

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOYFUL

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.” - Lk 1:43-44



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Mon - Thurs: 9:00a-5:00p
Fri: 9:00a-12:00p



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MASS SCHEDULE

Tue - Fri: 9:00am
Sat: 5:00pm
Sun: 8:30am, 10:30am,
5:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat: 4:00pm
or by appointment

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

First Friday: 9:30-10:30am

ADORATION CHAPEL

Mon -Thu: 7:00am-5:00pm
Friday: 7:00am-12:00pm

Keeper of Promises

Father,
you keep your promises
to Sarah, to Hannah,
to Elizabeth, to Mary,
to your people Israel.
You have promised to heal
the world

and to fill it with your love
like water fills the sea.
Help us to wait in hope.
Give us food for the journey
that our eyes might see your
salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC 18

5:00p | Chris Judge †

SUNDAY, DEC 19

8:30a | Genevieve Dineen †
10:30a | The People
5:00p | TBD

TUESDAY, DEC 21

9:00a | Verna Aberle † & Charles Aberle

WEDNESDAY, DEC 22

9:00a | Jess & Jim Smith

THURSDAY, DEC 23

9:00a | James Murphy †

FRIDAY, DEC 24

4:00p | Sebastian Flores
7:00p | Patty Barrows
10:00p | Dominic & Margaret
Cingoranelli

SATURDAY, DEC 25

10:00a | The Scheer Family

SUNDAY, DEC 26

8:30a | Genevieve Dineen †
10:30a | The People

TUESDAY, DEC 28

9:00a | Patrice & Mike Wallesen

WEDNESDAY, DEC 29

9:00a | Joe Campaiolo †

THURSDAY, DEC 30

9:00a | Thomasina Bena †

FRIDAY, DEC 31

9:00a | Annette & Robert Schmitz
4:00p | TBD

BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED

Today's readings: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

In the season of Advent, we look to those who watched and waited for Jesus when he first came into the world. The people of Israel, who first heard the words of the prophets, were waiting. The prophets spoke God's Word to them and gave them hope. They described the one who would come and the kingdom he would bring. Micah says his greatness extends to the ends of the earth.

Mary waited for the messiah throughout her early life. But she waited for Jesus in a way unique to her. When she was invited to be part of this completely new thing God was doing, she said yes with her whole heart. And then she set out.

Elizabeth's words to Mary communicate something

important. "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary is blessed because she knew that God was a keeper of promises. As we wait in hope, we can meditate on this truth. Take some time to think about what we hope for. We often worry about the conditions of the world. The weight of its brokenness can be hard to bear. But God keeps promises. In the words of the prophets and in the life of Jesus, a new possibility is revealed. Take some time today to meditate on the possibility of a world filled with God's love, governed by justice and peace to the ends of the earth.

This Advent, we are featuring weekly At-Home activities that follow along with the theme of these featured weekend articles. Be sure to follow us on Facebook to receive these daily posts, or email lluchini@paxchristi.org for a PDF version.



Who Will You Invite?

Sessions Begin January 2022



Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment—it's a safe place to explore life's biggest questions. 86% of Alpha attendees have received a personal invitation....**who will you invite?**

Who You Can Reach Out To:

Do you have friends or family members who grew up in the Church but have since left? What about that friend who always seems to be looking for something new and is searching for answers? Do you have a buddy who suffers

from worry and anxiety over things they can't change? Do you know someone who's new to the area and is looking for community? Or even people who have never been to church in their life. Reach out to those people and invite them to join you at an Alpha session.

A Few Sample Invitations (make it your own):

- Hey, friend! I just heard about this new program called Alpha. It sounds really cool, and everyone is welcome to join. There's free food and great conversations about some big questions, with no judgment or pressure. Would you like to come with me? Let me know and I'll sign us up! The first session is on Monday, January 10. We're meeting at 6:30 at Pax Christi in Littleton.
- I'm going to try this program called Alpha. It's a place to explore/discuss life, faith, and meaning. (You know... the small topics in life!) Each session has a video and time for discussion. Any interest in coming with me?
- My church is running this thing called Alpha (it's a course where you discuss life, faith, meaning, etc) and wanted to see if you wanted to join? It's in person and includes food, a video and discussion time.
- I'm planning to try this new program at my church called Alpha. It's a series of sessions that explore the big questions of life with a video and discussion time.

Any interest in coming? It's free and no pressure to come back if you don't like it.

And remember to add: The first session is on Monday, January 10. We're meeting at 6:30 at Pax Christi in Littleton.

Important Points: Alpha sessions will be safe and judgment-free. Everyone is welcome to come, even if they don't go to church. There will not be any pressure to participate, OR join the church when the sessions are over. Alpha isn't about information transfer - it's about friendships. It's truly just an opportunity to connect with other like-minded individuals and have some great conversations together. And did we mention there's free food?



Scan here for a downloadable invitation you can print and hand out. The Holidays are coming—bring some with you to the events!



Scan here for a video you can send in a text or an email, especially if people want to know more.



