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Evangelion

(Evan·JEL·yon, Greek, "the good news")



HE is HERE! | December 20, 2020 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT + DECEMBER 20, 2020

ENTRANCE—“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all humankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our Prince of Peace.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Text: LM with refrain; ‘O’ Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE# A-726069

FIRST READING—2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!” Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?’”

“‘It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

RESPONSORIAL—Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

Response: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

“With my chosen one I have made a covenant; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty forever and set up your throne through all ages.” (R.)

Happy the people who acclaim such a God, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy ev’ry day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless; Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story, may God fill ev’ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory. (R.)

SECOND READING—Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL—Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" 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. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

PRESENTATION—"My Soul in Stillness Waits"

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

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CLOSING RITE—"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God, was the word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

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OUR LORD

STILL COMES TO US

If we think we are having it tough in our communities, imagine France: first, the billowing fires of their iconic church—Notre Dame of Paris; then, just a few weeks ago in Nice, three people were brutally murdered. As one of the victims said with their last breath, “Please tell my children that I love them.” Since 2015, 263 such murders have happened at the hands of Islamic terrorists.

Father Stephane Drillon, a priest of the Diocese of Nice puts these tragedies in context:

“What do French secularism and nihilism have to propose to a young Muslim today, apart from abortion, the Pill, drugs, castrating feminism, games, hobbies and a lockdown where people are paid for not working?” he said. “There is nothing here that makes a young Muslim willing to become part of a national narrative or to respect the country that welcomes them, and the choice to take refuge in the religion of their ancestors and homelands in a most radical manner is one of the few options they have.”

The culture of secularism in our country has successfully infiltrated our US Catholic Church where our values and way of life seemingly are no different than non-Catholics. Many who call themselves Jesus’ followers are only following the next secular trend, like lemmings. COVID time and election season have quarantined many from keeping Holy the Sabbath and the reception of the Eucharist.

Due to lockdowns and the secular climate, some of us choose hybrid lives—appearing Catholic in name but interiorly worshipping our convenience culture. Jesus Christ will never stop being “the hound from heaven” who is in search of us. But we must freely give ourselves completely from the heart to Jesus in a trustful surrender despite the heroic challenges this might cause.

“It is not by closing our churches or by curling up in rectories that we will avoid beheadings: On the contrary, the first thing the Catholics should do is to massively rush to Mass tomorrow morning and unite with Christ,” Father Drillon said. “It is a duty, especially at a time when the French authorities could decide to forbid it in the whole country.”

This Advent season—the days leading up to Our Lord’s birth—we need to make room for Him in the inn of our hearts, minds and daily life. Remember that one biblical character who never seems to make our Nativity scenes: the Inn Keeper, who had no room for the hidden, pre-born Jesus. Let us make room for Jesus by receiving his Eucharist and opening our hearts to make a manger, as Mary and Joseph did.



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TAXES AND GIVING AT CHRISTMAS & YEAR'S END

