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DECEMBER 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MISSION

We are committed to serving the Lord by making His will our mission. We welcome all to know and worship God through the Sacred Liturgy, faith formation and evangelization.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am Monday-Saturday

The 8:30am Daily Mass and the 9:00am Sunday Mass will be live streamed on Facebook & YouTube

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Confessions: Tuesdays after Daily Mass
Saturday 2:00pm-3:30pm

ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel (Keycard access required after dark)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm

Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

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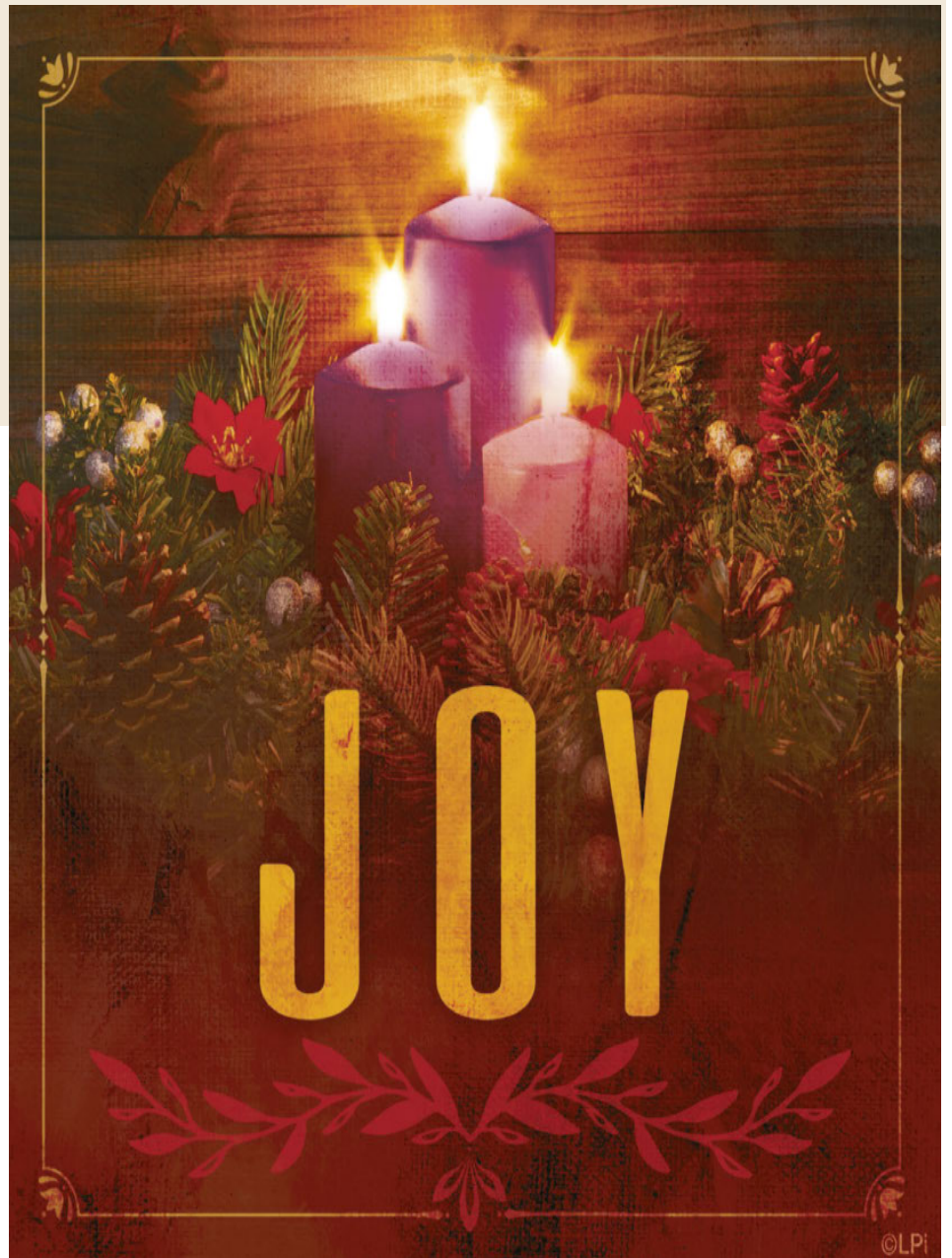
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WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS!

