

Fourth SUNDAY

of *Advent*

December 20, 2020

The angel Gabriel
said to Mary,
"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."

Luke 1:30-31

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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Visit www.stov.org for registration.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Visit our website www.stov.org to download our registration form or call the Parish Office for more information about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Visit our website www.stov.org to fill out a request form for a baptism or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: No ministers are allowed to bring communion to the homebound at this time.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Contact the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

FUNERALS: Please contact our Parish Office for more information to plan a funeral service.

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Rev. Marcin Zasada, *Assoc. Pastor*
Msgr. John Canary, *Weekend Assoc.*
Rev. Tom Rzepiela, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rev. Ray Yadron, *Pastor Emeritus*

Permanent Deacons

Deacon John Breit
Deacon Mark Duffey
Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Deacon Len Marturano
Deacon Rich Willer

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Bulletin deadlines: Articles for the bulletin are due on Fridays—9 days before publication date.

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis said in his Christmas homily a few years ago, *“Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes reconciliation. A day of joy: a ‘great joy’ for the poor, the lowly and for all the people.”*

On this day, Jesus, the Savior, is born of the Virgin Mary. The manger became a symbol of humility and a great demonstration of the Father’s love for us. Instead of a royal palace, Jesus was born in a simple manger. From the beginning, Our Lord showed what has real value: not the building of birth, but the people who occupied that building. Jesus values family, strangers, kings, and shepherds. All came to worship and adore Him. As those who visited a newly born Messiah, we may wonder what gift can we bring to the infant? Will it be a new and deeper commitment to seeking out the Lord, like the shepherds? Will it be recognizing the true King, like the Magi? The earthly royalty knew that they needed to bow down to the heavenly King. They gave to Jesus gifts of respect, acknowledging that the One before them is worthy of all honors. Do we also recognize the Lord by bringing Him our gifts of service, commitment, and love?



Image by Fr. Kris Janczak

This year has been very difficult and very challenging. Our celebration of Christmas will be quite different and not as we expected. But we all try to find joy even in the stressful moments in our lives. Each year in my Christmas letter, I write to express my gratitude to all of you for your continuous support to our parish. This year I want to thank especially those who stepped in and volunteered themselves by helping others in these uncertain times and by assisting their church by being a part of our Reopening Team. We were able bring back our worshiping community into the church mainly because of our wonderful volunteers. I am most thankful to them. I am thankful also to our parish staff that continues to be present to our parishioners even in these restricted circumstances. I am very thankful to our Catholic School of St. Thomas, to all staff members, to our principal and teachers for doing such a tremendous job of keeping our children safe and healthy. I know how difficult and challenging teaching is now, and I am amazed at how wonderful our school staff responded to these circumstances. St. Thomas parish and school are indeed wonderful places where God’s work continues to be done.

I am grateful to all of our donors, including those who even being unable to come to church, still support our church by weekly donations. Please know that your donations are crucial especially now. On the same note, I want to ask you to consider supporting your parish by a special Christmas donation. I understand that for some of you, it may be very difficult to make any donations at this time. But for those of you who are able to make this special donation, I encourage you so strongly, even stronger than in previous years, to do so. We all want to be sure that despite this difficult year, we will be able to begin with a new energy and strength this upcoming year of 2021 and that St. Thomas of Villanova, our home, will continue to nurture our souls and our faith with the presence of Christ and with all our parishioners.

My gift to you is my prayer that God will continue to shower His peace, mercy, care and love upon you and your family; that you will be a beacon of hope to all those who are in your lives; that people will encounter Jesus, as the best gift of all, through you. Know of my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Fr. Kris

Christmas Messages

Christmas Greetings from Emeritus Ray

Having spent the last 26 years here at STV (except for one: on sabbatical), I am again able to thank all of you for your graciousness and kindnesses that have blessed my life. This year for our Parish, wider world and myself has been unpredictable and extremely challenging. As one of Fr. Kris' classmates at Thanksgiving dinner in priests' residence uttered before the meal, "I thank you God that this year is almost over!" A resounding "Amen" was heard from the six dinner guests as, yours truly, prayer leader shouted, "I'm hungry! Let's eat!" A toast was held in honor of Pastor Kris and his part-time cook from his former parish, Kristina.



