



# ASSUMPTION

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

December 20, 2020



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” - Lk 1:35

# Everyday Stewardship

## The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

©LPi



**Our Faith Formation programs have started! This semester the kids are studying Salvation History and Reconciliation. What about you? How well do you know your faith? Could you pass their quizzes?**

**Here are the answers to last weeks quiz:**

1. Baptism
2. Original, personal
3. Venial
4. moral, (a) grave matter, (b) full knowledge, (c) full consent
5. contrition
6. absolution

## Gospel Meditation

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.



The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

©LPi

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 20, 2020

Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday	<b>Vigil:</b> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. <b>Night:</b> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. <b>Dawn:</b> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. <b>Day:</b> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday, December 21	Tridum of Mercy Confessions	9am & 6pm	Church
Monday, December 21	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1pm-7pm	Church
Monday, December 21	Faith Formation Family Night The Incarnation	6pm	Church
Tuesday, December 22	Tridum of Mercy Confessions	9am & 6pm	Church
Tuesday, December 22	Faith Formation (By Appointment ONLY)	1pm-6pm	Church
<b>Wednesday, December 23</b>	<b>NO FOOD BANK (Christmas Break)</b>	<b>8:30am-11:30am</b>	<b>Parish Dining Room</b>
Wednesday, December 23	Tridum of Mercy Confessions	9am & 6pm	Church
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	<b>Parish Office CLOSED (Christmas Break)</b>	<b>8am- 3:30pm</b>	<b>Parish Office</b>
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	<b>NO FAITH FORMATION (Christmas Break)</b>	<b>1-6pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	<b>NO HOLY HOUR &amp; CONFESSIONS (Christmas Break)</b>	<b>6pm-7pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Masses	4pm & 6pm	Church
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day Masses	Midnight & 9am	Church
<b>Friday, December 25</b>	<b>Parish Office CLOSED (Christmas Break)</b>	<b>8am- 3:30pm</b>	<b>Parish Office</b>
Saturday, December 26	Holy Hour & Confessions	3:30pm-4:30pm	Church
Sunday, December 27	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	9:15am & 11:15am	Church

**Please join us in Celebrating Christ's Birth**

**Christmas Eve Masses  
4pm & 6pm**

**Christmas Day Masses  
Midnight & 9am**

## Prayer Corner

**Please pray for the sick and those in need of our prayers:**

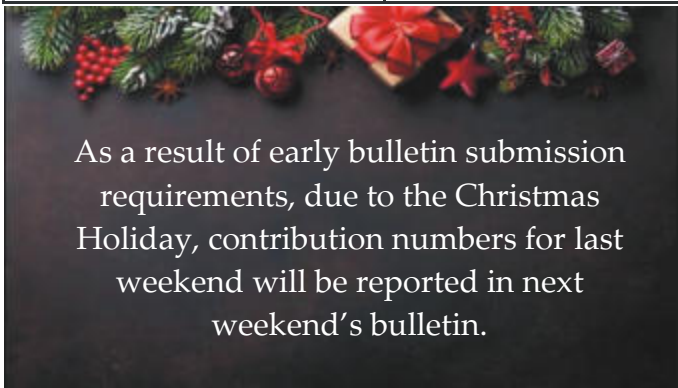
Melissa Bender	Jaelynn Thomas
Randy Gonzales	Phyllis Torres
Kristine Honomichl	Eddie Vigil
Nigel Howard	Chuck Wheatley
Brian McGuire	
Jarod Medina	
Kathy Montoya	
Maria Elane Moreno	
Fr. Brian Morrow	
Terry Morrow	
Malia Sanchez Valdez	
Sarah Routzon Landry	
Taylor Scott	
Shannon Wood	

## STEWARDSHIP OF TITHING

Week ending December 13th

**Faith Direct 10/30/2020**

\$ 7,675.69



As a result of early bulletin submission requirements, due to the Christmas Holiday, contribution numbers for last weekend will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

## Assumption Parish

2361 E. 78th Ave, Denver CO 80229

Parish Office: 303.288.2442 x100

School Office: 303.288.2159 x110

**Sacramental Emergency: 720-437-9953**

assumptiondenver.org

### Mass Times:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

### Reconciliation & Adoration:

Tuesday: 9:00 - 10:00am

Thursday: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15pm

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-3:30pm

### Food Bank:

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:30am

***We wish you Peace and  
Great Happiness.  
Happy Holidays!***

## SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, December 21

† Shane Siegfried

Tuesday, December 22

† Eva & Michael Kopf

Wednesday, December 23

Paul & Patti Reily (FOA)

