

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

May it be  
done to me  
according to  
**YOUR WORD**

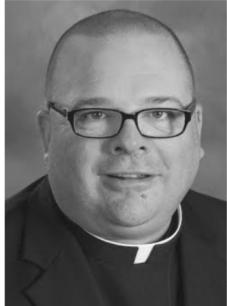


## **Christmas Masses: The Nativity of the Lord**

**4:00pm Sunday December 24**

**8:00am Monday December 25**

**10:30am Monday December 25**



## From the Pastor's Desk

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Cardinal Cupich's Christmas letter to the Archdiocese is found in the right column.

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

The turn around time from the end of Advent to the start of Christmas is only a few hours. Your assistance in providing Holiday Hospitality (see page six for suggestions) will help to make Christmas visitors to our parish feel welcomed. Please help.

Hopefully we have used well these Advent days. Certainly, we are grateful to all who have helped to make our seasonal celebrations both beautiful and prayerful.

For us Christmas is not just a holiday or holy day it is a liturgical season. See page five.

One of the season's symbols is the Christmas Tree. A prayer of blessing of the Christmas Tree, taken from our ritual *Book of Blessings*, is found on page four.

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

Father Reszel

## Pray before you speak

Have you ever been told to "think before you speak"? Nathan seems to have spoken too soon when he told David to do whatever he wanted about building a house for the LORD. But later that night the God gave him a message for David: the LORD did not need anyone to build him a house; God would make David's house (in the sense of family or descendants) last forever. That can be a lesson to us. Instead of just thinking before we speak, it could be a good idea to pray before we speak.

How many times have we said something in anger (or selfishness, fear, any strong feeling) that we wished we could take back? If we just think before we speak, we might just rationalize what we wanted to say in the first place. But if you take a little more time to bring our feelings to God, ask for guidance and listen for what God would have us say, things might turn out a lot better. We pray before meals; why not pray before going to work? We can pray before making decisions about our family, getting engaged, taking a new job, buying a new house/car/HD-TV, etc. When a friend or relative needs someone to talk to, we can pray that we listen well and say what God wants our friend to hear. If we have enough faith to let God guide our lives, let's take the time in prayer to listen for that guidance.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 1223, just two years before his death, Saint Francis of Assisi set up a living crèche, a replica of the manger in Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus. He preached and prayed before the scene. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, says that in that moment Francis was "overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness." His contemplation of Jesus, the Word made flesh, drew him to experience the depth of God's love.

We live in a troubled world beset by wars, violence, injustice, broken relationships, and illness. Beyond that, we do believe and are convinced that God loves us and walks with us in Jesus, his Son. As we know, God will heal us and our broken world and bring us into the fullness of life. It is my hope that when you pray before the mystery of the Incarnate Word, as Saint Francis prayed, you will be renewed in hope and confidence and be "overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness."

May God bless you with a renewal of faith, hope, and love as we celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Card. Blase J. Cupich*

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## Masses: Saints, Readings, Intentions

### 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

### Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
4:00 Intentions of the Parish

8:00 Robert Swift; Ciszek family

10:30 Roebuck, Rocotello & Spagnoletti families;  
Richard Houda

### Tuesday December 26 St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22  
10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

### Wednesday December 27 St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
10:30 Elaine Stednitz

### Thursday December 28 The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

10:30 Rev. John Murphy; Richard P Tomaszkiewicz

### Friday December 29 St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

10:30 Anele Kebleris; Ken Wright

### Saturday December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

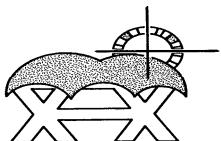
10:30 Ciszek family

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-2; Lk 2:22-40  
4:00 Wilbert Gorgen; Pauline Jadro

8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta; Ciszek family

10:30 Intentions of the Parish



### Weekend of December 30-31

Mass	Priest / Deacon	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Father Reszel	Amy B	Cathy B Arlene H Cindy M	Alexys A Gianna M Jacob S
8:00am	Father Reszel	Andy A	Rosemary K Edgardo R	Teagan W Mason W
10:30am	MCCJ Father	Farrah K	Maggie S Liz S Nicki M	Emma S Mary S

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

## 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  
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## Saint of the day

**December 26.** If it weren't for Saint Luke telling us about the selection and martyrdom of Saint Stephen in Acts of the Apostles, we would know nothing about him at all. The little we do know, however, speaks volumes about what kind of man he was, his love for Jesus, and the early Church community.

**December 27.** Saint John the Apostle, also known as the Beloved Disciple, was the writer of the fourth Gospel, and presumably, the only apostle who was not martyred. He is also the disciple to whom Jesus entrusted his mother from the cross. Symbolized as an eagle, Saint John's Gospel "soars" in its theological treatment of the good news.

[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, Brian Doornbos, Dawn Gilbert, John Gilbert, Florence Gorgen, Dawn Hainsworth, Annette Jaworski, Leo Jeselski, Gloria Kucan, Lorraine Polcyn, Vangie Price, Dorothy Salerno, Elaine Snella, Vicki Stephanen, Pat Stone, Elsie Tobolaski

## Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of 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.

