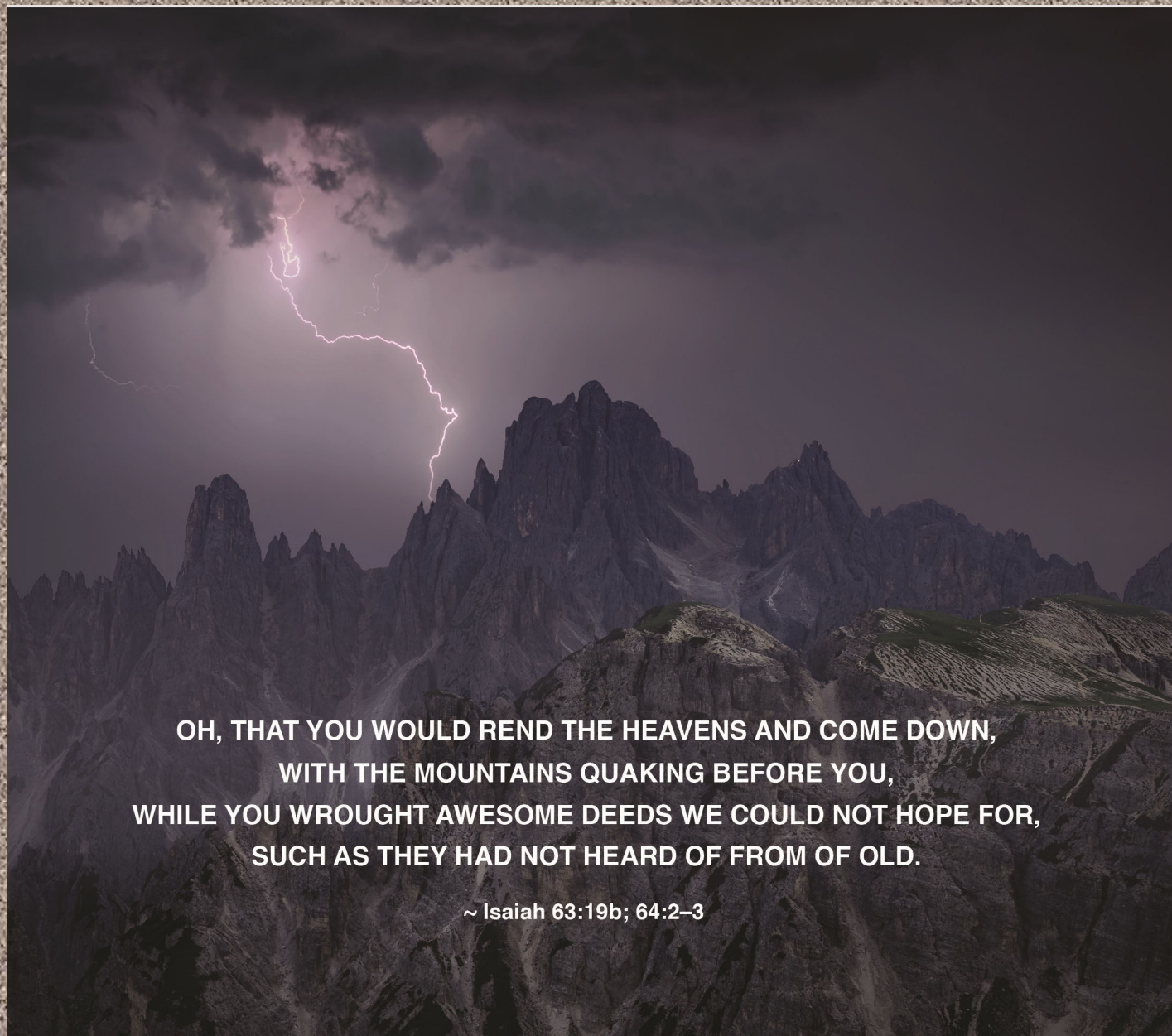


December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent



OH, THAT YOU WOULD REND THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN,
WITH THE MOUNTAINS QUAKING BEFORE YOU,
WHILE YOU WROUGHT AWESOME DEEDS WE COULD NOT HOPE FOR,
SUCH AS THEY HAD NOT HEARD OF FROM OF OLD.

~ Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

ADVENT

**Communal Reconciliation Service
1:00pm on Saturday December 9**



From the Pastor's Desk

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year of grace. The readings for Sundays are given to us on a three year cycle. Today we begin the B-cycle. For more on the Gospel according to Mark, see page six.

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. It is under this title that Mary is the patroness of the United States and the Archdiocese of Chicago. Mass at Saint Hugh on Friday will be at 10:30am. The parishes of our Renew My Church grouping (page three) will have Mass on the Holy Day at 8:00 or 8:15am and at 7:00pm. It is my hope that, moving forward, the four partner parishes will better coordinate the scheduling of holy day Mass times.

Our Communal Advent Penance Service with individual confession and absolution is at 1:00pm on Saturday December 9. Some of our younger parishioners will receive the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time - pray for them.

St Mary, Mater Christ, and St Pius X will all have their Advent Penance Services at 7:00pm on Monday December 18.

The annual collection for retired religious will be taken up next weekend. See the Cardinal Cupich's letter to the right. Those wishing to support this cause may place an envelope for this purpose in the basket with the weekly offering.

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

Father Reszel

Advent Top Ten List

#10 - Happy New Year!

Today we begin a new liturgical year of grace.

9 - We begin the B-cycle of lectionary readings on Sundays - mostly Saint Mark with a significant dose from Saint John during the summer.

8 - The windows of the Advent Calendar remind us that this is a season of anticipation and preparation.

7 - The Jesse Tree is where the symbols of our biblical heroes are displayed.

6 - As a season of preparation, Advent has traditionally been a time for reconciliation.

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 dark and cold, 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.

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.

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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will participate in the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, benefiting more than 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests throughout the United States.

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways. Personally, I am grateful for the service of religious, past and present. Perhaps you also recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger members can continue the good work of their elders.

In the past, the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago have led the nation in their generous response to this appeal. Though I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes, I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 9-10. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for you.

Wishing you every blessing during this Holy Season of Advent.

With kind regards I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Masses: Saints, Readings, Intentions

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

4:00 Intentions of the Parish

8:00 Walter Ignash; Ciszek family

10:30 Puskaric family

Monday December 4 St. John Damascene

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

10:30 health of Sylvia Michalowski

Tuesday December 5

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

10:30 Charlene DePasquale

Wednesday December 6 St. Nicholas

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37

10:30 Wilbert Gorgen

Thursday December 7 St. Ambrose

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

10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

Friday December 8 Holy Day of Obligation:

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

10:30 Intentions of the Parish

Saturday December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

10:30 health of Sylvia Michalowski

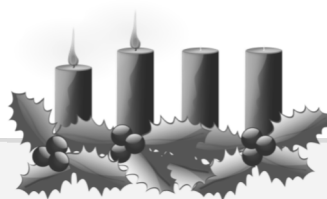
Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

4:00 Bruce Sainsbury; Frank Tobalaski

8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta; Ciszek family

10:30 Intentions of the Parish



Weekend of December 9-10

Mass	Priest / Deacon	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Father Reszel	Amy B	Sue S Kathy L Cathy B	Alexis S Amanda S
8:00am	Father Reszel Deacon Frank Mamolella	Keely M	Rosemary K Edgardo R	Ava C Cindy R Jacob S
10:30am	MCCJ Father	Richard K	Maggie S Liz S Patti K	Emma S Mary S

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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 6 The absence of “hard historical facts” is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christians.

December 7 One of Ambrose’ historical claims to fame is his conversion of Saint Augustine. Known for his lively preaching and writing, Saint Ambrose must have been a force to be reckoned with. Maybe those qualities were what attracted Saint Augustine. But Saint Ambrose stands on his own independent of his protégé. 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



New life in Christ

Catherine Elena Briceno, daughter of Jessica (Barr) and Miguel Briceno was baptized on November 25.

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.

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



From the Faith Formation Office

December 5:
SPRED 6:30-8:30pm

December 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass at 10:30am

December 9: First Reconciliation and Advent Penance Service 1:00pm

December 10: Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast 8:00am-Noon / RE grades PreK-6, 9:05-10:20am / Giving Tree gifts are due today

December 14: Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30 Open Gym 7:00pm

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

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

Society of Catholic Women

December 4:
Misericordia Mass at 6:30pm in Church followed by the monthly gathering in Keating Hall.



