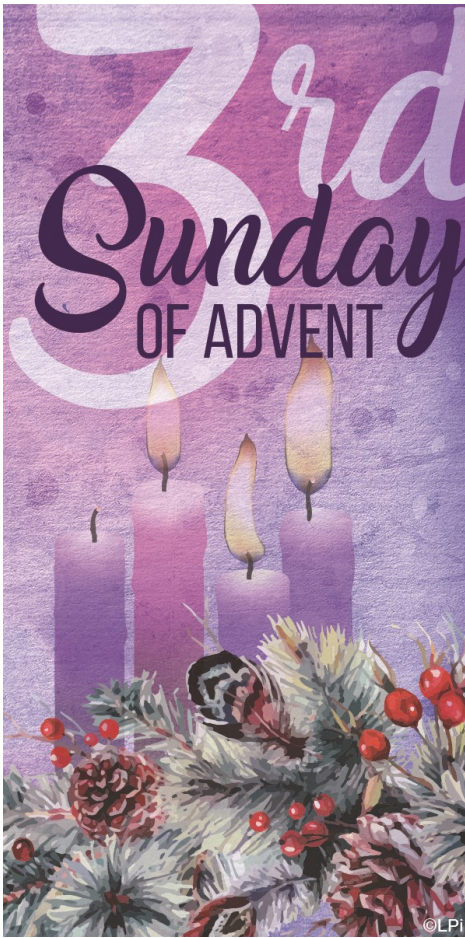


Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017



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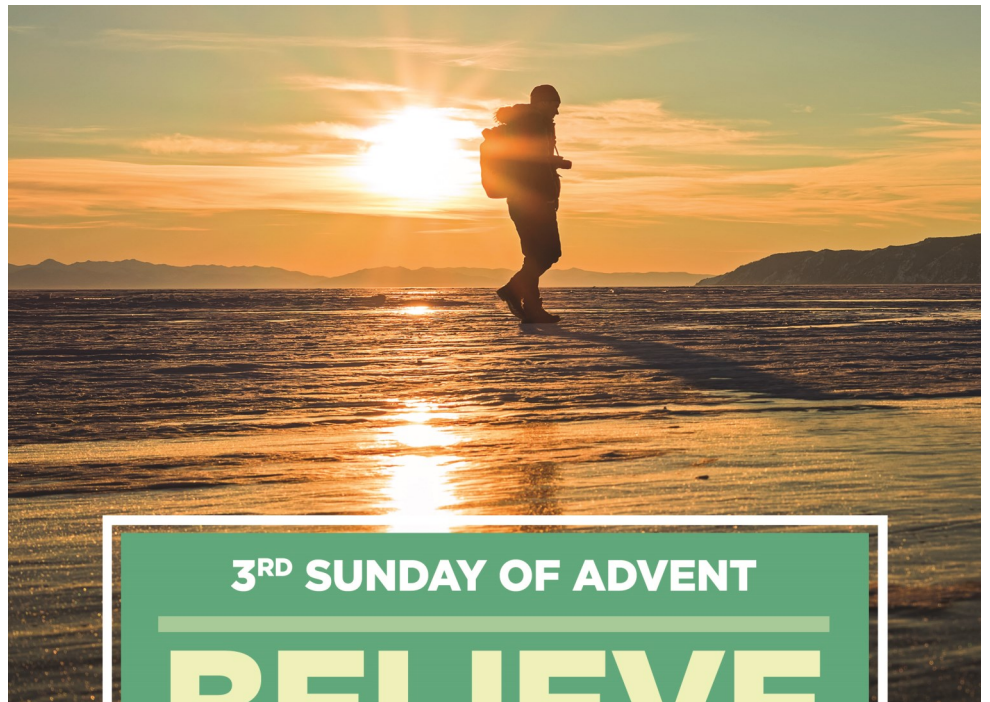
**Monday, December 18**  
The Mirandola Ensemble Concert 7:30pm

**Wednesday, December 20**  
**Thursday, December 21**  
School Christmas Program

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday, December 23**  
5:00pm  
**Sunday, December 24**  
9:30am

**Christmas Masses**  
(Carols prior to each Mass)  
**Sunday, December 24**  
4:00pm & 10:00pm  
**Monday, December 25**  
10:00am

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**  
(not a holy day of obligation in 2018)  
**Monday, January 1, 2018**  
10:00am



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**BELIEVE**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

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*Believing all people need a Savior, we are called to PROCLAIM the Good News, and to offer a life-changing ENCOUNTER with Jesus. As a community of His disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and loved by our Heavenly Father, we seek to BE CHRIST in all we do.*

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "If you pray, you will be certainly saved; if you do not pray, you will be certainly damned." —St Alphonsus Liguori



**LITURGICAL FOCUS:** What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a 40-day penitential season, like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12, it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marked the mid-point in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood, and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored or, if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God, who loves us, is still in charge, and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. This is reflected in the second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians: "Brothers and sisters, rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you, in Christ Jesus."

