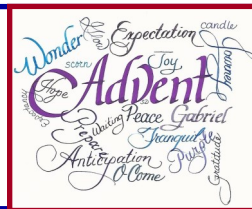


# December 20, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 19 ~ Vigil/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
 5:30 PM Richard O'Neill

**Sunday, December 20 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
 9:30 AM Roland Warth

**Monday, December 21**  
 9:00 AM

**Wednesday, December 23**  
 9:00 AM

**Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
 5:30 PM Ernest Arsenault  
 10:00 PM

**Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
 9:30 AM

**Saturday, December 26 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family**  
 5:30 PM Stiano Family, Ed Devine,  
 In Honor of George Paradise

**Sunday, December 27 ~ The Holy Family**  
 9:30 AM

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
 5:30 PM Ted Wall  
 10:00 PM Joe Herschel

**Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
 9:30 AM Janet Murphy

**Saturday, December 26 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family**  
 5:30 PM Eileen Ernst

**Sunday, December 27 ~ The Holy Family**  
 9:30 AM Al Ceriale

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
 5:30 PM Ann Clouse  
 10:00 PM Marie Barnett

**Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
 9:30 AM Sue Schmaus

**Saturday, December 26 ~ Vigil/The Holy Family**  
 5:30 PM Kathleen Harris

**Sunday, December 27 ~ The Holy Family**  
 9:30 AM Rosemary Osborn



### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy)  
 Dylan Bonitz (Navy) Chase Bowen (Navy)  
 Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)  
 Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)  
 Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)  
 Elliott Weidel (Marines)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joanne Bach, Hank Bodendorf, Margaret Ellen Burke, S.C.,  
 Barbara Ceriale, Charles Clark, Bob Cross, Brian Cross,  
 Nicole Dawson, Lucy D'Amato, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo,  
 Michael Gallo, Maggie Horne, Anthony Pagano, Sr.,  
 Kevin Reardon, Helen Ryan, Sadie, Frances Salewski,  
 Pam Sibley, Chris Strobl, Gary Texter, Katylynn Auer Weidel

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Rosella McKane, Regina Parthesius, Virginia Steinbeck, Robert Wise

### LOOKING AHEAD

**FOOD PANTRY – 9:00 AM by appointment**  
*(Every Saturday Unless Announced)*

**Monday, December 21**  
**Advent Reconciliation Monday**  
*Reconciliation Available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel only from 4:00 to 8:00 PM*

**Tuesday, December 22**  
 Religious Education Classes  
*(On Line) 6:30-7:30 PM*

**Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
 Mass at 5:30 PM & 10:00 PM

**Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
 Mass at 9:30 AM

**NO Religious Education Classes**  
**on Tuesday, December 29**



### Today's Scripture

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5,  
 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

*This day, let us remember the words by which Mary placed herself at the service of the Lord: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."*

Celebrate the goodness of the Lord who is faithful to all of his promises! God revealed the promises long ago through the law and the prophets, and has fulfilled them through the birth of Jesus in our midst.

The miracle of grace was proclaimed not only to the people of Israel, but also to all of the nations of the earth.

### Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass December 13 & 14: **80**  
 Weekend's Collection: **\$1,343.00**



### Christmas Flower Intentions

This is the final weekend to submit your requests for special Christmas flower intentions. Use the envelope you received in the mail, or write them on a plain envelope and put it in today's collection. Please print clearly. Your donations support the beautiful decorating of our Church for Christmas.

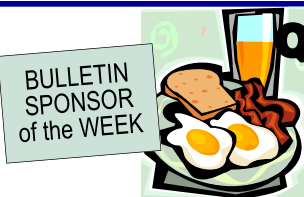


### Preparing for Christmas

It was necessary, in God's plan for us, that his divine Son should become man, should share our humanity so that we could share his divinity.

Could infinite love have gone any further? Our creation, the fact that we exist as human beings on earth, is a great gift to us on the part of God. Of what value could eighty, a hundred, even seven hundred years of a continuously happy life on this earth be for us if we learned that we had to depart life forever one day? In a world tormented by sin and its evil effects our normal span of life would be less satisfying. However, when God created us, he so planned that our stay here would be but a stage, a stepping stone in fact, toward our everlasting home. We are well aware indeed of the lengths to which God's love has gone in order to make us his children and heirs to his kingdom. Are we, however, grateful to him for the love he has shown us? Are we honestly and sincerely trying to make ourselves worthy of the great future he has in store for us?

Today is a suitable occasion to look right into our hearts, to see how we stand with God. During the week we shall be keeping the feast of Christmas. The Baby in the manger will remind us of what God has done and is still doing for us. What are we doing in return? Have we shown our gratitude by living as true followers of Christ? If most of us must answer: "no," this is the time to change our course and return to the right road once more. God is asking this of us today. Shall our answer be: "behold here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word"?



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