Christmas Blessings to one and all. I continue to pray daily for all of you and your loved ones. Often our lives can be fearful, worrisome and lonely. As I read Ps. 23 almost daily – "Dark valleys, shadow of death" stuff – "the Lord is my Shepherd. I will fear no evil for You are with me, Lord. Your rod and staff comfort me."

Addendum: I often use humor and appreciate it more and more. Not only is it healthy and comforting, but good medicine for the soul. So, when life gets heavy for me, it's like "an instant vacation," quoting M. Berle.

Peace and joy—Love,
Fr. Ray Yadron

P.S. Thank God I don't have to ask for money. Been there, done it a few times in my former life.

Third Family

Dear Friends,

How are you doing??? You don't have to answer that question because I know the answer already. We all have had better days than what we have been experiencing these past many months. Our patience has been truly tested. We are all tired of the COVID pandemic. We keep praying for its end.

Life at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly and with the Little Sisters of the Poor is wonderful. It is grace and a blessing. I celebrate Mass everyday - even during the pandemic - for our Little Sisters and the residents. However, COVID has also found St. Joe's Home. We have had several cases of the virus among the residents, and those in the infirmary, and the employees. But no Little Sisters of the Poor have it. So we are on lockdown again! No volunteers and no visitors are allowed. And if a resident goes to the doctor or the hospital - then upon our return we are quarantined!

Merry Christmas to all of you - even though it is unlike any other!!!! On Christmas morning we pray at the Manger - adoring Baby Jesus and thanking God for the gift of His Son. God gave us Jesus so that we can bring His love and peace to our world through our own love and care for each other. On Christmas morning, all of you will be remembered as I celebrate the Eucharist at St. Joe's. I will pray especially in thanksgiving for the blessing and the gift that you have been in my life, my Priesthood, my Ministry, and again in my Semi-retirement. I pray that you have a joyful and peace filled Christmas and a Holy, Healthy and Happy New Year!

May you go out into our world with the Good News of great joy - Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem!
And may His Love always be alive in us!

Father Tom

Father Tom Rzepiela, Pastor Emeritus



ADVENT—FINAL DAYS

As we light the final candle of the Advent wreath, we focus on the "Prince of Peace" who came down from heaven in the form of a baby. We meditate on the **peace** that Jesus brings our hearts and the world. Our Lord's birth draws near. Continue to prepare.

- Visit www.archchicago.org and click on "ADVENT RESOURCES." You will find many resources to help you as we draw near to Christmas.
- The "Little **Blue** Books" with 6-minute daily reflections for Advent and Christmas are available OUTSIDE our church's circular drive under the canopy. Just drive up or walk to pick up a book for your family.



CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

For those of you who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession privately, please call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999, or send an e-mail to STOVReopen@stov.org asking for a priest to call or email you back to arrange confession. Please don't wait until the last minute. For as you know, the season of Advent and Christmas will be much busier at the Parish and for the priests. They want to be able to accommodate your schedule. Thank you.

COME AS YOU ARE

"Come As You Are" is a group that meets to read the upcoming Sunday's scriptures, discuss questions about the readings and ways to apply the readings to your life. We will also view a video presented by Dr. Brant Pitre of the Augustine Institute to help discover the full meaning of each week's readings. This will be a virtual meeting using the parish Zoom account. You will need to contact Mary Haig (haig.mary@gmail.com) in order to receive a Zoom invitation for the meeting. The meeting will be held at 1pm every Tuesday afternoon beginning January 5th, 2021. This would be a perfect way to grow closer to God during the quiet months while we are sheltering in place at home. Call Mary Haig if you have any questions, 848-561-2278.



We  love
having you as part of our Flock

Have **YOU** signed up for STV Flocknote emails?