Amen.

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. Lk 2:15-16



## From the Faith Formation Office

December 24:  
Pageant 3:45pm  
Christmas Mass at 4:00pm

December 25: Christmas Masses at 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)

January 5: Family Movie Night - Keating Hall door's open at 7:00pm Despicable Me 3 begins at 7:30pm.

January 7: RE (all grades) 9:05-10:20am begins in church with Epiphany Family Lesson/ Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30am Mass / Reader practice 11:30am

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

## WORD MADE CLEAR

Join in a Virtual Journey Through The Gospel of Mark

This is your chance to engage the Gospel of Mark over the next few months with Father James McIlhone. Weekly email updates will guide the process in whatever way is best for you: on your own or with a group. The kick-off event to get started is at 7:00pm on Monday January 22 at St John of the Cross, 5005 Wolf Rd., Western Springs.

Register at: [goo.gl/4ZNvRy](http://goo.gl/4ZNvRy)

## Is God calling you?

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, brother or sister, please visit: ChicagoPriest.com or VocationsCAVA.org



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## God's Word for Children



Gabriel also said, "The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Directions: Decode the following words to find the names mentioned in this Gospel.

1. LEIBARG = \_\_\_\_\_

2. YARM = \_\_\_\_\_

3. SSEUJ = \_\_\_\_\_

4. POSHEJ = \_\_\_\_\_

## You are invited to:

**Archdiocesan Mass for Life** Sunday January 14 at 11:00am Holy Name Cathedral as a sending forth for March for Life.

**Multicultural Taste of St Barbara** 6:00-9:00pm on Saturday January 20 at 4015 Prairie Ave., Brookfield Family friendly, prizes, and music. Food and drink tickets available at the door. 708.485.2900

**Great Mercy of God and His Healing Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist** presented by Colleen & John Willard and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St Mary Parish, 126 Herrick Road, Riverside, on Thursday February 8 at 7:00pm

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"DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY,  
FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR  
WITH GOD."

LUKE 1:30

Sometimes the call can be scary or overwhelming. Maybe we have been away for awhile or distant in our relationship with God.

With all the busy schedules and distractions during the Advent season, how can we slow down to witness the miracle that is before us? Have we taken time in silence, listening to God? Have we taken time to serve others? Have we taken time to be generous? Have we been a steward this Advent? How can we be a steward in 2018?



## Christmas is not just a holiday, it is a Liturgical Season

Having completed our Four Sunday Season of preparation known as Advent, we now begin to celebrate that for which we have been preparing: namely, the Christmas Season. What begins in the simplicity of a Bethlehem Manger is Good News that must be announced to the whole world. Our celebration includes Feasts of Saints including the first Christian Martyr and the Holy Innocents, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God (on New Year's Day), the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord.

The holiday song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, reminds us that our nativity celebration will last for about two weeks. According to tradition, the symbolic gifts given by God (True Love) to us were coded catechetical references used by Catholics in England.

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus.  
The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.  
The three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.  
The four calling birds are the four Gospels.  
The five gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah, or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.  
The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.

The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.  
The nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.  
The eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles.  
The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

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## Vincentian reflection



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the

night of the year when darkness is the longest. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

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

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 K (4:00), Rosemary K (8:00), or Nicki M (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

Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you! — LUKE 1:28

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| 2518 | Faith is a gift from God. Take time  |
| 11   | in silence and thank Him for all the |
| 470  | gifts He has given you. Try to set   |
| 170  | aside any anger or resentment you    |
| 8    | have and really open your heart to   |
| 17   | receive the gift of God's mercy and  |
| 3194 | forgiveness. We can't give what we   |
| 3125 | don't have. We need to receive       |
|      | God's mercy and forgiveness first    |
|      | before we can give it to others.     |

## 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 take the gift of Jesus that I have been given and share this gift with others?

## Holiday Hospitality

### • Before Mass:

Greet one another. Introduce yourself. Move toward the center of the pew so that it is easier for others to enter. Silence your phone. Smile.

### • During Mass:

Actively participate. Sing. Take the initiative at the sign of peace. Pray with and for each other. Smile.

### • After Mass:

Return two copies of *Breaking Bread* to each book rack. Return the Order of Service card to the hat clip with the word WELCOME being the first thing that the next person will see. Put the kneelers up so that it is easier for the next person to enter. Remove whatever you have brought into the pew including the bulletin, tissues, diapers, papers, and water bottles. Smile.

Thank you!

## Treasures from our tradition

Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the Christkind in Austria and Belgium, El Niño Jesús in Columbia, and Le Petit Jesus in France, where he shares his duties with Père Noël. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but the infant Jesus brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

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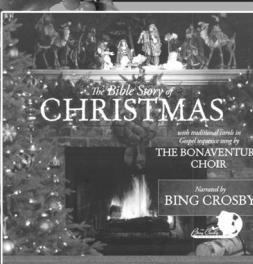
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## Weekend Masses

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.

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