

# Gaudete Sunday



**Masses for the  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**4:00pm Saturday December 23**

**8:00am Sunday December 24**

**10:30am Sunday December 24**

**Christmas Masses:  
The Nativity of the Lord**

**4:00pm Sunday December 24**

**8:00am Monday December 25**

**10:30am Monday December 25**



# From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Advent! Today we light the third candle on our Advent wreath. The rose/pink color is used in both Advent and Lent to remind us that we are more than halfway through a season of preparation (think violet/purple).

Tradition has named this *Gaudete* Sunday from the Latin word for *Rejoice!* To the extent that we are authentically living as a community of confident joy, of heart-felt compassion, and practical integrity, we will draw to ourselves and to the Lord all those who are looking for life.

While there is a fourth Sunday of Advent, there is no fourth week of preparation this year. Christmas Masses begin at 4:00pm on Sunday December 24. The full schedule is found on the bulletin cover.

St Mary, Mater Christ, and St Pius X will all have their Advent Penance Services at 7:00pm on Monday December 18. Parish addresses are found on page three. Once again, it is my hope that, moving forward with Renew My Church, the four partner parishes in our grouping will more effectively coordinate the scheduling of these services.

Thank you to all who have helped us to get ready for the Christmas Season celebrations; including those who generously responded to the requests on the Giving Tree. See picture on page five.

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

Father Reszel

## “O” antiphons

The late Advent days are associated with the O Antiphons sung during Vespers (Evening Prayer).

The seasonal hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel is based on these:

December 18  
(evening of 12/17)  
O Wisdom  
O Sapientia



December 19  
(evening of 12/18)  
O Sacred Lord  
O Adonai



December 20  
(evening of 12/19)  
O Flower of Jesse's Stem  
O Radix Jesse



December 21  
(evening of 12/20)  
O Key of David  
O Clavis David



December 22  
(evening of 12/21)  
O Radiant Dawn  
O Oriens



December 23  
(evening of 12/22)  
O King of All the Nations  
O Rex Gentium



December 24  
(evening of 12/23)  
O Emmanuel



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## Reasons to rejoice

Saint Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always"? If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Even the things we don't like can be turned to good by God. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because God can bring us to eternal life.

When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17), the distractions of this world will not keep us from hearing the Spirit within us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them.

How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? Saint Paul says, test everything. Retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Use the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. Trust God to make us holy if we only allow it. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or God's final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice.

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## Advent Holy Hour

Deacon Frank Mamolella will lead prayers before the Blessed Sacrament on each of the Advent Sundays following the 10:30am Mass.



## Masses: Saints, Readings, Intentions

**Third Sunday of Advent** *Gaude* Sunday  
 Is 61:1-11; Lk 1; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
 4:00 Elaine Stednitz; Robert Pondelicek  
 8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta; Ciszek family  
 10:30 Intentions of the Parish

**Monday December 18**  
 Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25  
 10:30 Wilbert Gorgen

**Tuesday December 19**  
 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25  
 10:30 Joan Menosky

**Wednesday December 20**  
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38  
 10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

**Thursday December 21** St. Peter Canisius  
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45  
 10:30 health of Sylvia Michalowski

**Friday December 22**  
 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
 10:30 Lucas Gerber

**Saturday December 23** St. John of Kanty  
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66  
 10:30 Frances Vranish

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 2 Sm 7:1-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  
 4:00 Intentions of the Parish  
 8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta; Ciszek family  
 10:30 Darnstadt family

## Renew My Church Grouping Parishes

**Saint Mary** 126 Herrick Rd., Riverside  
 Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 10:00, 11:30am, 5:00pm  
 Mon-Sat 8:15am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00-4:30pm

**Mater Christi** 2401 S. Tenth Ave., North Riverside  
 Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am  
 Mon-Sat 8:00am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-4:40pm

**Saint Pius X** 4300 S. Oak Park Ave., Stickney  
 Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 8:00, 10:30am  
 MTTF 8:00 S 9:00am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00-4:30pm

## Saint of the day

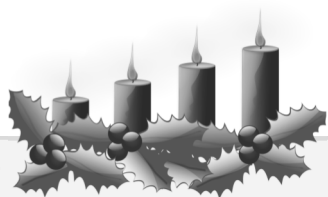
**December 21.** An important Catholic reformer in Germany, Saint Peter Canisius earned a master's degree at age 19, and then joined the Jesuits. He was a great writer and patron of the sick and imprisoned. Peter Canisius was an active member of the Council of Trent, and implemented its decisions. He also taught at the university level and helped found many colleges and seminaries.

**December 23.** Saint John of Kanty was a beloved priest in Kraków, Poland, where he taught Scripture. A simple, humble man, Saint John was often taken advantage of, but maintained his generous attitude to those in need. He died on Christmas Eve of 1473.

[franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day](http://franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day)

## Pray for the sick

George Boksa, Liz Bryson, Virginia Bryson, Richard Callahan, Ronald Demco, Dawn Gilbert, John Gilbert, Florence Gorgen, Dawn Hainsworth, Annette Jaworski, Leo Jeselski, Gloria Kucan, Lorraine Polcyn, Vangie Price, Dorothy Salerno, Elaine Snella, Vicki Stephansen, Pat Stone, Elsie Tobolaski



## Weekend of December 23-24

Mass	Priest / Deacon	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Father Reszel	Arlene H	Kathy L Sue S Cathy B	Alexis S Amanda S
8:00am	MCCJ Father Deacon Frank Mamolella will preach the homily	Mason W	Rosemary K Tabaitha W	Teagan W Cindy R
10:30am	Father Reszel Deacon Frank Mamolella will preach the homily	Gloria M	Patti K Liz S Theresa M	Brian B Madison K Jacob S

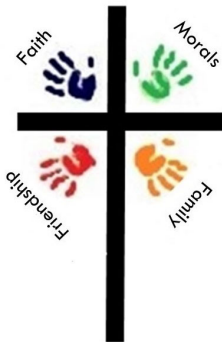
MCCJ = Comboni Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; *Missionarii Comboniani Cordis Iesu*



Dear brothers and sisters... the coming months offer a unique opportunity to advocate and support the concrete actions which I have described with four

verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate immigrants and refugees -Pope Francis

The Catholic Bishops have long supported immigrant youths and their families who are contributors to our economy and exemplify the extraordinary contributions that immigrants provide to our nation. It is both our moral duty and in our nation's best interest to protect them and help them reach their God-given potential. Respond to the call by asking your legislators to pass the Dream Act of 2017 (S 1615/HR 3440). [JusticeforImmigrants.org](http://JusticeforImmigrants.org) and [CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)



## From the Faith Formation Office

December 17: RE grades PreK-6, 9:05-10:20am /

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:30am Mass

December 18: *Confirmandi* 5:30-7:30pm / RCIA 7:30-8:30pm

December 19: SPRED 6:30-8:30pm

December 23-24: Fourth Sunday of Advent (regular schedule of Masses)

December 24-25: Christmas Masses at 4:00pm, 8:00am, and 10:30am

*Parish Offices will be closed on Monday December 25, 2017 and on Monday January 1, 2018.*

December 30-31: The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (regular schedule of Masses)

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10:30am Mass (not a holy day of obligation)

More: [tinyurl.com/sthughcalendar](http://tinyurl.com/sthughcalendar)

## Thank you

Our Christmas Bazaar raised more than \$5000 to support the work of our Society of Catholic Women which in turn supports the mission of Saint Hugh Parish. We are grateful to all who participated in our annual festive fundraiser.



SCW

A full report will be presented at the next scheduled SCW Gathering on Monday February 5. Please note that we do not meet in January.

## Is God calling you?

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest or consecrated religious, please visit: [ChicagoPriest.com](http://ChicagoPriest.com) or [VocationsCAVA.org](http://VocationsCAVA.org)



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During this time of discernment of our eleventh pastor, ask our patron saint to intercede for our parish.



Saint Hugh of Grenoble...pray for us

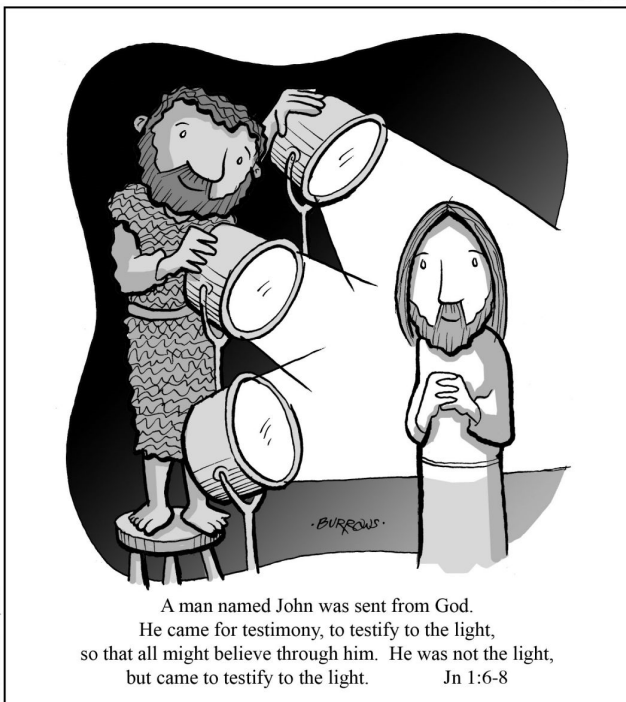
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### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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## God's Word for Children

The priest asked John the Baptist, "Who are you?"