**EXTRA CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES:** Prepare your heart for Christmas by receiving God's tremendous mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation! Along with our regular confession schedule, extra confession times are happening this week on Thursday, December 21 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, Friday, December 22 from 8:45am to 9:45am, and on Saturday, December 23 from 9:30am to 10:30am.

**BACK-TO-BACK HOLY DAYS:** Next week we get the great opportunity to go to Mass two days in a row! With Christmas falling on a Monday this year that means the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas are back-to-back Holy Days. You can come to the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 23 or the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 24 to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, AND then you can come to the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve, or the 10:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve, or the 10:00am Mass on Christmas morning to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!

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Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire Church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your Church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the Body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

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**As we approach** the end of the 2017 calendar year, we thank you for your continued generous financial support of Annunciation and remind you that all contributions that you would like to have included on your 2017 year-end contribution statement need to be received or postmarked no later than Saturday, December 30, 2017. Any checks or mail with a date of 2018, or received in the office in 2018, unfortunately cannot be included in your 2017 statement. Questions? Please contact Jim Weiland, Annunciation Parish Business Administrator at 612.824.9993 X241.

**We welcome** anyone who is visiting our parish home and we extend a very warm welcome to those who have become a part of our parish family. We are glad you have decided to join our parish for liturgy, prayer and community gatherings.

**NEWCOMER REGISTRATION:** Please contact Fr. Park for a registration appointment.

**Your written** bulletin announcement is needed before noon. Please email: [ppeterson@annunciationmsp.org](mailto:ppeterson@annunciationmsp.org), on the church side; or [jcassidy@annunciationmsp.org](mailto:jcassidy@annunciationmsp.org), on the school side.

The bulletin article submitted will be previewed by the Pastoral Parish Staff Member who heads the committee or ministry. Deadline, before 11:30am:

**Thursday, January 4:**  
for Sunday, January 14 &  
for Sunday, January 21  
**Thursday, January 18:**  
for Sunday, January 28  
**Thursday, January 25:**  
for Sunday, February 4  
**Thursday, February 1:**  
for Sunday, February 11  
**Thursday, February 8:**  
for Sunday, February 18 &  
for Sunday, February 25  
**Thursday, February 22:**  
for Sunday, March 4

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**Have You Moved?** All parishioners are reminded to contact the parish office to let us know your new address and phone number, or if you are registering with another parish.

#### Catholic Resources

Archdiocese of

Saint Paul & Minneapolis: [archspm.org](http://archspm.org)

Minnesota Catholic Conference:

[mnc.org](http://mnc.org)

US Conference of Catholic Bishops:

[uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)

Vatican: [vatican.va](http://vatican.va)

## Ministers of the Week

Respect Life Ministry

*Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale*

*Rosary—site vigils*

Chairpersons, Committees, Schedulers,

Volunteers, Donors, and Participants

Loving and compassionate God, when your Son walked this earth he extended his healing hand toward the sick and cured those afflicted with every disease. We turn to you now in our need and ask you to care for those who are ill. Protect those who face surgery, and watch over those bound by infirmity. Through the power of your healing love, free from every disease and suffering those who are beset by poor health. Guide with your wisdom all who provide care, and assist doctors, nurses, and medical workers so that they may effectively relieve suffering and bring health to all whom they treat. Amen

**Please keep in your prayers the following individuals of the parish community who are ill:**

*Karin Alaniz*

*Dorothy Audette*

*Jocelyn Broitman*

*Stewart Christie*

*Lisa Adams Craig*

*Deacon Sean Curtan*

*Michele Davis*

*Ann Durr*

*Gary Hackenmueller*

*Doug Hassman*

*Colleen Healy*

*John Jones*

*Brad Marshall*

*Ryan Palattao*

*Steve Peterson*

*Dorothy Pixley*

*Timothy Pixley*

*Michael Richardson*

*Charles Rose*

*Leslie Smith*

*Donald Tadich*

*Dan Weides*

*Jackie Williams*

*Evalyn Wilson*

*Joey Young*

**Bulletin Prayer List:** If you would like prayers said for you or for a family member who is ill or in need of prayer, please contact Ashleigh Varley at 612.824.9993 X256 or [avarley@annunciationmsp.org](mailto:avarley@annunciationmsp.org). In order to encourage more constant and fervent prayer for those who are in need of our spiritual support, please also contact Ashleigh if you know of a person who no longer needs to be on the list.