Thursday, December 24

4:00pm

For the Seminarians of the  
Archdiocese of Denver

6:00pm

For an End to Abortion

Friday, December 25

Midnight

9:00am

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Pro Populo

Saturday, December 26

Pro Populo

Sunday, December 27

8:30am

10:30am

Carl, Carl A., Margaret, & Gloria  
Palizzi

† Harold & Mary Dinkel

## CONTACT US

Fr. Nick Larkin	Pastor	frnick@assumptiondenver.org
Deacon Sean Conroy	Deacon	deaconsean@assumptiondenver.org
Marie Dunn	School Principal	mdunn@assumptiondenver.org
Amy Castillo	School Secretary	acastillo@assumptiondenver.org
Anna Marie Brafford	Finance Council Member & School Endowment Fund	ambrafford@aol.com or 303-460-9844
Christina Jagodzinski	Office Manager	cjagodzinski@assumptiondenver.org
Calysta Kohlrust	Director of Evangelization and Discipleship	cmk@assumptiondenver.org
Jeanette Salazar	Administrative Assistant	jsalazar@assumptiondenver.org
Heather Schenck	Music Director	hschenck@assumptiondenver.org
Joe Domenico	Maintenance Director	jdomenico@assumptiondenver.org

**Wishbone**  
RESTAURANT

Dine In or Take Out  
97th & Federal  
In Westminster  
303-465-6204

**Dig In!**  
To the "BEST"  
fried chicken  
in town!

**Richard Crum**

Mountain View  
Properties Realty, LLC

**METRO BROKERS**  
Equal Housing

Direct: 303-255-1111

MLS

BEST IN LUMBER • BUILDING MATERIALS  
PAINTS • HARDWARE • GLASS  
METAL BUILDING • ROOFING  
**YOUNGER BROS. LUMBER  
& CONSTRUCTION CO.**  
6350 E. 72nd Place • Commerce City  
Trent Younger • Derell Younger  
303-288-2611

**COLORADO LIGHTING**

Colorado Lighting, Inc.  
2171 E. 74th Avenue  
Denver, CO 80229  
303-288-3152  
Lighting Maintenance  
Electrical Contractor

**Unite your Faith and Finances**  
Local banking with Catholic Values. Become a member Today!

**Fidelis**  
Catholic Credit Union™

Call: 303.424.5037  
Click: Fideliscu.org  
or Come By

FOLLOW US  
f i

**ASPEN**  
Mortuary  
of Commerce City

- Funeral Service
- Cremation
- Preplanning

Independent • Family Owned & Operated Since 1975  
6580 E. 73RD AVE.  
303-287-0495

A MINISTRY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

**MT. OLIVET**  
CATHOLIC CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER

**Start planning today:**  
Funeral | Cremation | Cemetery | Family Estates

(303) 893-0185 | cfccolorado.org  
Call to receive your Advanced Planning Parish discount

**cfcs**  
Living Our Mission  
CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES  
OF NORTHERN COLORADO

**Make a Difference.  
Be Counted.**

Fill out your 2020 Census  
starting this March.

Haz la diferencia.  
Sé contado.  
Completa tu Censo 2020  
a partir de marzo.

Be Ready.  
Estate listo

DenverGov.org/Census2020

**DENVER**  
THE MILE HIGH CITY

United States  
**Census 2020**

**AlthausLaw**  
COLORADO ESTATE PLANNING & PROBATE

WILLS • TRUSTS • ESTATE PLANNING • PROBATE

www.althauslaw.com

Schedule a Free Consultation Today!  
Protect Your Children & Future Generations.  
303-529-9247  
11150 Huron St., Ste. 102 \* Northglenn, CO 80234 Proud Catholic Parishioner



jeff@althauslaw.com

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Dave Hyde** to place an ad today!  
dhyde@4LPI.com or (800) 950-9952 x5820

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**catholicmatch<sup>®</sup>**  
Colorado

CatholicMatch.com/CO

**Paisano Sausage Co.**

"Made the Old Fashioned Way"  
Serving Your Community Since 1973

303.287.7277  
7326 Washington St., Denver, CO  
www.paisanosausage.com

**Too Sick for Mass?**

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered  
right to your inbox!  
www.parishesonline.com