Sign-up online at: **STOV.flocknote.com**

Want the latest news from St. Thomas of Villanova? Looking for the link to register for Masses?
Sign up for Flocknotes! It's our way to stay connected during this constantly changing times.

For questions or more information about Flocknote, email stovreopen@stov.org.



Please visit our website:

WWW.STOV.ORG

for reopening information and registration for Mass and other services.



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Saint Thomas of Villanova Parish- STOV

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

live-streaming SUNDAY MASS

Join us virtually each Sunday for Mass.

9:00 am - English

11:00 am - Polish



Look for the live-stream links in your Saturday Flocknote
OR visit our live-stream website page at www.stov.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN

The number of Masses and services we can offer and the number of people allowed in church will be directly tied to how many volunteers will be available to set-up, greet/usher and clean-up before and after each service. Three teams to choose from:

- **Set-up team:** 18 years or older.
- **Greeting team:** Must be 18 -65 years old.
- **Cleaning team:** 18 years or older. High schoolers allowed with permission of parents.

To volunteer or receive more information about volunteering, email:

stovreopen@stov.org

WEEKEND MASSES

All who wish to attend Weekend Mass will be required to sign-up.
NO WALK-INS, PLEASE!

Signup to attend weekend Mass will open on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Look for a Flocknote with the link to signup for Mass or signup on our website: www.stov.org—under the Reopening tab.

- Each individual person wishing to attend Mass must be registered.
- If you (or if you know someone) are not able to register online due to a lack of computer / internet access, please call the parish by 5pm on Friday at 847-358-6999 . Someone will get back to you and help you register, if spots are available.
- Pre-Mass registration is needed for contact tracing if someone gets sick. Attendance records will be destroyed every 14 days.
- Seats will be sanitized before each Mass.
- Masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed at all times in the Church and building.

***NOTE:** While we are excited to resume public Mass, the Archdiocesan dispensation for Spiritual Communion remains. There is no Sunday Mass attendance requirement at this time. If you feel sick, State and Archdiocese guidelines ask that you remain at home. If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, please do not feel an obligation to join us physically in the church. If you are considered part of the 'vulnerable population', we welcome you to join us IF you are comfortable to do so. We desire to be reunited with you, but we understand the seriousness of COVID-19.*

WEEKDAY MASS— CHANGES DUE TO CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS

Please note that we will **NOT** be celebrating our usual Tuesday & Thursday - 8:00am Masses on the following days:

- Thursday, December 24
- Tuesday, December 29
- Thursday, December 31

ADORATION— CHANGES DUE TO CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS

Please note that we will **NOT** hold Adoration on the following Wednesday evenings:

- Wednesday, December 23
- Wednesday, December 30

OTHER SERVICES

Reconciliation is available by appointment. Leave a voicemail message at the Parish Office - 847-358-6999 and one of the priests will return your call. We continue to celebrate Baptisms, wedding and funeral Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in honor or memory of someone, please either call 847-358-6999 or email STOVReopen@stov.org. Donations can be mailed to our Parish (1201 E. Anderson Dr, Palatine, IL 60074) or dropped in the offertory box, if you attend Mass. If you are requesting a particular date, please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the intention. Thank you.



We are aware of the concern with the rising cases of COVID-19, especially in the states that are currently on a quarantine list for our area.

STATES **NOT** ON QUARANTINE

Hawaii
Maine
Vermont

ALL other states are currently on quarantine for our area.

We ask that if you have traveled for more than 24 hours in any quarantined state, please refrain from attending any liturgies at St. Thomas of Villanova for 14 days out of caution and compassion for your fellow parishioners.

We want to reiterate that we continue to do all that we can to follow the guidelines provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago to keep you as healthy as we can when you come to St. Thomas of Villanova to worship. Adhering to these practices has been extremely helpful thus far. We have worked so hard to make our Church a safe place to pray in the midst of this pandemic.

Remember, too, that the Archdiocesan dispensation for Spiritual Communion remains. There is no Sunday Mass attendance requirement at this time.