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God, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart. We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask you for wisdom to serve your Church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead. Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your Church. Also, give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the Church in their secular lives. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and Brother, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**The Meal Train Ministry** is comprised of a group of people who make and deliver meals to the home of a person or family during their time of need. An online collaboration site is used to organize the meal calendar and preferences around what works for the person or family receiving the meals. Let us know if you have a short-term need (due to a birth, surgery, illness, etc.) to receive meals delivered to your home, or that you know someone who does, or if you would like to become a part of the group who provides meals, please contact Nancy Hedlund at 651.216.3852 or email: [nancy.hedlund@biworldwide.com](mailto:nancy.hedlund@biworldwide.com). Questions? Contact Ashleigh Varley X256.

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**Annunciation Partners in Prayer:** If you are interested in praying for those in need OR if you have a prayer intention, please send an email to Pat Katagiri, [patricia@kikuenterprises.com](mailto:patricia@kikuenterprises.com). She will email any new prayer requests to the prayer team in the evening of the day she receives them. Commit to saying a prayer for those in need either when you receive the email or during your daily prayer time.

If you would prefer to receive prayer requests by phone, or you have a prayer request and do not have email, or you are not already on the telephone prayer chain and want to join, you may call Mary LaFontaine at 612.827.4256, between 8:30am and 10:00am, Monday through Friday, or Sophie Prince at 612.866.5287, between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

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### Upcoming Wedding at Annunciation

Sunday, December 31  
Jared Brown & Allison Bolgrean

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Heavenly Father, Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world. Give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake. St. Martin, St. George and St. Joan of Arc: pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be. Amen.

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**Pray for those serving our country,** especially:

**CDR Brad Alaniz**, son of Karin Alaniz

**Zach Arms**, grandson of Judy Arms

**LT Kevin Frederick**, son of Dan & Jan Frederick

**Sgt Justin Garrett**, son-in-law of Gayle & Judith Fleming

**Spc4 Benjamin Hite**, grandson of Gayle & Judith Fleming

**Maj Jason Hite**, son-in-law of Gayle & Judith Fleming

**Michael James, Jr**, friend of Barb Marquardt

**Pvt Jack McMillin**, grandson of Gayle & Judith Fleming

**Sgt Joshua McMillin**, grandson of Gayle & Judith Fleming

**Ssg Sara Jane McMillin**, daughter of Gayle & Judith Fleming

**Sgt Mitchell Mishler**, grandson-in-law of Margaret Rude

**Jared Odendahl**, nephew of Fred Krantz

**Lt Neil Pfau**, relative of Fritzen Family

**Lt Peter Pfau**, relative of Fritzen Family

**John W Quinlan**, grandson of Betty Quinlan



**Going Deeper into Advent:** There are wonderful Advent resources, both print and online, that can help you in your desire to ponder the richness of the Advent Season. Here are just a few online resources:

1. We have provided copies of Bishop Barron's **Advent Reflection Booklet**. Please help yourself to a copy in church.
2. Visit Creighton University's *Online Ministries* home page where you will be directed to *Daily Reflections* and *Praying Advent*.
3. Visit *God in All Things—Discerning Advent*. This site has a short meditative podcast for each of the 4 Sundays of Advent.
4. *Advent—Loyola Press* has a wide array of Advent resources—Advent calendars, family activities, prayers and inspirational writings.

Enjoy Advent!

**Final Weekend: The Annunciation Boy Scout Troop 103 Tree Lot**—located on the east side of the church—is open this Saturday and Sunday—10:00am to 8:00pm. The Scouts are eager to help you find just the right tree, each uniquely named, for your home. In addition, we will be selling wreaths, garlands, tree stands and tree bags. All funds raised help send our Boy Scouts on several outdoor adventures and support the Troop throughout the year. This year we are offering a reasonably-priced delivery service or free delivery for seniors and people with disabilities. Mention you heard about the sale through Annunciation parish or school and receive \$5 off your tree purchase. Questions? Call Linda Yelland at 612.388.2227. Merry Christmas!

