



ST. PRISCILLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 06, 2020



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - immediately following
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM
During Advent - immediately following
Monday Benediction and Thursday 7 pm
Evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06, 9:00 AM

† Flo Dickey by Barb Ostrander
 † Joseph Marnon by Edward Marnon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06, 11:00 AM

† Kathie Stellini by sister, Pat Kidd
 † Barb Bouchard by Connie Lark
 † Robert Holderith 10 Anniv. By wife

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 06, 1:00 PM

Deborah Brancheau by Cousins

MONDAY, DECEMBER 07, 8:00 AM

† Flo Dickey by Barb Ostrander

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 9:00 AM

† Henry & Virginia Zenewiecz by Joe Zenewiecz
 † Mary & Felix Kelley by Bob & Marge Kelley

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 7:00 PM

Concetta Russo by Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 09, 9:00 AM

† Ben Zabowski by daughter, Irene

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 8:00 AM

Maryann & Mike Jenkins by Joe Zenewiecz

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 4:30PM

† Members of Lagodznski by John & Dorothy Skowronek
 † Charlie Camilleri by wife, Cathy
 † Joseph Marnon by Phillip Marnon
 † Colleen Tomchuck by Jackie Liebau
 People of Saint Priscilla

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 9:00 AM

† Antonio Carta by Silvana Carta
 † Terry Burns by Millie Burns

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 11:00 AM

† Albert & Lottie Ricer by Ellen Bishop
 † Stella Ludvigsen by Mary Jane & Glen Graham
 † Peter Vu by Family
 † Flo Dickey by Concetta Russo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1:00 PM

† Joseph Marnon by Barney & Maureen Marnon

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Karen Kelley O'Brien
 Week 2 Rose Schmidt, Richard Schmidt,
 Connie Lark

Week 3 Bob Lark, Paula Atherton-Bishop, Dennis Perttunen,
 Michael Chapman, Pete Arciero, Rita Mumaw, Mary Rice,
 Mike Gatterri, Lillian Podgorny, Pat Donnelly, Antonio Gabbana,
 Gary Ostrander, Millie Burns, Deborah Kirchoff, Connie Pecorelli,
 Landen Ray Smith, Eleanor Smith,

Week 4

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Fr. Michael Cooney, Jeff Campbell, Charlotte Letourneau

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil, Coast Guard, Benjamin Schmidt, Air Force
 Brent Vann, Army

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To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

Families with Service Members

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.



MARY'S HELPERS December 2020

December 08, Vi Hanis, & Dorothy Iannarelli

December 15, Cathy Karasinski

USHER SCHEDULE

December 2020

SATURDAY TEAM B

SUNDAY TEAM B

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Dec 12 4:30pm	Larry Miller	Marilyn Gallagher Anita Pastucha
Dec 13 9:00am	Dawn Nakamura Rita Hominga	Barb Ostrander Linda Zinn
Dec 13 11:00am	Monica Nelson Pat Phillips	Lee Curtis Dorothy Iannarelli
Dec 13 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

“Him whom the heavens cannot contain,
the womb of one woman bore.”

- St. Augustine

Faith Formation Coordinator
Alyssa Choraszewski |

LOVE COMES IN THE SILENCE

FOR ME, THE MOST STRIKING PART OF CHRISTMAS IS GOD COMING IN THE FLESH AS AN INFANT. THIS IS GOD. HE MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. HE COULD HAVE CHOSEN ANY FORM TO DWELL AMONG US. HE COULD HAVE CHOSEN TO NEVER DWELL AMONG US! LORD KNOWS WE OFTEN DON'T DESERVE SUCH A GRACIOUS GIFT.

All the while, upon meditation, God becoming man makes sense. The first words in the Bible say, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1).” It is then reflected in John, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (John 1:1 & 14).” From the beginning of time, God united and yet divided eternal and mortal—heavens and earth, divine and flesh. But a baby? Why not just come as a grown man? Why not come as a king since that is what the world was searching for?

Of course a baby! Everyone loves babies. Can you ever love a baby too much? No! If Jesus came as a 30 year old male immediately preaching the Good News, you have to wonder if he actually would have had so many disciples. Also, what if he did come as a king and just started bossing people around? Do you think people would have learned how to love each other from a man that just gave orders? You have to grin at God's divine mystery and sense of humor. The heavens are limitless, His Word is limitless, His love is limitless and He chooses to come as a baby that can be contained in your arms.

God communicates himself to man gradually. He prepares him to welcome by stages the supernatural Revelation that is to culminate in the person and mission of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. If we reflect on God revealing Himself gradually, we come to realize that arriving on earth as a baby makes sense. We learn about our children gradually. From the moment they enter the earth, children are constantly learning. It would certainly be easier if upon a child's arrival, we were given a manual. Kind of like, “here is your baby boy...he loves all

people, eats with sinners, heals the sick, blind, and dying. Also, don't disrespect his family by misusing his father's temple or he'll flip some tables.”

