



# St. Hugh Parish

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## December 11, 2016

## Third 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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**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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



# From the Pastor's Desk

This Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally named *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. Today we light the rose / pink candle as a reminder that we are now in the home stretch of this season of preparation.

Today we take up the annual collection for the retired religious sisters, brothers, and priests. See Cardinal Cupich's letter in the middle column of this page.

On Monday December 12 we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531, Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego at Tepeyac. It is under this title that the mother of Jesus is the Patroness of the Americas.

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

On Sunday December 18 at 9:15am Saint Nicholas will visit the Religious Education classes. All are invited to his presentation in church.

Consider how you will promote hospitality and help parishioners and holiday visitors feel welcome when they come to worship here.

Our Christmas Mass Schedule:

On Saturday December 24: Children's Pageant at 3:45pm prior to the first Christmas Mass at 4:00pm

On Sunday December 25: The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord with Christmas Masses at 8:00 and 10:30am

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

Father Reszel



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, many of us can recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and

men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service, sacrifice and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

On December 10-11, your parish will be conducting its appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

The people of the Archdiocese of Chicago have always led the nation in their generous response to this appeal. As not only a matter of justice to care for their needs, but also in thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious.

With every good wish, I remain,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago



## Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity Immigration Ministry

*I entrust all child migrants, their families, their communities, and you who are close to them, to the protection of the Holy Family*

*of Nazareth; may they watch over and accompany each one on their journey.*

- Pope Francis on October 8, 2016  
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

This Advent and Christmas let us remember to pray for all migrants, refugees and especially the unaccompanied children in our country. Join the 11th Annual Posada on Friday December 16, 7:00-9:00am starting at 101 West Congress and ending at St. Peter's in the Loop. For details visit: [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

### You are invited to:

**Abbey Farms** Choose & Cut trees, pre-cut fir trees, seasonal store, café at Marmion Abbey, 2855 Hart Rd., Aurora. [www.abbeyfarms.org](http://www.abbeyfarms.org) or call Adam at 630.966.7775+6

**Morning of Meditation** *The Gift of Unexpected Riches* on Saturday December 17 beginning with hospitality at 8:30am. Presentation by Corey Houchins-Witt at St John of the Cross Parish, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Contact Mary at [mary105105@gmail.com](mailto:mary105105@gmail.com) or 708.246.5108

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage at a WWME: February 17-19 or April 7-9 at Elk Grove Village. Contact Jim & Kris at 630.577.0778 or through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>

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



**Third Sunday of  
Advent**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146;  
Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11

4:00 Intentions of the Parish

8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta;  
Sister Barbara Jean & Wally Ciszek

10:30 Pro Life; Victoria Michaels

**Monday December 12**

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13; Lk 1:39-47

10:30 Emil T Sergo;  
Joseph B Davidowski

**Tuesday December 13** St. Lucy  
Zep 3:1-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32

10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

**Wednesday December 14**

St. John of the Cross  
Is 45: 6-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23

10:30 Carol Zandrews

**Thursday December 15**

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30; Lk 7:24-30

10:30 Bernice Ciszek

**Friday December 16**

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67; Jn 5:33-36

10:30 Jeanette Rose

**Saturday December 17**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17

10:30



**Fourth Sunday of  
Advent**

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24;  
Rom 1:1-7;  
Mt 1:18-24

4:00 Fernando Solis; Rosann Gutierrez

8:00 Intentions of the Parish

10:30 Pro-Life; Phyllis Jordan

**Weekly Vincentian Reflection**



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to

take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.



**Giving  
Tree**

Wrapped presents are due this Sunday. Thank you for brightening a local child's holiday.

**Pray for the sick**

Fr. Angelo Biancalana, George Boksa, Liz Bryson, Virginia Bryson, Richard Callahan, 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

**Rest in peace**

In your kindness pray for the repose of the souls of Bernice Ciszek, Mary Jane Shirey, and Paulette Pitrak. Funeral rites for our long-time parishioner Mrs. Ciszek and for her daughter Mrs. Shirey were held on Tuesday November 29. Services for Ms. Pitrak, daughter of our parishioner Sophie, were held on Friday December 2.



**Be patient until the  
coming of the Lord**

**Weekend of December 17 - 18**

Mass	Priest / Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00pm	MCCJ Father	Arlene Houda	Cathy Bergman Olivia Quezada Cindy McCarthy	Alexys A Gianna M
8:00am	Father Reszel	Rosemary Kuftra	Rosemary Kuftra Allison K Edgardo Ramos	Marissa H Emma S
10:30am	Father Reszel	Makayla L	Liz Shermack Maggie Schemenaur Patti Krueger	Ava C Amanda S

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 #2 to assist on December 15

## Stewardship thought

*You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.* JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

## 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.

Next weekend after Mass see Nora Olvera (4:00), Rosemary Kufra (8:00), or Theresa 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, and Walmart \$25.

