

THE BULLETIN



St. Therese
OF LISIEUX

December 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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At the beginning of the musical *Godspell* (loosely based on the Gospel of St. Matthew) is the song “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” sung by John the Baptist. It is a simple melody with the text being repeated over and over again. But how do we prepare the way of the Lord?

The answer is scattered throughout the three readings we hear today. In the first reading from Isaiah, we are told to give comfort to God’s people by reminding them that their guilt is expiated because of God’s mercy. The responsorial psalm challenges us to remember that because we have already received salvation from the Lord, we need

to listen to what he proclaims. In other words, we are called to take to heart God’s word and put it into practice.

St. Peter calls us to prepare for the Lord by being patient and conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion in order to be found “without spot or blemish” before

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Connecting Point

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► Where do I see holiness and devotion in others?

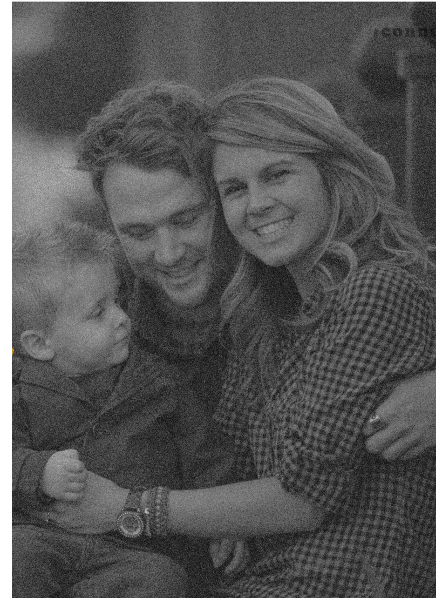
Our second reading at Mass this weekend is from the second letter of St. Peter. In it, he tells us that we should be persons “conducting (ourselves) in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming day of God.”

I am blessed to be a part of a faith community in which I am surrounded and inspired by people who conduct themselves in holiness and devotion. I see it in loving, compassionate people who live by Gospel values and devote themselves to building a more just and peaceful world.

I see it in parents who bring infants, toddlers, and young children to Mass—a task as difficult as it gets. I see it in those who come to church with walkers, wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, etc. I see devotion and holiness in those who serve us

devoutly as our liturgical ministers, catechists, and parish staff members, as well as in those who serve in our outreach ministries. I see it in those who volunteer in our schools, hospitals, and soup kitchens. I also see it in caretakers, teachers, counselors, coaches, scout leaders, first responders, health care workers, hospice workers, smiling store clerks, and those many kind people I encounter every day.

Today’s readings remind us that we are not only preparing for Christ’s Coming, but we are also called to hasten it! To bring it about! We do so by living holy lives, that is, by living according to Gospel values and devoting ourselves to building the Kingdom of justice and peace.



► Musings + Messages (cont’d)

the Lord. Finally, John the Baptist challenges us to repentance. He invites us to make straight the path that has been twisted by sin and corruption. The Baptizer calls us to be humble in the presence of Christ who comes to give us the Holy Spirit. This Advent season is an opportunity

to grow in holiness by preparing ourselves to meet the Lord. How are you preparing?

There are several penance services this Advent season, confessions on Thursdays at 3 PM, as well as by appointment. Please avail yourselves

of the opportunity to be cleansed and renewed by the Spirit.

Take advantage of the many events taking place this Advent and Christmas season. In particular, our New Year’s Eve Party and Christmas Concert.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 10 - 17

SUN

10

MON

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TUE

12

WED

13

9 AM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM MASS

9:45 AM MASS/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:45 AM OCIA

11:45 AM MASS/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:30 AM STRETCH AND
STRENGTH

2 PM ROSARY

4 PM LIVING FAITH/GROW
TREASURE HUNT

6 PM EVANGELIZATION
MTG

7 PM ARMOR OF GOD/
K OF C

7 AM AA MEETING

8:30 AM MASS

11:30 AM FOP LEADERSHIP
MTG

4 PM LIVING FAITH/GROW
TREASURE HUNT

7 PM K OF C SACRED
HEART ASSEMBLY

7 PM K OF C LADIES OF
THE ASSEMBLY

8:30 AM MASS

9:30 AM STRETCH &
STRENGTH

5:30 PM CHOIR
REHEARSAL

6 PM K OF C COUNCIL/
MEMBERSHIP MTG

8:30 PM K OF C AFTER-
MEETING SOCIAL HOUR

THU

14

FRI

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SAT

16

SUN

17

7 AM AA MEETING

8:30 AM MASS

9 AM EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION

9:30 AM CATECHISM IN A
YEAR DISCUSSION GROUP

3 PM CONFESSIONS

6 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

6 PM MS SUPPORT GROUP

7 PM CATHOLIC BIBLE
SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM MASS

9:30 AM STRETCH AND
STRENGTH

11 AM FUNERAL - CEFALI

3 PM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM ARMOR OF GOD/
K OF C

4:30 PM MASS

9 AM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM MASS

9:45 AM MASS/LITTLE
LAMBS/CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

10:45 AM OCIA

11:45 AM MASS/LITTLE
LAMBS/CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