We are happy that you have come to share in the celebration of the Mass with us. If you have come as a stranger, we hope that you will leave as a friend. Come back often and know that you are always welcome.

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Deacon Bernie Filzen

Deacon Bill Finnegan

Deacon Gene Messer

Deacon Ron Wilson

Weekly Schedule ©LPI

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am R.C.I.A.
1:00 pm T.L.C.
5:00pm Christmas Spectacular

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:15am *The Mass w/Fr. Caruso*
4:00pm Handbell Practice
5:00pm Children's Choir Practice
6:00pm Mass Choir Practice
6:00pm *The Mass w/Fr. Caruso*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:00pm Whole Family Catechesis
6:00pm Spark

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:16am Bible Study
7:06pm Bible Study

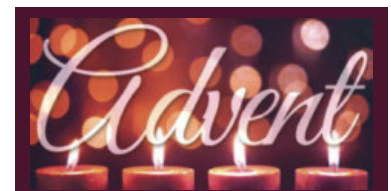
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30am Sisters in Christ
6:30am Ministry of Men

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00am R.C.I.A.
1:00pm T.L.C.



During the Advent season we will offer additional confession times on Tuesdays immediately following Daily Mass. (approximately 9:15am)

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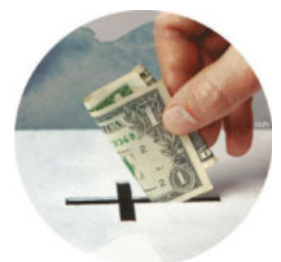


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Plate Collection \$18,796.00
Electronic Giving \$17,620.50
Attendance 2,271



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:

The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:6)

Gospel:

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



REFLECT

First Reading

The words of the prophet Zephaniah focus on hope for a new beginning of the Lord's presence in their midst. How has the season of Advent thus far brought you spiritual renewal?

Second Reading

As his letter draws to a close, Paul encourages the Philippians to be a community that rejoices in the Lord. How would you rate your own spiritual happiness?

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist exhorted the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a moral and other-centered life within the parameters of their day-to-day work. What would this look like for you in your current station in life?

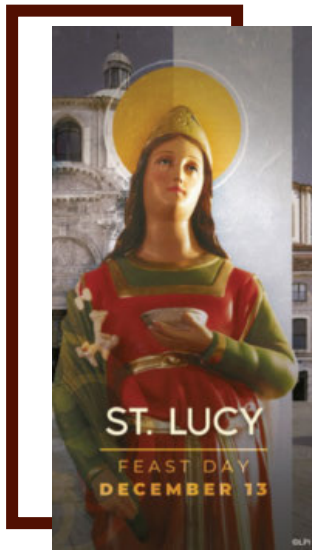


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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Lucy | Feast Day December 13

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung. ©LPi

We have a very limited number of St. Joseph Missals available for purchase in the parish office. The cost is \$10.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

8:30 am Susan Anderson †
4:00 pm Teresita Balang †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

7:00 am William Lyman †
9:00 am The Rainey Family †
11:00 am Pro Populo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

8:30 am Colette Henderson †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

8:30 am Charles Hite

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

8:30 am Hunter Scarberry

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

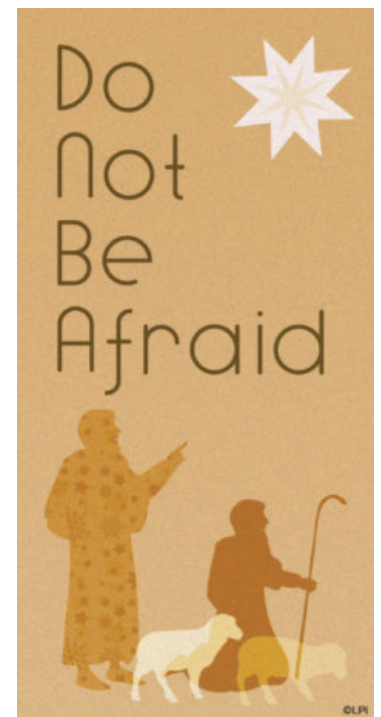
8:30 am Cheryl Fryske †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

8:30 am Antonio Ferriera †
4:00 pm Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

7:00 am Clifton Waters
9:00 am Lorraine Fritz †
11:00 am Caleb Martinez



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Patty Filzen
Denise Burich
Kim Benson
Bill Brady
Marie de Pez
Mike Wolf

May the healing hand of God rest on these people and all others in need.