To order scrip from other retailers, see the list in the church vestibule or visit [www.sthughlyons.org](http://www.sthughlyons.org) and click FUNDRAISING

## Oplatki

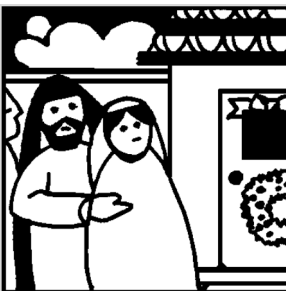
This Christmas wafer is a central European holiday tradition celebrated in Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia during *Wigilia*, or the Christmas Eve Vigil. An envelope with two white rectangular wafers is available for purchase in the sacristy or the parish office for \$1.

## Treasures from the tradition

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

-Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



## Las Posadas by Paul Turner

*Las posadas* means "the inns" in Spanish and refers to a Mexican Christmas custom. Beginning Dec. 16, family and friends or communities recreate the experience of Mary and Joseph searching for a place to stay in Bethlehem. The celebration takes place in streets and homes with a powerful message. In the incarnation, God offered salvation to everyone, even the poor and homeless.

A couple dressed as Joseph and Mary is accompanied by members of the community bearing candles. They walk in procession and approach a house in the neighborhood, praying and singing Christmas carols. They knock on the door and sing a special song for the celebration of Las Posadas. In this song Joseph, outside the house, requests lodging for the night because his wife is weary from the journey. Those inside sing back that they do not know the visitors and there is no room; the couple must go to another place. The candlelight procession continues to house after house. Finally, the residents of one home offer them shelter. All enter joyfully and celebrate a fiesta, complete with piñata.

This liturgical drama takes place every night until Christmas Eve. The custom allows all to express their faith in Jesus, to tell the story of Christmas for the benefit of children, and to keep their hearts fixed on the true meaning of the season. It connects the present generation with the past and binds a neighborhood into a stronger community.

## Parish Support

December 3-4

Includes donations via GiveCentral

Offertory	3793
Maintenance	474
Major Repair	325
Flowers	353
Christmas FOR PARISH	30 4975

### Budget for 2016 - 2017

Needed Weekly Offertory 3050

### Extraordinary

Sharing Parish 10

To safely make your contribution electronically through GiveCentral visit [www.sthughlyons.org](http://www.sthughlyons.org) and click the blue DONATE on the top right.

**THANK YOU**

### Vocation thought

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact our Vocations Director, Father Francis Bitterman, at [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org) or 312.534.8298



## From the Faith Formation Office

December 11: RE (Religious Education) 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

December 16: Advent Family Evening in Keating Hall 7:00-8:30pm

December 18: RE all grades 9:05-10:20am in church / CLW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) during 10:30am Mass

December 19: RE grades 8-11, 6:30-7:30pm / RCIA 7:30-8:30pm

December 20: RE grades 6-7, 6:00-7:30pm

Merry Christmas / Happy New Year  
Religious Education sessions return on Sunday January 8, 2017

## Ministries

708.447.3108 for all marked (\*)

### Liturgical

Altar Server (\*) +1  
Music - Fran Serpe (\*) + 7  
Reader - Arlene Houda 708.442.9268  
Eucharistic Minister - Arlene Houda 708.442.9268  
Minister of Care (\*) +5  
Usher / Greeter (\*) +1

### Catechetical

Christine Alfred - Coordinator  
Religious Education (\*) +6  
Sacraments / RCIA (\*) +6  
SPRED - Theresa Mendez 773.703.1543

### Service / Social

Bingo on Thursdays (\*) +8  
Catholic Charities 708.329.4022  
Girl Scouts (\*) +6  
Knights of Columbus 708.341.3141  
Manna Group Scrip (\*) +1  
Respect Life - Liz Shermack 708.447.6849  
St. Vincent de Paul Society (\*) +4  
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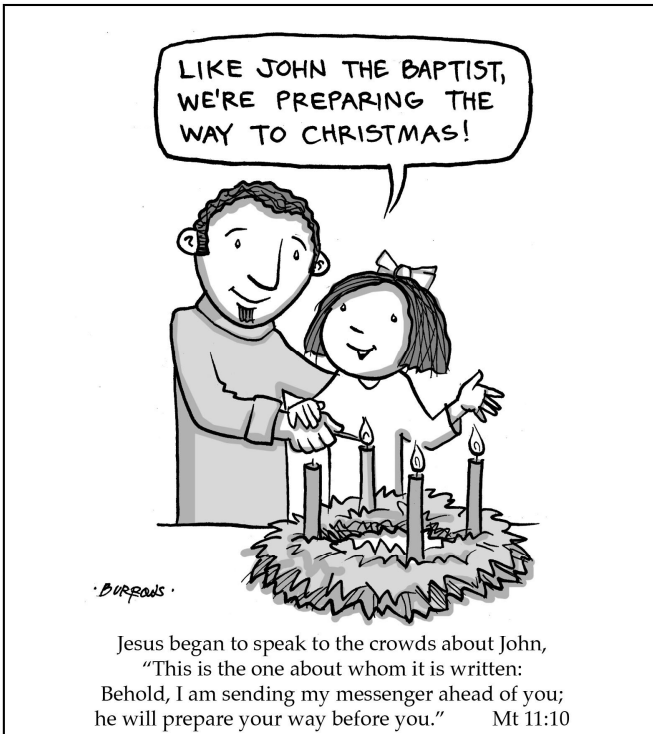
ARE YOU  
THE ONE  
WHO IS  
TO COME?



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### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Mt 11:10

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## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

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