Is 61:1-2, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

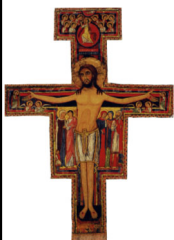
Directions: Read the descriptions and fill in the blanks with the correct person from the list.

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- Who are you if you help someone learn how to read?  
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- Who are you if you fly an airplane?  
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- Who are you if you deliver a letter to someone?  
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- Who are you if you say Mass on Sunday?  
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- Who are you if you fix a broken arm?  
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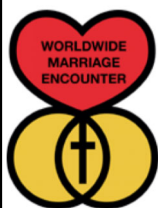


## You are invited to:



**Communal Advent Penance Service** at 7:00pm on Monday December 18 at all of the other parishes in our Renew My Church grouping: Saint Mary (Riverside), Mater Christi (North Riverside), and Saint Pius X (Stickney)

**The Gift of Quiet** 8:30 - 11:30am on Saturday December 23 at St John of the Cross Parish, 5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs. Presented by Psychologist Dr. Karen Pedigo and sponsored by the Christian Meditation Group - visit: [wccm-usa.org](http://wccm-usa.org) or [wccm.org](http://wccm.org). Free will offering accepted. Reservations requested. Contact Betsy 708.246.8315 / [wccmchgo@gmail.com](mailto:wccmchgo@gmail.com)



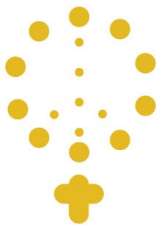
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**BelongChicago.org** A new and innovative tool for young adults in the Archdiocese of Chicago to connect and get involved in the Catholic faith. Find service events, gatherings for prayer, small faith communities, Bible studies, pilgrimages, retreats and many other ways to grow spiritually and build community. Information is updated weekly.

### Project Rachel

A post-abortion healing hotline and referral service for women and men. [projectrachelchicago@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachelchicago@gmail.com) 312.337.1962 or 888.456.HOPE



*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thes 5: 16-18*

The phrase, *without ceasing* encourages us to be active in our stewardship, and to never give up. At times it might be difficult to give time or service, or maybe to contribute financially during the holiday season. However, let us pray that we can continue to be a steward *without ceasing* and living as a Parish of intentional disciples.



## “Thank you” - Giving Tree



Teen parishioners attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis November 16-18

NCYC really helped me to grow a lot in my faith. It was an amazing atmosphere to be in, and I'd love to attend again. – Katlyn LasCola

I really enjoyed this trip and my faith is a lot stronger because of it. It was an amazing environment and atmosphere to be in and would not hesitate to go back. – Mason Walke

NCYC was a great conference, and being able to experience Church at a new level, meeting new people, and being exposed to the loving atmosphere of the Catholic Church. I am very excited to go again in two years and hope that I may be able to help other youth in our church to do so as well. – Gloria Maldonado

It was so energizing to see so many young Catholics not only proud of, but actively participating and sharing their faith. – Tina Melendez (chaperone)

To see so many young people of faith, excited and on fire with their love of God and Church was revitalizing for me as an adult. To see the kids really understand they are “Church,” strengthened and reassured all that we are doing. – Chris Alfred (chaperone)

## Parish Support

December 9-10

Includes donations via GiveCentral

Offertory	3291
Maintenance	295
Major Repair	125
Immaculate Conception	370
Flowers	220
Christmas	125
FOR PARISH	4426

### Budget for 2017 - 2018

Needed Weekly Offertory	3125
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### Extraordinary

Sharing Parish	81
Retired Religious	1408

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## Vincentian reflection



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord."

Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

## 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 while supplies last.

## Scrip (a.k.a. gift cards)

While holiday shopping, consider using our most convenient fundraiser. We have posted a list of participating retailers in the church vestibule. That list is also at [www.sthughlyons.org](http://www.sthughlyons.org) In-stock scrip (gift cards) are available after the weekend Masses and during the week at the parish office. Next weekend, see Marilyn Krebel (4:00), Rosemary Kufra (8:00), or Kim Thomas (10:30) for: Amazon \$25, CVS \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10, Home Depot \$25, iTunes \$15, Jewel \$25, Kohl's \$25, Starbucks \$10, Target \$25, Walgreens \$25, and Walmart \$25.

## Stewardship thought

*Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

## Wills / Bequests

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

## Question of the Week

How can I help bring a "year of favor" to the world, to the community, to those I know?

## Treasures from our tradition

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presepio, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the presepio was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presepio, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.


In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presepio in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows--the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presepios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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## **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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## **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**

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