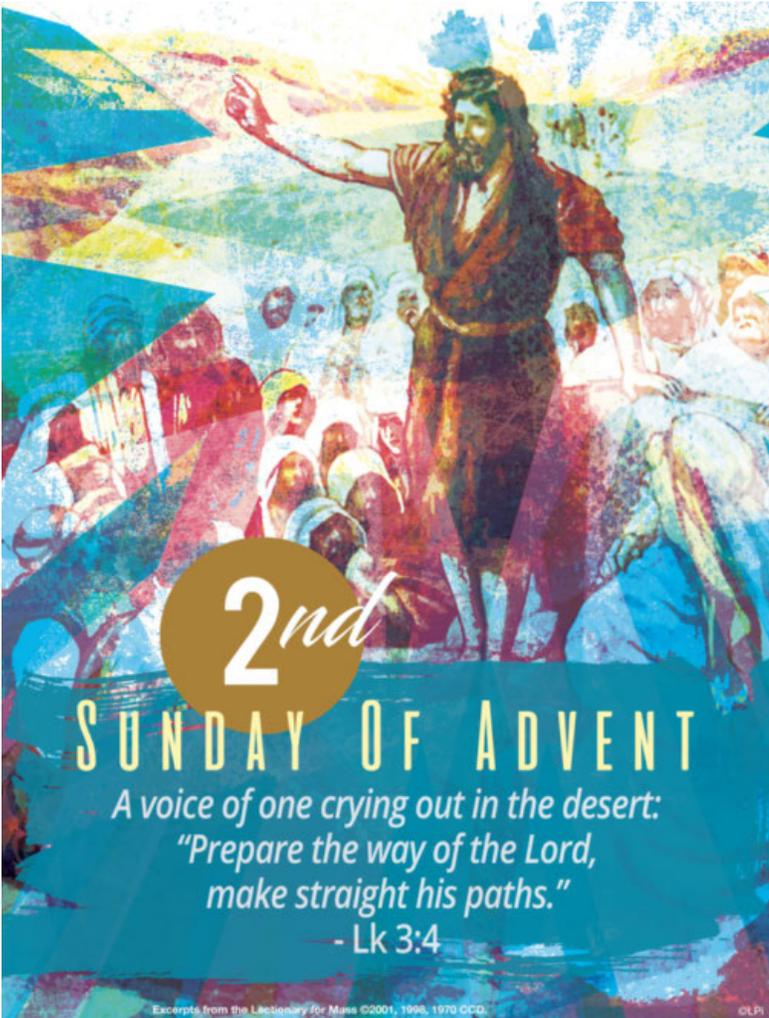




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December 5th, 2021

## TODAY'S MASS

Second Sunday in Advent

## READINGS

Bar 5:1-9

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

## MASS INTENTIONS

Ray & Margaret Sojat

Loraine Thiel

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Mass at 10:30 AM Voiced & Signed

### Daily Readings

**Monday** 12/6

Is 35: 1-10

Ps 85: 9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14

Is 35:4f

Lk 5:17-26

**Thursday** 12/9

Is 41:13-20

Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

Mt 11:11-15

**Tuesday** 12/7

Is 40:1-11

Ps 96:1-2, 3, & 10ac, 11-12, 13

Mt 18:12-14

**Friday** 12/10

Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6

Mt 11:16-19

**Wednesday** 12/8

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

**Saturday** 12/11

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

LK 1:26-38

Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish was established in 1910 for Italian Catholics living in NE Minneapolis and moved into the present church in 1938. The Archdiocesan Office for the Deaf joined the parish in 1986, and today our 170 families include Italians, Deaf and Hard - of - Hearing Catholics and their families, and neighbors from NE Minneapolis and beyond. You are most welcome to join our intimate, lively community.

### Our Mission

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim year acceptable to the Lord.

*Luke 4:18-19*

**Festival: July 10th, 2022**

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Joan Farrell

**Lector for Sunday, December 12th**

Justin McDevitt

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK**


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from: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>**Saint Nicholas' Story**

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.

Reflection: The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding Saint Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season, and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.

Saint Nicholas is a Patron Saint of: Bakers, Brides and Grooms, Children, Greece, Pawnbrokers, & Travelers



December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when

the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

## OLMC's Advent Schedule

For our extended holiday schedule, please see the lavender half sheets near each entrance.

Sunday, December 5th: Second Sunday in Advent

Mass at 10:30

Stocking Stuffing

Wednesday, Dec. 8th: Feast of Immaculate Conception

Mass at 6:30

OLMC is hosting St. Frances Cabrini for Mass and a dessert reception to follow

Saturday, Dec. 11th: Communal Penance Service

Mass at 10:00

The Communal Penance Service will be a form 2 Service

Sunday, December 12th: Third Sunday in Advent

Mass at 10:30

Sunday, December 19th: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Mass at 10:30

Christmas decorating will start following Mass



**Will you pray for a priest, deacon or religious everyday?**

Sunday	Fr. Paul Moudry
Monday	Fr. Bill Kenney
Tuesday	Fr. John Powers
Wednesday	Deacon Mike Powers
Thursday	Fr. Mike Krenik
Friday	Archbishop Bernard Hebda
Saturday	Fr. Tom Margevicius

**Please pray for God's healing mercy for:**

Fr. Bill Kenney, Dan Krolikowski, Anonymous Parishioner, Roland Brown, Barb Nell, Michael Guadagnoli, Jenny Mertes, Jody Hoppe, Mary Jo Miske, John D'Agostino, Jack Graff, Mariam Groettum, Dave Meath, Harvey Hoffman, Kathy & Robert Haider, Dave Krenik, Belinda Krenik, Derick Travis

Stocking Stuffing will happen after Mass, please plan on joining us to meet our goal to stuff 150 stockings!

## A Peak on the Lighter Side: Call Ahead

Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"

On Wednesday, OLMC will host St. Frances Cabrini for the Feast of Immaculate Conception. Following Mass we will have a dessert reception, please bring a dessert to share!



***Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.***

We express our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Mary Jo Miske**, who died **November 26th, 2021.**

Mary Jo was a most caring, devoted, compassionate, loving wife and grandmother. She loved her Catholic faith, baking, traveling, shopping, reading & gardening. Mary Jo met Frank at Vocational High School in Minneapolis, Frank claims she is the reason he was able to pass his classes. Frank & Mary Jo were married July 20, 1957 and started a family. Together they also opened Custom Business Forms in 1969 where Mary Jo held many roles including head of personnel and accounts receivable/payable. Mary Jo was also co-owner of Envelope Specialties Qwik Seal.

Mass of Life will be celebrated on Saturday December 11th at 1 pm, visitation 1 hour prior and luncheon to follow at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 701 Fillmore St. NE, Mpls, MN 55413.

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