



St. Hugh Parish

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November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday
10:30am

Penance A priest-confessor is available Saturday after the morning Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick Contact Father for a family member who is seriously ill.

Communion for Homebound Call the Parish Office to request a Minister of Care to visit.

Baptism Infants are baptized at the parish where their parents are active members - usually on Sunday after the Mass. Contact the Pastor to schedule.

Marriage Celebrated for current parishioners. Engaged couples should begin preparations with the parish at least six months in advance of a proposed wedding.

Funerals The family of the deceased should rely on the professional skill of a funeral director who will assist in making arrangements with the parish and cemetery.

Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm
fax: 708.447.9870

Saint Hugh of Grenoble 1052 – 1132
He was named a bishop at age 27. In time of famine he sold his Episcopal ring in order to aid the poor. Assisted Saint Bruno in founding the Carthusians. Feast: April 1.

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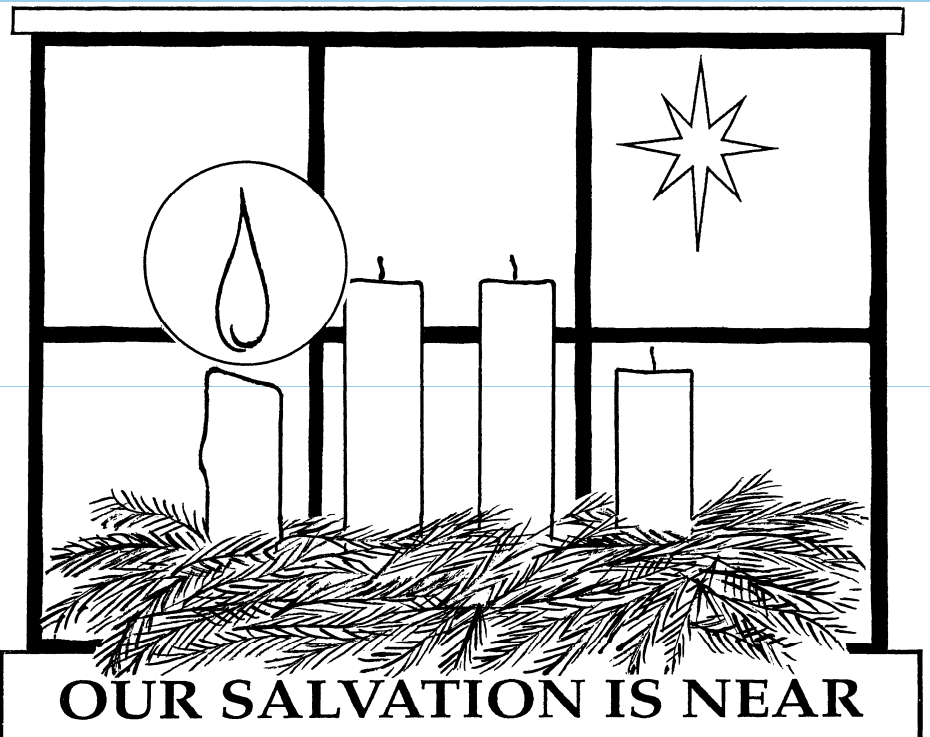
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SCW Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 3 10:00am - 2:00pm in Keating Hall





From the Pastor's Desk

Annually Updated Advent Top Ten

#10 - Happy New Year! Today we begin a new liturgical year of grace on this First Sunday of Advent.

9 - On Sundays we use a three year cycle of lectionary readings. Today we begin the A-cycle which means that most of the Sunday Gospel readings for the coming year will be from Saint Matthew. See Father Paul Turner's article about the Evangelist on page 4 of this bulletin.

8 - The windows of the Advent Calendar remind us that this is a season of anticipation and preparation. We keep watch that we might be prepared for the end times; not just the moment of physical death, but also for the time when we believe that Christ will come again. The scriptures, especially at the beginning of this season, have this eschatological focus.

7 - The Jesse Tree is where the symbols of our biblical heroes are displayed. Like our ancestors, we are just the latest generation who try to respond in faith to the One who caused us all to be. *Los Posadas, Simbang Gabi*, and the ethnic traditions related to the memorials of Saints Nicholas (12/6) and Lucy (12/13) also remind us of this fact.

6 - As a season of preparation, Advent has traditionally been a time for reconciliation. As some receive the sacrament for the first time, our communal penance service with individual confession and absolution will be on Saturday, December 10 at 1:00pm. I remind all that a priest confessor is available each Saturday following the 10:30am Mass.

5 - Make it a new liturgical year's resolution to help parishioners and visitors feel welcome when they come to worship here.

4 - At the time of the year when it is the darkest and as the cold weather sets in, recall that the season's symbol is the evergreen wreath with the light and the warmth of the candles' flames. Advent's gift is Hope when we are cold or in the dark.

3 - Certainly high on my personal liturgical Top 40 list is *O Come O Come Emmanuel*. Especially from December 17 on, we sing this hauntingly beautiful Advent hymn.