Misericordia

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A. Always.

Is God calling you?

Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary. (Mark 13: 33-37). To discover ways of serving the church, visit: ChicagoPriest.com and/or VocationsCAVA.org



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BINOCULARS TO
WATCH FOR HIM.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Mk 13:33

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God's Word for Children

No one knows when Jesus will return.
Because we don't know,
Jesus urges his disciples to be two things.
Use the shape code to find what they are.

○=H ♥=R ▲=C ●=A △=F
■=L ◆=W ☾=T □=U ★=E

Stay very [] [] [] [] [] ,

Keep [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

and steady...

So when Jesus returns,
He'll find you are ready!

You are invited to:



Lessons and Carols presented by the Mater Christi Parish choir at 7:00pm on Sunday December 3. Free admission. **Mater Christi's Women's Guild Mission Dinner** Wednesday December 6, 6:00pm \$25/person. To reserve your ticket, call Carol Davidson at 708.751.0059

Our Renew My Church grouping "partner parish" is at 2401 S. Tenth Street in North Riverside.

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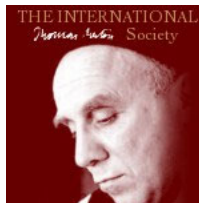
Sunday December 10 at Nazareth Academy, 1209 Ogden, LaGrange Park. Festivities begin at 1:15pm - Concert at 2:00pm All donations benefit this retreat ministry sponsored by the CSJ. More at citwretreat.com or 815.947.2476

An Online, Interactive Retreat for Women December 3-24. Join the School Sisters of Notre Dame in taking time to nurture your relationship with God this Advent, using reflection materials provided by Sister Carolyn Sur, SSND.



Deepen your personal reflection and prayer by interaction with a spiritual companion, a sister with whom you will be paired to meet with weekly by phone, skype or in person. To RSVP or for more information, contact Sister Stephanie Spandl, SSND, at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651.278.4498, or visit ssnd.org/events/advent-retreat-2017

Kate Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day, will discuss her new book, *The World Will Be Saved by Beauty* on Sunday December 10 at 2:00pm at Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W Talcott, Chicago. Kate will be accompanied by Rosalie Riegle, author of *Dorothy Day: Portraits by Those Who Knew Her* and *Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community*. This event is sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. Refreshments, ample parking, freewill donation. For information contact Mike Brennan at 773.685.4736.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00pm Mass Tuesday December 12 at St Mary Parish (Riverside). "Pot Luck" Fiesta follows. All are welcome. Call Matt Brophy 708.205.0238



All gifts are due by Sunday December 10. Thank you!



**"BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME."**

MARK 13: 33

How will you be alert? Consider making time to listen and be alert. Participating as a steward of time with God, enables us to have open minds and hearts to hear his message this Advent.

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Vincentian reflection



As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless

our lives. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

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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 In-stock scrip (gift cards) are available after the weekend Masses and during the week at the parish office. Next Sunday, see 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

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come. - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

Treasures

from our tradition

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors.

By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (Rathaus) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you! -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Gospel according to Mark

This shortest of all New Testament gospels is likely the first to have been written, yet it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than either Matthew or Luke. It recounts what Jesus did in a vivid style, where one incident follows directly upon another. In this almost breathless narrative, Mark stresses Jesus' message about the kingdom of God now breaking into human life as good news and Jesus himself as the gospel of God. Jesus is the Son whom God has sent to rescue humanity by serving and by sacrificing his life.

Traditionally, the gospel is said to have been written shortly before A.D. 70 in Rome, at a time of impending persecution and when destruction loomed over Jerusalem. Its audience seems to have been Gentile, unfamiliar with Jewish customs. The book aimed to equip such Christians to stand faithful in the face of persecution, while continuing the proclamation of the gospel begun in Galilee. Modern research often proposes as the author an unknown Hellenistic Jewish Christian, possibly in Syria, and perhaps shortly after the year 70.

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He was named a bishop at age 27. In time of famine he sold his Episcopal

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Monday - Saturday 10:30am

Penance

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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

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