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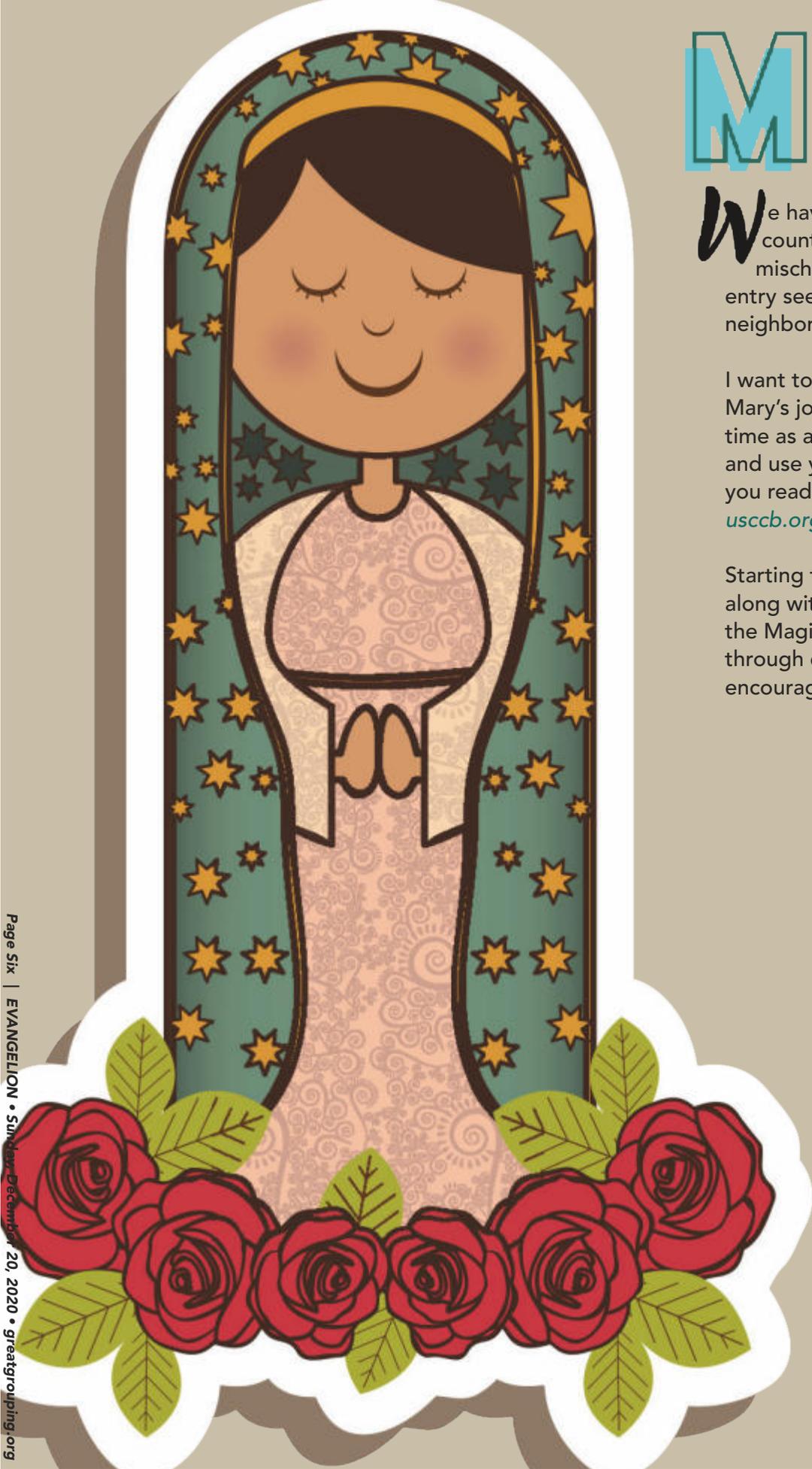
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- A last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you've wanted to make during the year.
- If you itemize, your Christmas gift may be just the right decision to allow you to itemize and lower your tax bill (check with your tax advisor).
- Most importantly, make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas and assist your parish in attaining its spiritual and programmatic goals: serving God's people here on earth.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that when you contribute to the Christmas Second Collection and also to the St. Anthony Collection in January that your donation is counted towards your parish's *Parish Share* goal? What are these two collections used for?

Christmas Second Collection (also known as *Christmas Charities for Children and Youth* collection)—This second collection at all the Christmas Masses benefits the following: adolescent formation and youth ministry programs; supports the elementary education of the youth of the diocese; support various programs related to youth including the *Department of Persons with Disabilities*.

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MARY ON THE

We have all heard of the *Elf on the Shelf*. The countdown the days before Christmas. For mischief and shenanigans a little elf can get an entry seems to be trying to surpass either the neighbor posted.

I want to challenge all our families to intentionally follow Mary's journey. Do not let Christmas end before time as a family and place yourself inside Mary's story and use your beautiful, playful, or treasured traditions. You read the full daily Gospel or chose just a usccb.org.

Starting today, December 20, the daily Gospel along with Mary, beginning with the Annunciation through the Magi. Let us know that your family accepted through email (cpatsch@greatgrouping.org) encouraged. Be a modern day evangelist. Share

Sunday, December 20 The Annunciation *Luke 1*

Ponder: Mary's response, "Behold, I am the handmaid according to your word." What would your response be to God's servant?