2 - The Prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary are the major players in our Advent drama. When the Prophets' words are fulfilled, the Herald and the God Bearer bridge the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Gospel. We will add a 7:00pm Mass on Thursday December 8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - a Holy Day of Obligation.

1 - Remember that God comes into our lives in ways and at times that we least expect. Be watchful. Advent tries to make certain that we are ready. Advent is about the mystery of the Divine breaking into our lives.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish.

Father Reszel

P.S. Because ten is not enough...here are some additional Advent events at Saint Hugh for your consideration. (For events elsewhere see the weekly *You are invited to:* on this page)

Friday December 9 - our SCW will host a free movie night. Doors to Keating Hall open at 7:00pm *The Nativity Story* begins at 7:30pm. Concessions for sale. No children under 12 without an adult.

Sunday December 11 - our Girl Scouts are hosting Pancake Breakfast with Santa 8:00am-Noon. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. 708.442.5664

Friday December 16 - Our Advent Family Evening includes seasonal crafts for children. \$5 per child. Register through the Faith Formation Office or call 708.447.3108 for details.

Sunday December 18 - Saint Nicholas visits the Religious Education classes. All

are invited to his presentation in church at 9:15am

Advent also provides opportunities for almsgiving. Information about our Giving Tree is found on page 3 of this bulletin. Gifts are due on or before Sunday December 11. Girl Scouts are holding a coat drive (also accepting NEW hats, gloves, mittens). Drop off in Keating Hall on Sunday December 11 and receive a free hot chocolate at their Pancake Breakfast with Santa.

You are invited to:

SVdP Walk to Alleviate Poverty 4:00-7:00pm on Saturday December 3 in Lincoln Park. JingleBellWalk.com

Saint Joseph H.S. Open House 1:00-3:00pm on Sunday December 4 stjoeshs.org / 708.562.4433+116

Saint Laurence H.S. Open House Sunday December 4, 10:00am-Noon 708.458.6900+252 / stlaurence.com

Annual Lessons & Carols presented by Concordia University Chicago at 4:00 and 7:00pm December 3 & at 4:00pm on December 4, 7400 Augusta St. River Forest. Freewill offering

Advent Day of Reflection and Reconciliation at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago. Saturday, December 10, 9:00am- 3:00pm. Featuring biblical scholar Dianne Bergant, C.S.A. \$25. Register by 12/7 at 312.421.3757 or www.ourladyofpompeii.org/event/advent-day-2

The Well Spirituality Center of the Congregation of Saint Joseph, 1515 Ogden Ave. LaGrange Park. 708.482.5048 or www.csjthewell.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a WWME December 9-11 or February 17-19 at Elk Grove Village. Contact Jim & Kris through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org> or at 630.577.0778

Joyful Again! Two day program for widows & widowers who want to find joy in living again. January 21-22 at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer in Lemont. Space is limited - register early at 708.354.7211 or www.joyfulagain.org

**Saints or Observances,
Readings, and Mass Intentions**



**First Sunday of
Advent**
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122;
Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

4:00 Intentions of the Parish
8:00 Pro Life;
Leona & Paul Carrabotta
10:30 Phyllis Jordan;
Robert Pondelicek

Monday November 28

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

10:30 Wally Ciszek; Frances Ciosek

Tuesday November 29

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

10:30 Darnstadt Family;
Anele Kebleris & Ken Wright

Wednesday November 30 St. Andrew

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22

10:30 Vocations

Thursday December 1

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

Friday December 2

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31

10:30 Robert Drenth

Saturday December 3

St. Francis Xavier

Is 30:19-26; Ps 147; Mt 9:35-10:8

10:30 Mabel Stednitz



**Second Sunday of
Advent**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72;
Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

4:00 Intentions of the Parish

8:00 Walter Ignash;
Sister Barbara Jean & Wally Ciszek

10:30 Phyllis Jordan;
William Pennington



**Weekly
Vincenian
Reflection**

There is an Advent
spirit in the heart of
every human person.
It is one of longing,

of yearning for a fulfillment that
somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we
long for the coming of the Lord.



**Giving
Tree**

The Giving Tree for the children of
Lyons is located near the baptismal
font. Each ornament indicates the name
and the wished for gift. Please take a
tag with a wish you can fulfill. Then
attach the ornament tag to your
wrapped present and place under the
Giving Tree on or before Sunday
December 11. Thank you for
brightening a local child's holiday.

Pray for the sick

Fr. Angelo Biancalana, George Boksa,
Liz Bryson, Virginia Bryson, Richard
Callahan, Bernice Ciszek, Ronald
Demco, Dawn Gilbert, Glen Gilbert,
Florence Gorgen, Will Gorgen, Dawn
Hainsworth, Annette Jaworski, Leo
Jeselski, Gloria Kucan, Patrick Miller,
Lorraine Polcyn, Marianne Salvino,
Elaine Snella, Vicki Stephansen, Pat
Stone, Elsie Tobolaski

**SCW Christmas Bazaar
Saturday December 3
10:00am - 2:00pm**

We are counting on your
help this week o fill our
booths with holiday
treasures.