Together, let us pray for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith. Amen.



Tax Credit Scholarship Matching Gift Program

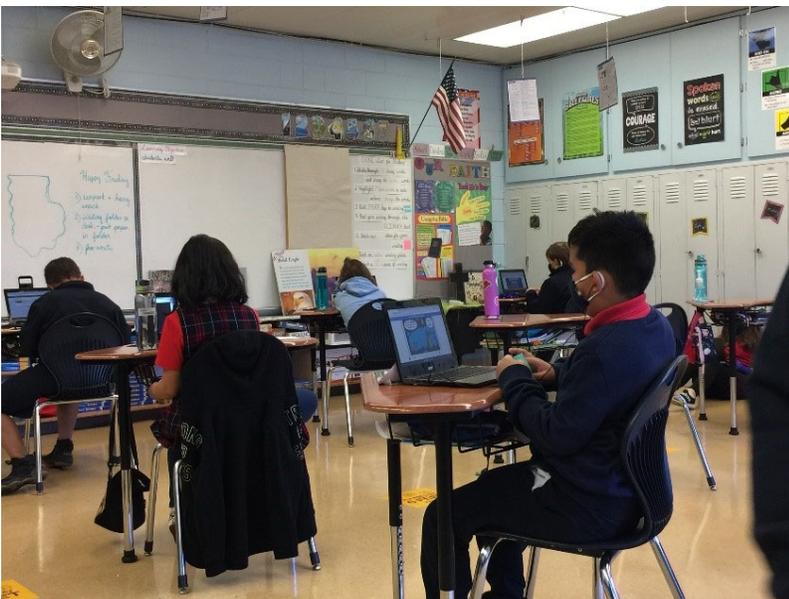
We have a 2-for-1 matching gift program for schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. For every dollar designated to a qualifying school through Empower Illinois between December 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021, the school will receive two dollars in matching funds (limitations apply). The donations are capped at \$50,000 per school.

If you donate \$1000 and designate St. Thomas of Villanova your donation will have a net cost of \$250, remember you get \$750 back on your state taxes and your donation will provide a total of \$3000 to St. Thomas of Villanova to use for student scholarships.

After April 1, 2021, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to eligible students at schools with unmet demand.

Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2020 taxes should begin the process prior to December 16, 2020 to ensure that they have enough time to make their gift by December 31, 2020. If you choose to make your gift in January or February, you will be able to claim your tax credit on your 2021 tax return.

Now, more than ever, this is a wonderful opportunity to help our school and support the mission of providing a quality Catholic education to students in our community who may not otherwise be able to afford it.



For more information please visit www.archchicago.org/tcs or call 312.534.2617

WINTER 2021 VIRTUAL SCRIPTURE STUDY OFFERINGS

St. Thomas of Villanova is pleased to be able to offer the following Scripture study classes this winter virtually via Zoom meetings. *Check our website: www.stov.org for easy links to all these classes.*

HEWBREWS: THE NEW & ETERNAL COVENANT An 8-Week Study



FRIDAY MORNINGS

Beginning January 8, 2021 from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.

Register for the Friday class and purchase the materials online through Ascension Press, at: <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/53379/registrations/new>

OR

TUESDAY EVENINGS

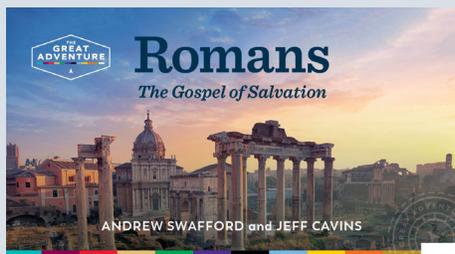
Beginning January 5, 2021 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Register for the Tuesday class and purchase the materials online through Ascension Press at: <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/53380/registrations/new>

\$26.95/ per person + tax and shipping*

*Participants should purchase one STUDY SET, which includes a workbook, online video access (good for one year), and the online version of the workbook.

