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DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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We gather in praise and worship of the Father, called by our baptism in Christ and living in His Spirit. Sent forth to embody the universal mission of the Catholic Church.

Our Christian life calls us to challenge and support persons in their efforts to love and serve the Lord through abiding love of one another, to share joyfully His Word and Sacrament, and to heal and witness the love and peace of His kingdom through generous outreach and selfless service to all, especially the least among us.

Under thy protection we  
seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not  
our petitions, but deliver  
us always from all  
dangers, O glorious and  
blessed Virgin. Amen

*When I am afraid, in you  
I place my trust.* PS 56.4

## *Fourth Sunday of* ADVENT



# WELCOME

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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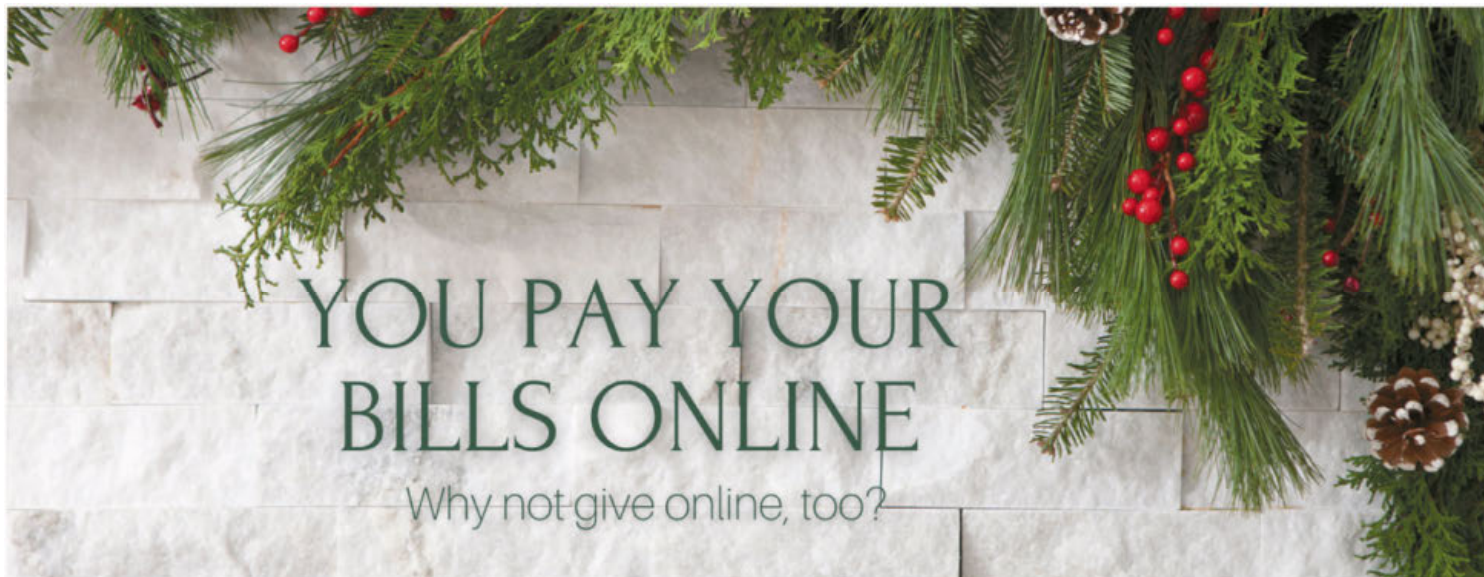
*“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”*

*~Luke 1:42*

# STEWARDSHIP

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*Due to holiday production schedules for our bulletin, weekly collection totals will again be featured next week.*



## **It's not too late!!!! Join online giving and double the benefit to our parish!!**

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. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

***We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.***



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The end of the year can be an excellent time to review your important financial matters, especially those dealing with your desire to make any charitable gift to the Church before December 31, 2021. Your consideration of a year-end gift to our parish is greatly appreciated.

All donations postmarked by December 31, 2021 will appear on your tax statement for the 2021 calendar year. Questions concerning your donations, online giving or tax statements may be directed to Lori Mainiero in the church office.