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY
7:00AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM

All Saints Christmas Spectacular

A celebration of Christmas

Sunday, December 12th

5pm in the church

Featuring:

- *Our Annual Nativity Play performed by the children of All Saints*
- *Performances by our All Saints Choir and Handbell Choir & a String Quartet*
- *A sing-a-long of some favorite carols*

A reception will follow and we will conclude the night with the lighting of our parish Christmas tree.



6 WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

Whole Family Catechesis



Religious Education For Families With Children Kindergarten-6th Grade

Family & Faith Night

This week
Tuesday, December 14th
6pm

Parents, guardians, and kids—
join us for our WFC/M
Christmas party

We guarantee you
have a great time!



Cookie Donations

If you are donating cookies for our *Christmas Spectacular* reception, please drop them off in McKay Hall today. Thank you for helping make our event *spectacular!*

Faith & Fun

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

Today John the Baptist is visiting your church. You ask him, "What should my family do to serve God?" He answers, "If you have two winter coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." You tell him, "I can give away a coat and a pair of shoes that's too small for me. I can share a can of carrots from our shelf at home."

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Help me share what I have with others, Lord.



"Family is our first community and the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world . . . Wherever a family exists and love still moves through its members, grace is present."

—Follow the Way of Love, USCCB

Circle the pictures that are facing the same way. Then color in all the pictures.



How many books are in the New Testament

- a. 34
- b. 27
- c. 56
- d. 18

Answers:



Maria shares with our TLC teens how to do justice to God, neighbor, and self and maintain academic integrity in today's pressuring culture.

Erik shares with our Spark teens how to develop healthy, virtuous habits through repetition and discipline.



We wrapped up our superhero virtue series, "A Great Marvel," last Tuesday with a fast-paced game called "Endgame" in which heroes had to rush to protect civilians.

THIS WEEK

Spark & TLC
Christmas Parties!

12/14 &
12/19

Our Core Team had a fantastic fall season with our teens in which we focused on growing in the four cardinal virtues.

We're looking forward to closing out this memorable semester with you all by delighting in some s'mores, hot chocolate, games, carols, and stories.

Teens, we hope to see you this Tuesday and Sunday! :)

LIVE THE LITURGY

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!



WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Walk through the Liturgy with Fr. Caruso as he presents "The Mass". Each session will provide a step-by step explanation of the actions and prayers from the entrance processional to the dismissal. This series will help you understand how to participate fully, consciously and actively in the Mass.

Sessions continue throughout Advent
Mondays 9:15am & 6:00pm McKay Hall



ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

Are you an adult who has never received the sacrament of Confirmation?

We will host an inquiry session for those seeking to receive the sacrament. The inquiry session will be scheduled after the first of the year. Contact the parish office to register for the inquiry session or for additional information.



OUR ANNUAL

Mass of Remembrance

will be celebrated on
 Monday, December 13, 2021
 10:00am

to commemorate all those who had a memorial or funeral Mass in our parish this past year

COMING SOON



No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Our program will begin in 2022. Details to come in future bulletins.

MINISTRY OF MEN

Please join us for breakfast on **Saturday, December 18, from 6:30-7:30am** in McKay Hall as we present and discuss the video "The New Evangelization" presented by Evangelist, Michael Gormley, for That Man is You.

Desire to be a man after God's own heart? Come, see and be "That Man."

Please note this is our last session of the year. We will see you again January 8, 2022.

10 WHY DO WE DO THAT?

WHAT IS HOLY WATER AND HOW DO I EXPLAIN THE REASON THAT IT IS PLACED AT THE ENTRANCES OF CHURCHES TO MY NON-CATHOLIC FRIENDS?

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.



On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is

also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of

turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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