**Respect Life:** For those who feel lonely or abandoned: may their hearts be consoled by the genuine and loving care of others. *We pray to the Lord.*

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities:** "He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us. Go—walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us." (2017-2018 Respect Life Reflection)

**Prayer on Wednesdays:** The Respect Life Ministry prays the rosary every Wednesday at 1:00pm at the Planned Parenthood clinic at 66th Street and Lyndale Ave. So. When the weather is nice, we meet at 66th Street, just east of Lyndale. If the weather is very cold or stormy, we pray in someone's car near the entrance on 66th Street. All are welcome to come and pray with us. Questions? Call Helen Trepanier at 612.822.8360.

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**We are fortunate** to have a community willing to share its blessings with the greater community! To locate the collection bins, walk towards the community room from the south foyer (EAST SIDE—or ramp side). The bins are located in the north hallway of the community room—by the restrooms. We are collecting the following:

**FOOD** for the local food shelf

**PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS** for Breaking Free

**SOCKS & T-SHIRTS** for St. Stephen's Men's Shelter

**SOAP & PRESCRIPTION PILL BOTTLES** for Mission Haiti Inc.

**BABY ITEMS** for St. Stephen's Life Care Center—Sagrada Familia  
for Tandem

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** Annunciation School



**Mirandola Ensemble Advent Choral Concert led by Annunciation Director of Music, Nick Chalmers:** Monday, December 18, 7:30pm—In collaboration with the Chamber Singers of Chesterton Academy, this delightful Advent concert will showcase not only the splendid, lean singing of the Mirandola Ensemble, but will combine both Mirandola and

the Chesterton Academy Chamber Singers for a transcendent journey through the holy season of Advent. The concert will feature motets and carols of Renaissance titans Orlando di Lasso, Hans Leo Hassler, and Heinrich Isaac, as well as early American shape-note and Shaker songs, and music of twentieth century composers Phillip Lawson and Mitchell Southall. Artistic Director Nick Chalmers, guides us through rich repertory of the season. Please reserve the date! \$15 tickets available at the door. All students free!



**We have an Advent Giving Tree to help those in need:** Please take an ornament from the tree and do whatever it says on the ornament.

\***Monetary gift for Food** for children at Annunciation in **Leogane, Haiti:** used to buy food for the children so they will have a good meal each day.

\***Monetary gift for Annunciation Emergency Fund:** to help those who are in need, who have lost their job, for an emergency, etc.

\***Monetary gift cards for Cub, Target, Holiday gas:** To help those who have lost their job, who have a part-time job, or have health problems and are in need.

\***Tandem and St. Stephen's Life Care Center:** to help moms and babies who are in need of diapers, baby wipes, formula, baby food, undershirts, baby socks, newborn outfits, etc.

\***Monetary gift for Breaking Free:** Breaking Free serves the multiple needs of women who are survivors of human trafficking and their young children.

\***Toys for young girls and toys for older preteen children.**

Return the monetary donations (with the Advent ornament) in the collection basket or to the business office. Put the baby items, with the Advent ornament, in the container for Tandem and St. Stephen's in the lower level near the lift. A special thank-you to all of you for making this Christmas a less stressful one by your caring contribution.

**St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive—Ends Today—Sunday, December 17:** St Vincent de Paul stores serve a valuable role in the community by providing affordable clothing. However, the quality and variety of clothing isn't always a good match for St Vincent de Paul's client base. Anthony Palmer, an Annunciation alumni, is working on a project to change the donation experience by setting up sites in several local churches, including Annunciation. Instead of using repurposed trash cans as collection bins, the use of laundry baskets, suitcases, and clothing racks with hangers adds to the dignity of the experience for donor and client alike. New and attractive signage also helps create a sense of empathy for the variety of people who use St Vincent de Paul. The goal is an improved caliber and variety of donations. Results of this project will shape the future of the donation experience. To make this project a success, you are asked to drop off new or lightly-worn clothing at the collection locations at Annunciation Church in both the narthex and the south foyer. When you make your donation we also ask that you help the creators of this project assess its success by completing a survey form about your donating experience. This clothing drive ends today—Sunday, December 17.

**“Let Us Not Look the Other Way!” — (Pope Francis, “The Joy of the Gospel”):** In this Season of the Incarnation, we focus our thoughts on those who are dear to us with greetings and gift-giving. Let us also seek the face of Jesus among those who are most poor and vulnerable. As Super Bowl time draws closer, let us be mindful of our sisters and brothers who have become victims of sex trafficking. Please join our own parish's efforts along with those of other churches and communities of sisters who are giving support to Breaking Free's outreach and rescue efforts to trafficking victims in the Twin Cities Metro Area. Gift cards for food and gas, along with cash or check (payable to Breaking Free) will be needed to create places of safety, and they can be brought to the church or school office or left in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Breaking Free.” Your generosity will help to provide food, shelter and safety for local trafficking victims.