Monday, December 21 The Visitation *Luke 1*

Ponder: Elizabeth's response, "Blessed are you who believed by the Lord would be fulfilled." How would you greet Mary?

Tuesday December 22 The Canticle of Mary *Luke 1*

Ponder: Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..." What would your Canticle be? How do you praise the Lord?

Wednesday December 23 The Birth of John the Baptist *Luke 1*

Ponder: Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had done this and they rejoiced with her. How can you rejoice with your family?

Thursday December 24 Canticle of Zechariah *Luke 1*

Ponder: Zechariah said, "You, my child, will go before your family prepared the way for Jesus' birth? How do you prepare the way for Jesus' birth?"

Christmas Day: Jesus is born Mass during the Night

Ponder: "... and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Have you let Him in your house and your heart and your life?

Saturday Dec. 26 use Christmas Day Mass at Dawn

Ponder: "... the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now and see this thing which the Lord has made known to us.'"

Sunday December 27 The Holy Family *Luke 2*

Ponder: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. What would Jesus' life as a young boy be like? How do you show Jesus today?

MANTLE

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The unique and creative way for families to use Facebook and Instagram frequently depict all the events that get into before the big day arrives. Each photo tells the story of the previous day's predicament or an image a

usually spend the next two weeks contemplating the journey before Epiphany on January 3. Be creative, spend time on Mary's circumstances. Keep the elf on that shelf and the Nativity set to recreate Mary's route. Ponder as you read a few passages. You can find the daily reading at

These readings will transport you to Israel. Travel the journey and ending on January 3, with the Visit of the Magi this challenge. Share your family experience on Instagram or Facebook. Photos and testimonies are encouraged. Share your stories of *Mary on the Mantle*.

Monday December 28 (City of Nazareth in Galilee)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Tuesday December 29 (Judea near Jerusalem)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Wednesday December 30 (Judea near Jerusalem)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Thursday December 31 (Judea)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Friday January 1 (Bethlehem)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Saturday January 2 (Bethlehem)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Sunday January 3 (Bethlehem)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Monday January 4 (Bethlehem)
Ponder: How did you feel when the Angel Gabriel asked you to be pregnant with the Lord. May it be done to me because I am a virgin.

Monday December 28 Flight to Egypt Matthew 2:13-18 (Egypt)

Ponder: Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. If you had to leave your home suddenly, what would be the first thing you take? Why?

Tuesday December 29 Simeon, a Devout Man Luke 2:22-35 (Temple in Jerusalem)

Ponder: It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. Simeon said, "This child is destined for greatness." How did he know this?

Wednesday December 30 Prophetess Anna Luke 2:36-38 (Temple in Jerusalem)

Ponder: ... she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. What words can you say to offer thanks for Jesus?

Thursday December 31 John 1:1-18

Ponder: What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not grasped it. How can you be the light of Jesus in others?

New Year's Day The Solemnity of Mary Luke 2:16-21 (Bethlehem)

Ponder: And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. What do you keep deep in your heart? How do you glorify God like the shepherds?

Saturday January 2 The Preaching of John the Baptist John 1:19-28 (Bethany)

Ponder: John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize; this one who is coming after me, whom I have said is greater than I am, for he will baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire. I have seen and have borne witness that this man is the Christ of God." How does this revelation make you feel?

Sunday January 3 The Feast of Epiphany Matthew 1:1-12 (Bethlehem)

Ponder: And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrror.

QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE TO BRING TO BABY JESUS?
WHAT DID YOU LIKE YOUR JOURNEY WITH MARY?



MASS INTENTIONS

We have opened our 2021 Mass Book. Forms are available online at greatgrouping.org/online-forms, on the Welcome tables at the entries of Quigley or by calling the office (no walk-ins) at (724) 266-6565.

JANUARY RAFFLE TICKETS

Our Lady of Peace is selling a January Raffle Ticket. The ticket is good for the entire month with various prizes. Tickets are available at the Parish Center and after all Masses. \$5 per ticket.