Donations to the Wine &
Spirits booth, the New
Toys booth, and new or
gently used prizes for the
Hooligan, Wheel of
Fortune, Boutique, Kids'
Wheel, and Holly &
Herbs booths are still
being accepted.



S.C.W.

Baked treats and monetary gifts are
also greatly appreciated.

Perhaps you can you give thirty minutes
to help with a booth or two or maybe
you can assist with the set up on Friday
December 2?

Contact Nicki Mendez 708.539.6575
or Theresa Mendez 773.703.1543 to
volunteer or to arrange for your
donation pickup or drop-off.

Weekend of December 3-4

Mass	Priest / Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Father Reszel Deacon Mamolella - preach	Amy Bocian	Cindy McCarthy Cathy Bergman Sue Stafford	Emma S Alexis S
8:00am	MCCJ Father	Allison K	Allison K Rosemary Kufra Edgardo Ramos	Ava C Teagan W
10:30am	Father Reszel Deacon Mamolella - preach	Farrah K	Nicki Mendez Liz Shermack Patti Krueger	Madison K Brian B

MCCJ = Comboni Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; *Missionarii Comboniani Cordis Iesu*

B-I-N-G-O & Pull Tabs

Every Thursday in Keating Hall.
Doors open 5:00pm
Early Bird game 6:45pm
Crew #4 to assist on December 1

Stewardship thought

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

Wills / Bequests

After providing for your loved ones, please consider naming Saint Hugh Parish as a beneficiary of your estate.

Manna Group Scrip

Gift cards, aka Scrip, can be used for your holiday shopping or as a holiday gift. Many retailers make their cards available via the Manna Group. A percentage of your order (2 - 30% depending on the merchant) is then rebated in cash to Saint Hugh. A new order will be placed on December 6. Shopping this way benefits our parish. Next weekend after Mass see Nora Olvera(4:00), Rosemary Kufra (8:00), or Nicki Mendez (10:30). They have in-stock gift cards for: Amazon \$10, Burger King \$5, CVS \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10, Home Depot \$25, iTunes \$10, Jewel \$25, Meijer \$25, Menard's \$25, Starbucks \$10, Target \$25, Walgreens \$25, & Walmart \$25. To order scrip from other retailers, see the list in the church vestibule or visit www.sthughlyons.org and click FUNDRAISING

Oplatki

This Christmas wafer is a central European holiday tradition celebrated in Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia during *Wigilia*, or the Christmas Eve Vigil. An envelope with two white rectangular wafers is available for purchase in the sacristy or the parish office for \$1.



Treasures from the tradition

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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Matthew by Paul Turner

Chances are, you know Matthew's Gospel better than you know the other three. It contains the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer. It highlights the ministry of Peter. In it, Jesus urges the disciple to works of mercy because "what you do to the least you do to me." It records stories about the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the flight into Egypt, and the slaughter of the innocents. Its account of the death of Christ thunders with an earthquake. For centuries, Matthew's popular Gospel dominated the Scripture readings Catholics heard at Mass. But when the lectionary was revised in 1969, it became associated with the first of a three-year cycle of readings. During ordinary time of year A, we expect to hear Matthew when we attend Sunday Mass.

Most people assume that the author of this Gospel was the tax collector who decided to follow Jesus. However, this is not likely. Many Scripture scholars believe the Gospel was written late in the first century by an anonymous Jewish Christian who lived at Antioch in Syria. The author borrowed much of Mark's Gospel—a pointless method if the writer had been an eyewitness to the events. The Gospel circulated long before the name "Matthew" became attached to it.

Matthew's Gospel seems intended for an audience of Christians very familiar with the Jewish way of life: believers who came from a prosperous area, but who were threatened by persecution. Its central message is embedded in the title associated with Jesus at his birth, "Emmanuel," "God is with us." In Jesus, God is with us. To Jesus, we respond as disciples.

The writer of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes symbolized as a man or an angel, recalling the genealogy that opens the book. Even though this Gospel was probably written after Mark's, it appears first in the New Testament and first in the lectionary cycle.

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Vocation thought

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.... If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Father Francis Bitterman at 312.534.8298 or fbitterman@archchicago.org



From the Faith Formation Office

November 27: First Sunday of Advent / No RE (Religious Education) sessions

December 3: SCW Christmas Bazaar 10:00am-2:00pm in Keating Hall

December 4: Reconciliation Prep grades 3-11, 8:30-9:00am / RE PreK-5, 9:05-10:20am

December 5: Monthly gathering of the SCW begins with the Misericordia Mass at 6:30pm in church followed by the business meeting and refreshments in Keating Hall.

December 6: RE grades 6-7, 6:00-7:30pm

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patron Saint of the United States) a Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 10:30am and 7:00pm

December 9: SCW Movie Night in Keating Hall featuring *The Nativity Story* doors open at 7:00pm, movie begins at 7:30pm

December 10: First and Advent Reconciliation Service 1:00pm in church

December 11: RE grades PreK-5, 9:05-10:20am / Girl Scouts Pancake Breakfast with Santa 8:00am-Noon in Keating Hall / All gifts for the Giving Tree need to be returned today

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