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**All people of the Archdiocese are invited to participate in the Holy Hours for Vocations**, a new program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This year's seminarian posters show the calendar of the Holy Hours for Vocations that will be taking place at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Each month, the Holy Hour for Vocations will take place at a different parish in the Archdiocese. Come spend an hour with Jesus each month to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 651.962.6890 or visit [www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org).

**Archbishop's Discernment Retreat:** Begins Friday, December 29, 6:30pm—concludes Sunday, December 31, 1:00pm. Christ the King Retreat Center (Buffalo). The Director of Vocations offers this annual retreat with talks by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. In addition to the talks given by the Archbishop, there will be times of prayer, an opportunity for the Rite of Reconciliation, times of recreation, and plenty of great food. The Archbishop's Discernment Retreat is for men (seniors in high school to age 50) who are discerning priesthood. This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to gain clarity in your discernment process and to meet other men who desire to follow Christ and to know his will for their lives. Register online by Wednesday, December 13 at [www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org).

**A Day with Endow:** Saturday, January 13, 8:30am to 4:00pm, St. Olaf Catholic Church, 215 S 8th St (Minneapolis). Endow envisions a world where every woman has the opportunities, the knowledge, the courage and the support to be the best version of themselves—made in the image and likeness of God. Explore the topic of FEMININE GENIUS with Mallory Smyth. Find more details and register at [www.archspm.org/daywithendow](http://www.archspm.org/daywithendow). Questions? Contact Susanna Parent [parents@archspm.org](mailto:parents@archspm.org) or 651.291.4411.

**Pilgrimage to Italy with Archbishop Hebda:** Join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Fr. Sean O. Sheridan, TOR (president, Franciscan University of Steubenville) on a nine-day pilgrimage to Italy, September 20 – 28, 2018. The “Heart of Italy” tour includes stops in Assisi, Siena, La Verna and, of course, Rome. For more information, visit [www.franciscan.edu/pilgrimages](http://www.franciscan.edu/pilgrimages) or call 800.225.7662.

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Heavenly Father, on this day, we pray for teachers from all walks of life. For those who work in the classroom, may they be models of your compassion and discipline. For those who train people in professions, may others see you in their daily lives and hard work. And we pray for parents, best and wisest of all mentors, that their children may learn holiness from their example. Whether their lessons are about math, work or life, give all teachers the grace to show your patience, your virtue, and your joy to those near them. Give all teachers love for your truth, life and Church. Amen

## Readings for the Week of Sunday, December 17

Today's Scripture, Gather Hymnal, #998

### Monday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Icf. 71/Mt 1:18-25

### Tuesday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Icf. 81/Lk 1:5-25

#### Entrance Antiphon:

He who is to come will come and will not delay, and now there will be no fear within our land, for he is our Savior.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

#### Communion Antiphon:

The Dawn from on high will visit us, guiding our feet in the way of peace.

### Wednesday, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Icf. 7c and 10b/Lk 1:26-38

#### Entrance Antiphon:

A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse, and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth, and all flesh will see the salvation of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The Angel said to Mary: Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

### Thursday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 (1a); 3a/Lk 1:39-45

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name will called be Emmanuel, because he will be called God-with-us.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.

#### Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are you who have believed, that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

### Friday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Icf. 1a/Lk 1:46-56

#### Entrance Antiphon:

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

#### Responsorial Psalm:

My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.

#### Communion Antiphon:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

### Saturday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Icf. Lk 21:28/Lk 1:57-66

### Sunday, December 24

9:30am:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/

Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Eve Masses—4:00pm & 10:00pm:

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

**LIVE THE LITURGY—INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:** John the Baptist came to testify to the light, who is Jesus Christ. Like John, we are called to testify to that same Light. We do so by living lives of faith and bringing the joy of the Gospel to everyone we meet. We are people of joy who rejoice at his birth and eagerly await his coming again. We share that joy by tending to the needs of the poor, helping those who are broken, and witnessing to the freedom that a life in God brings. May we take our task of being joyful witnesses to the good news seriously as the celebration of Christ's birth fast approaches.