Yes, that would be easier, but that also wouldn't be as rewarding. Nor would a manual be an opportunity to love. As an infant, Mary and Joseph had to care for him. They had to show God their love, faith, and devotion first before they could feel the love return—in the baby grins and coos. It is through the small moments that we experience God's love. Mary and Joseph felt God's love by holding the snuggly baby Jesus. They felt God's desire for them by answering the needs of the crying baby Jesus. They felt God's mysterious love by watching baby Jesus sleep. Allow me to say this differently—they felt God's mysterious love in the silence.

Advent is an opportunity to embrace silence. The Bible is filled with silence. If you don't believe me, take a look at the holy family. We don't hear Joseph speak. We rarely hear Mary speak. We don't even know about Jesus's life beyond his birth, getting lost in the Temple at age 12, and his ministry in his 30s. God is inviting you into His silence from the birth of Jesus to his death. It is through this silence that you can come to know God gradually. If you struggle to find silence among this fallen world, carve more time out for prayer or spend time with Jesus physically in Adoration. It will require effort, but the reward is great—hold tight onto the silence of Advent like you would hold onto baby Jesus.

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Congratulations to our Faith Formation Advent Wreath Contest Winners! Three winners each received a \$10 gift certificate to Looney Bakery . Congrats to (l-r) Daniel, Julie & combined effort of Arthur & Dominik.



READING 1

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah:

Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

PRESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

READING 2

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come

to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

ALLELUIA

LK 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: Mary Rice & Ned Rice

It was over! For the last twenty-four days he had been so inspired and excited that he ate very little and hardly slept. Since the day that his dear friend, Charles Jennens, came to him with a libretto in his hands, asking him to set it to music, nothing else in his life mattered. The biblical portrait of Jesus, so powerful and poetic, cried out for musical expression. He could feel it and almost hear it before he put a note to paper. Now Frederick Handel was physically drained. And so Messiah was born; It was September, 1741.

Messiah begins with no introduction. You are taken to Babylon immediately. God's people have been exiles—under pagan rule for two generations (c.586 B.C.-c.538 B.C.) . Suddenly you are there! The Israelites who have doing their best to hold on to their traditions saw very little hope of ever returning to Jerusalem. The coming of the promised Messiah follows through the following passages.

This oratorio was first performed in a hall in Dublin, Ireland in 1743 and now Messiah is performed all over the world every year. A musical celebration combines Charles Jennens' biblical scholarship with Handel's musicianship.

I'd like to say that I had a true appreciation for Messiah the first time that I heard it, but I *can't*. It took more reading of scripture, more times of being open to the truth and beauty of God's Word, and God's loving grace to help me.

While Handel and Jennens contributed to the culmination of this classic work, we should remember the last words written on the last page: **SOLI DEO GLORIA**. This phrase means: **TO GOD ALONE THE GLORY!**

ADVENT SAYING "YES" TO GOD

The will of God is to make each of us "full of grace," just like Mary. The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) is a main part of the Christmas story. Christ became human because Mary was willing to yield to the "power of the Most High." Without Mary's assent at the Annunciation, God's plan for the Incarnation would have had to unfold another way. Mary's cooperation was essential, for God does not force his creatures to bend to his will. Rather we are invited to cooperate with grace.

Mary serves as a model for each of us who have also been invited to cooperate with God's transforming presence. Christ can only be born in us if we, like Mary, are willing to say "Yes" to God's invitation and open ourselves to the life giving power of the Holy Spirit. Like Mary we are all called to nurture and give birth to Jesus so that he may be born anew in our hearts and in our world.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 12/07 Is 35:1-10 • Ps 85:9ab,10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f] • Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY 12/08 Gn 3:9-15, 20 • Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1] • Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 • Lk 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY 12/09 Is 40:25-31 • Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1] • Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY 12/10 Is 41:13-20 • Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8] • Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY 12/11 Is 48:17-19 • Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12] • Mt 11:16-1

SATURDAY 12/12 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab • Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d] • Lk 1:26-38 Lk 1:39-47

SUNDAY 12/13 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 • Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b] • 1 Thes 5:16-24 • Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 12/14

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Adoration all day with
Benediction & repose at 7:00 pm

**Reconciliation* immediately follows

1:00 pm Sew Simple

7:00 pm Choir Practice in the Church

TUESDAY 12/15

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Novena

WEDNESDAY 12/16

THURSDAY 12/17

7:00 pm Mass

**Reconciliation* immediately follows

FRIDAY 12/18

8:00 am Mass

SATURDAY 12/19

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY 12/20

9:00 am Mass & 11:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Mass (Latin Traditional)

Observances for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Year End Giving

and



Donations to the Christmas collection stay entirely in the parish and are not assessed the 7% that weekly offertory is. However, the Christmas collection is a factor that can raise our CSA target the following year.