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION An 8-week study



SATURDAY MORNINGS

Beginning January 9, 2021 from 8:45 until 10:45 a.m.

Register for the Saturday class and purchase the materials online through Ascension Press at: <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/53381/registrations/new>

\$26.95/ per person + tax and shipping**

** Participants should purchase one STUDY SET, which includes a workbook, online video access (good for one year), and the online version of the workbook.

TO REGISTER: Since these studies are virtual, *participants must register and purchase study materials online* using one of the above links. When purchasing the study materials using the appropriate link above, participants will *automatically be registered* for the St. Thomas study. Participants will receive an email invitation to attend their study via Zoom at the end of December.

Are you new to Zoom? No problem, we'll help you get started!

Contact Nancy Hulsebosch at nhulsebosch@gmail.com or 847-757-5630

Christmas Tree Blessing

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Christmas is almost here!
Have you blessed your Christmas tree yet?

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

When gathered, a suitable song may be sung, like O Come All Ye Faithful

The leader makes the sign of the cross. **R/. Amen.**

The leader greets all: *Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever. R/. Amen.*

The leader prepares those present for the blessing by saying: *My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.*

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel 17:22 (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.) Reader: *The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.*

The leader now says the intercessions:

- *Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord. R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.*
- *That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.*
- *That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. R/.*
- *That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.*

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to join hands and say the **Lord's Prayer**.

With hands still joined, the leader says: *Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.*

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

The leader makes the sign of the cross, saying: *May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. R/. Amen.*

All sing a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer; our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night; and death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel; shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

2020 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$19,230.00
Dec 6	\$ 18,843.00	\$ 7,451.00	\$ 26,294.00	\$ 7,064.00
Dec 13	<i>Not available due to early bulletin deadline.</i>			
Dec 20				
Dec 27				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 442,290.00
YTD Actual	\$ 431,709.76
Over / <i>(Under)</i>	<i>(\$ 10,580.24)</i>

THANK YOU!



CHRISTMAS GIFT TO OUR PARISH

Along with your Sunday offering, our collections on Christmas, Easter and other Holy Days provide the income which pays our Parish Family's operational expenses. We definitely need and appreciate your sacrificial offerings in the Christmas envelope. To meet our goal of \$100,000, we suggest that each Parish household donate a gift of at least \$175.00. For some, this might be impossible. For others, a larger gift might be a fitting expression of thanks and of praise to God for all of His blessings, especially the gift of His Son. If possible, you might increase your Christmas gift in the name of those parishioners who cannot give as they would like because of their current financial situations.

To provide your Christmas donation electronically, use GiveCentral.

THANK YOU for all your sharing of Treasure, Time and Talent which enables our Parish Family to proclaim Jesus in so many ways.

Your Finance Committee

SACRIFICIAL GIVING DURING OUR REOPENING

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCH!

Our weekend collections are vital to provide the income which pays our Parish Family's operational expenses and the salaries of our STV staff. We definitely need and appreciate your sacrificial offerings. Here are various ways to contribute:

1. If you attend Mass, place your donation in the offertory basket or box located at the church entrance or exit.
2. Sign up online using GiveCentral. **www.givecentral.com.**
 - Click "**FIND YOUR CHARITY**"
 - Type St. Thomas of Villanova in the search box and click on our picture.
 - Choose a fund to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click "**ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET.**"
 - You may click "**CHECKOUT**" at any time, or add more donations.
 - Click "**CONTINUE,**" then "**COMPLETE PROFILE**" to register.
 - Complete the registration form, then click "**REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT.**"
 - *You're registered!* Look for a confirmation email from GiveCentral.
3. Use the Archdiocese of Chicago Universal Offertory Program online. Visit our website: www.stov.org and click on the GIVING PAGE to find this link. If you do choose to donate through this universal program, please be sure to select "St. Thomas of Villanova" to credit your gift.
4. Mail your sacrificial offering envelope directly to our Parish Office:

*St. Thomas of Villanova
1201 E Anderson Dr
Palatine, IL 60074*

THANK YOU!