### Observances for the Week of December 17:

#### Sunday:

3rd Sunday of Advent

#### Monday:

#### Tuesday:

#### Wednesday:

#### Thursday:

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

#### Friday:

#### Saturday:

St. John of Kanty, Priest

#### Next Sunday:

4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

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**GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!** Want to get to know more parishioners at the church, enjoy a good meal and have fun? Sign up for *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (GWCD)*!

**What:** Parishioners gather to share a meal and good company.

**When:** Third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.

**Please note—**GWCD will move to the second Saturday of the month in January 2018.

Dates for 2018:

January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13 and December 8.

**Who:** All adult parishioners (21+) are invited to participate—both singles and couples.

**How:** Host provides the main dish and beverages—participants bring a dish to share.

**For more information and to sign up go to:**

[www.annunciationmsp.org](http://www.annunciationmsp.org)

**Questions?** Contact Peg Tuttle at 612.242.0821 (call/text) or [pegtuttle@msn.com](mailto:pegtuttle@msn.com).

**Virtus Training Session:** Annunciation will host a training session for the protection of children and youth on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30pm in the community room. Training is required for all volunteers who have contact with minors. Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) (click on first-time Registrant). Contact Michael Compton at x259 if you need help registering.

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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend**  
Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:30am & 5:30pm

**Weekdays**  
Tuesday 5:30pm  
Wednesday through Friday 8:15am

## Adoration

Thursdays 8:45am-7:00pm  
Please use parking lot doors.

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation**  
Tuesday, 12/19 ~ 4:45pm to 5:15pm  
Thursday, 12/21 ~ 5:00pm to 6:00pm  
Friday, 12/22 ~ 8:45am to 9:45am  
Saturday, 12/23 ~ 9:30am to 10:30am

## Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Park to discuss baptism prep and to schedule a date. The next baptism class will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Visitation Room.

## Weddings

Please contact Fr. Park to discuss wedding prep and to schedule a date.

## Pastoral Visitation

If anyone desires a personal visitation at home or at the hospital, call Ashleigh Varley.

## Parish Registration

Please contact Fr. Park for a registration appointment.

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**Annunciation Parish Library Hours:**  
Sundays before and after morning Mass. Please visit us near the main entrance of the church. Questions? Call Therese Moriarty at 612.545.8881.

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**Please remember Annunciation Church, Minneapolis in your will. Your bequest ensures the success of our ministry.**

## Mass Intentions this Weekend

**Saturday, December 16**  
5:00pm Mass † Jane Kondrak  
**Sunday, December 17**  
9:30am Mass † John Lawrow; & † Sheila Lawrow; & † Susie Lawrow  
5:30pm Mass Annunciation Parishioners

## Calendar of Events

**Monday, December 18**  
1:00pm Opportunity Partners C  
7:30pm Concert  
The Mirandola Ensemble C  
**Tuesday, December 19**  
7:00am Twelve Apostles Plus (8:00 am Coffee Break) MD  
9:30am Mom's Group V  
4:45pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation C  
5:30pm Mass † Elizabeth Fritzen C  
6:30pm APO SC  
6:30pm Virtus CR  
**Wednesday, December 20**  
8:15am Mass William Brown C  
followed by Wednesday morning coffee CR  
9:00am School Christmas Program  
Grandparent Performance SA  
9:15am Scripture Study V  
7:00pm AYM JH Small Group V  
**Thursday, December 21 ~**  
**School Christmas Program** 9am & 7pm SA  
8:15am Mass Mauren Family C  
followed by adoration C  
5:00pm to 6:00pm Reconciliation C  
**Friday, December 22**  
8:15am Mass Mary Reardon C  
followed by reconciliation [8:45am to 9:45am]  
**Saturday, December 23**  
9:30am to 10:30am Reconciliation C  
5:00pm Mass  
† Fr Fintan Bromenshenkel OSB C  
**Sunday, December 24**  
9:30am Mass Annunciation Parishioners C  
**Christmas Eve Masses**  
4:00pm Mass Gibbons Family C  
10:00pm Mass † David LaFontaine C  
**Monday, December 25 ~**  
**Christmas**  
10:00am Mass Annunciation Parishioners C  
**No School ~ Winter Break**  
[classes resume Monday, January 8, 2018]  
  
A-Angelus Room • C-Church • CK-Church Kitchen  
CR-Community Room • FS-Fireside Room  
MD-Marian Dining Room • MR-Music Room  
L-Parish Library • PD-Parish Center Dining Room  
S-School • SA-School Auditorium • SC-Spirit Center  
SL-School Library • V-Visitation Room Y-Youth Room  
†-Deceased