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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- ✕ indicates Deceased
- (SI) indicates Living

## Saturday, December 18

- ✕ John Sr. & Theresa Walker
- ✕ Joe, Nellie & Linda Roppolo
- ✕ Perry Laffitte
- ✕ Julia White

## Sunday, December 19

### 8:15 AM

- ✕ Jessie & Mary Melanie Brodnax

### 11 AM

Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### 5 PM

- ✕ Dave Krebsbach

## Mon., December 20; 7:30 AM

- ✕ Scott Willmes

## Tues., December 21; 7:30 AM

- ✕ Ruby Cooper

## Wed., December 22; 7:30 AM

- ✕ AJ & Marie Miciotto

## Thurs., December 23; 7:30 AM

(SI) Michael Miciotto

## Friday, December 24; 7:30 AM

(SI) Joe & Debbie Miciotto

## KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Rodger & Shirley Anderson  
Owen Aycok  
Harold & Carol Battarbee  
Bernadette Bitting  
Hadley Marie Bourgeois  
Denise Bridges  
Leah Bullock  
Armand Canales  
Zena Cobbs  
Sawyer Cobbs  
Dale Dupuy  
Thomas Ebarb  
Austin Folks  
Kim Green  
Jessica Harrison  
Larry and Theresa Holland  
Juanita Huffstickler  
Kathy Iles  
Bob Kalinsky  
Emily & Corey Keys  
Briar Kelley Lee

Walter & Kathy Matrana  
Jo Maxey  
Roy Maxey  
Joe Miciotto  
Chris Murphy  
Elise Murphy  
Lisa Naquin  
Pat Pledger  
Heather Porter  
John Reindardy  
Dr. Michael Reinardy  
Richard Reinardy  
William Reinardy  
Trish Schoolfield  
Ivy Seely  
Joan Sieve  
Amanda Tomaccio  
David Turner  
Bobby & Marianne Walley  
Deacon Mike Whitehead

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Prays for those serving our country, especially:

William G. A. Hock & Waverly K. A. Hock  
Aaron Macy  
Matthew Rambin  
William Rambin

### Bulletin Prayer List and Prayers for Those Serving Our Country

Our prayer list will be refreshed at the beginning of each month. If you would like prayers for a specific person to continue into the next month, please call or email the church office at the first of the month to have your loved one added to the new list. Thank you.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19

Sun 19 Mi 5:1-4a  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45

Mon 20 Is 7:10-14  
Lk 1:26-38

Tues 21 Sg 2:8-14  
Lk 1:39-45

Wed 22 1 Sm 1:24-28  
Lk 1:46-56

Thurs 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Lk 1:57-66

Fri 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
14a, 16  
Lk 1:67-79

Sat 25 Is 62:1-5  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Sun 26 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-21  
Lk 2:41-52  
Lk 2:41-52

# PARISH LIFE

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## *Christmas, Octave Day of the Nativity and Epiphany Mass Schedule*

### CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

3:00 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Price\*  
7:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*  
12:00 AM Mass (Midnight) - Fr. Price\*

### CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM Mass - Fr. Price\*  
3:00 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Price\*

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

8:15 AM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy  
10:00 AM Confessions  
11:00 AM Mass - Fr. Price\*  
5:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy

*\*indicates livestreamed Mass*

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, December 31  
3:00 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*

Saturday, January 1  
9:00 AM Confessions  
10:00 AM Mass - Fr. Price\*

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1  
3:00 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*

Sunday, January 2  
8:15 AM Mass - Fr. Price  
10:00 AM Confessions  
11:00 AM Mass - Fr. Norsworthy\*  
5:00 PM Mass - Fr. Price



Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.



### **THANKS to ALL**

Who participated in, attended, or supported our musical presentation of Lessons and Carols this past weekend: to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Concert Choir, Handchime Choir and to St. Joseph Handbell Choir, to our musicians, and especially our virtuoso accompanist – Fr. James McLelland. We hope that this celebration provided a meaningful and spiritual way to celebrate Gaudete Sunday and enter into the spirit of these final days of Advent.

### **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Our Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Catholic Youth Leadership Award event in late January 2022. This competition is open to Catholic high school seniors who are practicing the faith. The application for consideration for a leadership award are available online, <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>, and in our Director of Religious Education, Kendell Martinez's office. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, January 7, 2022.

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