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 21

8:00am For All Who Are Sick

Tuesday, December 22

8:00am ✚ Manuel Dominguez
✚ Monika Kmiotek
Int. for Emilene Valledor

Wednesday, December 23

8:00am Int. for Jose Emmanuel Quiaoit



ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES REQUIRE REGISTRATION. No walk-ins, please.

Thursday, December 24

—CHRISTMAS EVE—

5:00pm Mass—ENGLISH
8:00pm Mass—ENGLISH
10:00pm Mass—POLISH
(Live Streamed)

Friday, December 25

—CHRISTMAS DAY—

9:00am Mass—ENGLISH
(Live Streamed)
11:00am Mass—POLISH
1:00pm Mass—POLISH

Saturday, December 26

5:00pm ✚ Tom & Mary Yadron

Sunday, December 27

7:30am Mass—POLISH
9:00am ✚ Isabel del Mar
✚ Magdaleno del Mar, Sr.
✚ Rev. Bob Palen
✚ Jim Burke
✚ Larry Bennett
✚ Marie Kay
11:00am Mass—POLISH

FOR OUR SICK

MaryAnn Acton	Judy Gott	Alan Loden	Jane Samojla
Barbara Amato	Edward Grygowski	Ron Magnuson	Shirley Serena
Lisa Antonelli	Janet Hedrick	Alexa Rae Mang	Virgilio Sotto
Baby Aubrey	David Hicks	Elayne Maruska	Kristina Sromek
Helene Behrman	Barbara Kerlin	Baby Benjamin Mauro	Richard Steelman
Alex Bingham	Mary King	Brunilda Melendez	Joseph Suchowski
Catherine Brodnam	Roswitha Kist	Joanne Moser	JoAnn Swanson
Carmen Cline	Mary Alice Kobler	Paul Moser	Robert Szott
Jason Dean	Susan Kordell	Jeff Moskala	Sharon Tadsen
Dan DeGroot	Frank Koss	Lana Murley	Jack Treanor
Nona Dix	James LaCapra	Earl F. Nicholas	Alfreda Wasilewska
Jeanne Formanski	Louis LaCapra	Baby David Paprocki	Luke Wilberding
Forseth Family	Sue Langowski	Amie Parisi	Susan Wilberding
Steve Fortunski	Gene Lazich	Larry Peterson	Deacon Rich Willer
Bill Gerl	Mary Margaret Lazich	Emily Piscitelli	Fr. Ray Yadron
Phil Gerould	Robert C. Lee	Jean Pope	Charmaine Zuchel
Tommy Glaser	John Lenz	Brad Rohrsen	Erin Zwadoo
Grace Gorska	Harold Lewis	Dick Samojla	

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force

- A1C Arick Duffey
- MSGT Dan Fialek
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
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DAILY READINGS

Mon: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
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 Thu: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Fri: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Sat: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4,6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]



IV NIEDZIELA ADWENTU – Wolni, by współpracować z Bogiem

Bóg szanuje wolność człowieka. Dlatego w zwiastowaniu ustami anioła Gabriela objawia Maryi swoją wolę, ale pyta jednocześnie, czy chce ją przyjąć. Bóg nie narzuca, lecz prosi. Maryja jako istota wolna mogła powiedzieć Bogu 'nie', podobnie jak w ogrodzie Eden postąpiła Ewa, słuchając zwodniczych zapewnień węża. Ewa też była wtedy bez grzechu, pełna łaski i w komunii z Bogiem. To, co Ewa zniszczyła przez swoją pychę, nieufność i nieposłuszeństwo, Maryja na nowo odbudowała przez swoją wolność, pokorę, ufność i posłuszeństwo Bogu. Stając się służebnicą Pana, stała się wolna wobec wszystkich innych autorytetów ludzkich.



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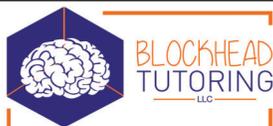
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