Scan this QR code to register or visit <https://qrco.de/PaxAlpha> to register for any or all of the sessions. Registration helps the team plan for food and support.

Have more questions?
Contact Rachel Daugherty at rdaugherty@paxchristi.org or call 720-419-0129

4 Community News

THIS WEEK @ Pax

SUNDAY, DEC 19

9:30a | Breakfast Burritos, Gt Hall
11:30a | Breakfast Burritos, Gt Hall
3:30p | Becoming Catholic Tns, Rm 1
6:30p | Alpha Team Training, Gt Hall

MONDAY, DEC 20

6:30p | Alpha Team Training, Gt Hall

TUESDAY, DEC 21

1:00p | Prayer Shawl, Gt Hall

WEDNESDAY, DEC 22

6:00p | Childrens' Choir Practice, Chr
7:15p | Adult Choir Practice, Chrch

THURSDAY, DEC 23

9:45a | The First Christmas, Gt Hall
1:00p | The Bible Timeline, Rm 1

FRIDAY, DEC 24

Parish Office Closed

4:00p | Mass
7:00p | Mass
10:00p | Mass

SATURDAY, DEC 25

Merry Christmas!

10:00 a.m. | Mass
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, DEC 26

8:30a | Mass
10:00a | Mass
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Please note that we provide this list as a friendly reminder of upcoming events; however, most of our programs require some kind of pre-registration. See something that looks interesting? Call our office to get the scoop!

MASST INTENTIONS

If you have requested a Mass intention for 2022, **please call our office at 303-799-1036 to confirm the date.**

You may also email Jan at jmorgan@paxchristi.org.

*O Come,
Let Us Adore Him*

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25

10:00 a.m.

*No Vigil for Holy Family
because of Christmas*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26

8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

No 5:00 p.m. mass



Let's Get Social!



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PRAYERS & PRESENCE REQUESTED

Matthew Kane, who grew up in the area and who was assigned to our parish during his formation, would love to have your presence at his Diaconate Ordination:
**Wednesday, December 23
12:10 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Colorado Springs**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Did you know you can donate Christmas flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one? Scan the QR code to go right to our Giving Site, or use your pre-printed envelope.



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The next time you visit our online giving site you might notice that it's gotten a very nice "facelift!" You'll still have the option of giving either a one-time or a recurring donation through the site, and it's completely secure. It's also very easy to use. If you do have any questions, though, please don't hesitate to reach out to either Lisa or Laura: lwalker@paxchristi.org or lluchini@paxchristi.org, or call 303-799-1036.



Our office will be closed
Friday, December 24 and
Monday, December 27.

Merry Christmas!



WHAT IS STEVEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person one at a time once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person - or care receiver -

to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Stephen Ministry, by its very nature, highly values confidentiality.

In today's world, we are facing extraordinary challenges. Many people are in need of a word or touch to help heal the brokenness in their lives. They long to experience Christ's presence in a tangible way. In the words of Henri Nouwen, "Care is being with, crying out with, suffering with, feeling with. Care is compassion. It is claiming the truth that the other person is my brother or sister, human, mortal, vulnerable like I am."

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Kathy Benoit at kbenoit709@gmail.com.



POINT MEN

Point Men helps its members better husbands, fathers, friends and businessmen. They focus on discovering their individual gifts, understanding their roles as Christian men and enhancing all aspects of their lives through a stronger relationship with Christ.

They meet Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and discussion, and are working through the series *LIFE* from author and renowned speaker Chris Stefanick. **Please note that our next meeting January 8.**

Questions? Email Alan Brown at alanb840@gmail.com.

COMING SUMMER 2022



Bring your smile to the Nile, and plan to join us for Vacation Bible School!

June 13-17, 2022

8:30 a.m. - Noon

PreK - 5th Graders

More information coming January 2022!

BREAKFAST BURRITOS

**This weekend!
After Morning
Masses**



BEWARE OF PHISHING

'Tis the Season for gifting, gift cards, and making lots of purchases! Please note, however, that **NONE** of our staff will **EVER** ask you to purchase anything for us. Should you receive any emails or text messages saying otherwise, please beware and do not reply. Always carefully check the email address and phone number these "requests" are coming from. Scan this link to learn more about how you can avoid scams like these.



6 Kids' Corner by St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

TEACHER FEATURE: Lorraine Garcia, 1st Grade



Lorraine has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Environmental Studies and a Post-Baccalaureate in Elementary Education (K-6). She taught kindergarten for 10 years but feels so blessed to now be a part of the SKD family. She enjoys developing a love of learning with her students and works hard to create a learning environment filled with creativity and play, while meeting the academic needs of the whole child and a love of Jesus. She loves being outdoors, traveling, and the Colorado Rockies!

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Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea.

Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

MISSION

You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"

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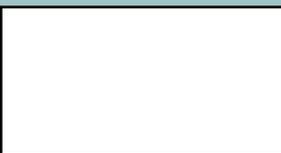


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