The "CSA Overage" is not a factor in determining the next year's target. CSA pledges or one-time gifts can be made online at priscilla.aodcsa.org or by calling 1-888-331-8695 M-F.

A contribution from you RMD or Required Minimum Distribution helps to reduce personal tax when the check is sent directly to the parish. Talk to your financial institution.

The parish benefits from year-end donations especially when they are applied to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) or Christmas collection. Our CSA Target is \$43,505 and we have collected \$35,545 with thanks to our 161 generous donors who have pledged 82% of our goal! (shortage of \$7,960 .00 as of 11/30/20)

The parish and Archdiocesan offices close the week following Christmas and donations are not processed.

ART & ENVIRONMENT Christmas Decorating



Mark your calendars!

We are getting into that time of year when the Art & Environment committee will need help to decorate the Church for Christmas.

We're doing things a bit differently and hope to complete everything in one weekend.

Saturday, December 19th at 10:00am we'll work on the back of the church and prep trees for the altar.

Sunday, December 20th we will return at **2:30 in the afternoon** to finish the altar and set plants. Any help you can give would surely be appreciated- even an hour would be of help. Thank you... & God Bless

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Spaghetti Sauce and noodles. Salad dressing, canned pineapple, Jelly, Pancake mix and syrup.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Due to COVID-19, the Giving Tree will not be set up this year. If you would like to participate in St. Priscilla's SVDP Christmas Giving, we ask that you purchase GIFT CARDS from WALMART or TARGET in increments of NOT MORE THAN \$25.00. In other words, gift cards of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 & \$25.00 will allow us to help our families in need. Gift cards should be placed in the offertory collection baskets during Mass or brought to the Parish Office. The final date for collection of the gift cards is Sunday, December 13th at the 11am Mass. Your generosity is appreciated during the coming holiday season. There is also a convenient link on the website to make your contributions. <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4634/DirectDonate/77386>



FROM: AOD Depart of Communications

In the wake of Governor Whitmer's announcement of new measures to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, we share the following updates with our clergy & parishes:

For all liturgies (Mass, all other Sacraments, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, etc.), the emergency order does not change our policies or practices, as we have demonstrated that our policies and guidelines can provide a safe environment. Pastors are encouraged to remain vigilant in following AOD health and safety requirements for Mass, other liturgies, and all other gatherings. NOTE FROM YOUR PARISH SECRETARY: Although a face mask is strongly encouraged we acknowledge that there are persons who are unable to tolerate the wearing of a face mask. Please comply with the order if you are able and kindly ask that you be understanding and considerate of one another.

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PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

BY MARY PUGLIESE, RN

Men's Health: Prevent the top threats

Many of the leading causes of death among men can be prevented. Here's what you need to know to live a longer, healthier life.

Do you know the greatest threats to men's health? The list is surprisingly short. The top causes of death among adult men in the U.S. are heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries, chronic lower respiratory disease and stroke. The good news is that making a few lifestyle changes can significantly lower your risk of these common killers.

Start by looking at your lifestyle

Take charge of your health by making better lifestyle choices. For example:

Don't smoke. If you do smoke or use other tobacco products, ask your doctor to help you quit. Avoid exposure to secondhand smoke, air pollution and chemicals, such as those in the workplace.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods and lean sources of protein, such as fish. Limit foods high in saturated and trans fats, and foods with added sugar and sodium.

Maintain a healthy weight. Losing excess pounds — and keeping them off — can lower your risk of heart disease as well as various types of cancer.

Get moving. Exercise can help you control your weight, lower your risk of heart disease and stroke and possibly lower your risk of certain types of cancer. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball or brisk walking. All physical activity benefits your health.

Limit alcohol. If you choose to drink alcohol, do so only in moderation. That means up to two drinks a day if you are age 65 or younger and one drink a day if you are older than age 65. Examples of one drink include 12 fluid ounces (355 milliliters) of beer, 5 fluid ounces (148 milliliters) of wine or 1.5 fluid ounces (44 milliliters) of standard 80-proof liquor. The risk of various types of cancer, such as liver cancer, appears to increase with the amount of alcohol you drink and the length of time you've been drinking regularly. Too much alcohol can also raise your blood pressure and increase your risk of heart attack and stroke.

Manage stress. If you feel constantly on edge or under pressure, your lifestyle habits may suffer — and so might your immune system. Take steps to reduce stress — or learn to deal with stress in healthy ways.



Stop Avoiding the Doctor