COVID GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

In order to protect everyone attending our campuses we ask that all parishioners, staff and visitors adhere to our CoVid-19 Safety Guidelines found on our website greatgrouping.org/mass-registration. If you are exhibiting any signs of illness, have been in contact with anyone who is being tested for, or has tested positive for, COVID-19 please refrain from visiting our campuses until it is safe to do so.

LUMINARIES FOR LIFE

Due to the restrictions surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, our parish grouping will not be traveling to Washington D.C. for the Annual March for Life on January 29. The Respect Life Committee of our Great Grouping will be making luminary kits available for parishioners to display at home on the evening of Thursday, January 21. Suggested donation for the luminary kits: 2 luminaries for \$1.00; 10 luminaries for \$5.00. Place your order online greatgrouping.org/luminary before January 6. Pick-up of the luminary kits will be the week of January 16-20 in the foyer of the Upper CDC at Saints John & Paul.

THE WAY

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

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9 AM
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MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 (SG 2:8-14/LK 1:39-45)

8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Victims of Sexual Abuse & Coronavirus (John & Dawn Gallagher)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 1 SM 1:24-28/LK 1:46-56)

6:30 PM Good Samaritan • John S. Dunn (Pat & Family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 (MAL 3:1-4, 23-24/LK 1:57-66)

8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Rose Marie Lieb (Valley Parishes Staff)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 (GN 49:2, 8-10/MT 1:1-17)

2:00 PM Quigley • Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

4:00 PM Quigley • Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

6:00 PM Quigley • Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

MIDNIGHT Quigley • Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 (IS 9:1-6/TI 2:11-14/ LK 2:1-14)

9:00 AM Quigley • Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

11:00 AM Quigley • Living and Deceased of Our Parishes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 (ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59/MT 10:17-22)

4:00 PM Quigley • Sheila Rabovsky (Marlene Verigood & Jeri Giammaria)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 (GN 15:1-6; 21:1-3/HEB 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/LK 2:22-40)

8:00 AM Quigley • Deceased of the Gentile & Giordano Families (Deacon Tony)

9:30 AM Quigley • Betty Farkasovsky (Jerry)

11:00 AM Quigley • Robert Smail (Roche Family)

4:00 PM Quigley • Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(SJ) In Memory of Charles Smith and
In Honor of the Smith Family
by JoAnn Smith, Wife & Mother

(GS) In Memory of Anne H. Knighton
by Lynn & Marge

(GS) In Memory of John Palmer
by Platz Family

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In Memory of Rose Platz
by Heritage Valley Co-Workers of Lisa Platz

BREAD & WINE

(SJ) In Memory of Frederick J. Ringel, Sr.
by Helen Ringel

(GS) In Memory of Eugene Casello
by Platz Family



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 21

4:00 PM Christmas Decorating (Quigley)
7:00 PM Maronite Christmas Novena (OLOP)

Tuesday, December 22

4:00 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)
4:00 PM Christmas Decorating (Quigley)
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
6:30 PM Mass (GS)
7:00 PM Maronite Christmas Novena (OLOP)

Wednesday, December 23

6:15 PM Choir Practice (GS)
7:00 PM Maronite Christmas Novena (OLOP)

Thursday, December 24

2:00 PM Christmas Mass (Quigley)
4:00 PM Christmas Mass (Quigley)
6:00 PM Christmas Mass (Quigley)
MIDNIGHT Christmas Mass (Quigley)

Friday, December 25

9:00 AM Christmas Mass (Quigley)
11:00 AM Christmas Mass (Quigley)

Saturday, December 26

3:00 PM Confessions (Quigley)

Sunday, December 27

11:30 AM Maronite Mass

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REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan
6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley
4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley
4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:30 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
7:00 PM Saints John & Paul
4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Quigley

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

HELP LINES

24 Hour Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-932-0313

Crisis Pregnancy Option Line
1-800-395-4357

Post-Abortion Healing/Project Rachel
(412) 456-3167

Pittsburgh Diocese Victim Assistance
1-888-808-1235

Crisis Management Services
1-888-796-8226

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces.