1 PM BAPTISM

1:30 PM CARD PLAYING

EVENTS

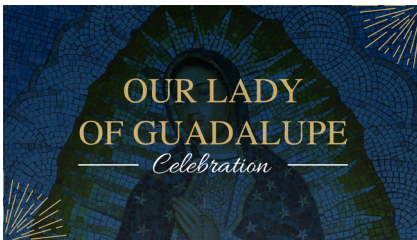


MON, DEC 11 AT 7 PM OR SAT, DEC 16 AT 8 AM

ARMOR OF GOD MEN'S GROUP

The discussions for the Month of December will cover Anti-Catholic Myths specifically the challenge that "The Catholic Church" adds to the bible!" and other bible related evangelistic topics. Booklets are the same ones from November and can be picked up in the parish office.

We are offering two different times to meet to discuss this topic, once on a Monday, Dec 11 at 7 PM and then on a Saturday, Dec 16 at 8 AM with adoration at 7 AM. You only need to attend one session.



TUE | DEC 12 | 6 AM MORNING SONG & 6:30 PM MASS | ST. ISIDORE

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

6 AM: Morning Song / Las Mananitas in Spanish followed by Mexican hot chocolate and pastries.
6:30 PM: Bilingual Mass Celebration

followed by a fiesta in honor of The Holy Mother, which includes Rosary, procession, and traditional folk dancing.



SAT | DEC 16 | 6 PM | ST. ISIDORE

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRESENTATION

Come and learn about the Patroness of the Americas and Juan Diego in a way that will touch your heart and soul. Hear the history of events, learn about the image on Juan's tilma, the striking details, and enjoy a live

reenactment play. Following is a light reception that is authentic and sure to please! Register by Friday, December 8 by calling the parish office at (586) 286-1700.



SAT | DEC 16 | 7 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

An Eucharistic Adoration Hour will be offered at 7 AM on Saturday December 16. Come spend an hour with the Lord to prepare for

the holiday season. This is a great opportunity to settle yourself during the hustle and bustle of the season.



MON, DEC 18 AT 7 PM | ST. ISIDORE

ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Step into the Advent season with our Family of Parishes' Eucharistic Adoration event as a part of the archdiocese's I AM HERE campaign. Grow in love with Jesus who makes his dwelling among us, as we

prepare to celebrate Christmas. Adoration will be offered on Monday, Dec. 18. This Advent, let's come together for moments of quiet contemplation and shared joy.



SUN | DEC 31 | 7 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Join us for an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration with our Family of Parishes! Get ready to dance the night away to the sensational tunes of The Sylvester Cats, indulge in delectable appetizers crafted by Chef Robert from Dorsey, and enjoy the

festivities with our open bar! Bring your friends and family for a night of joy, laughter, and fantastic memories as we welcome the New Year together! Tickets are \$80/person or \$150/couple. Purchase online by scanning the QR code.



THU | JAN 18 | 9 AM

BOOK CLUB

Come join us to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. We'll gather at 9 AM on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, to discuss the themes and

values represented in the book and their implications for Christians. New members are always welcome!



TUE | JAN 23 | 7 PM

HOCKEY NIGHT IN THE D

Join us for a hockey night in Detroit to cheer on the Detroit Red Wings as they battle the Dallas Stars at Little Caesar's Arena. Tickets are

\$45 each and can be reserved in the parish office. These make great gifts for Christmas!

▶ **Bottle/Can Drive for Teen Mission Trip**

Get all the bottles and cans out of your house before Christmas! St. Therese will be hosting a bottle and can return drive starting Saturday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 17.

During the week, bottles and cans can be left outside, near the front doors. At the weekend Masses we will have teens on-site to help get them out of your car. All proceeds will help our teens attend a mission trip in Midland in July, 2024.



▶ **Christmas Flowers In Memory of Loved Ones**

Family Ministry | 👤 Chris Piebiak, Director ✉ chrisp@stol.church

This year, we are accepting a \$20 donation for flowers in memory of a loved one to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. This is a beautiful opportunity to remember our dearly departed or give someone special recognition. The Mass for the Solemnity of Mary on December 31 will be offered for the intentions of all those remembered and memorialized. Complete the form below and

submit it to the Parish Office with your donation by Friday, Dec. 22. All names will appear in the Epiphany Sunday bulletin on the weekend of Jan. 7. If you contributed to the Christmas flower collection with the envelopes in your offertory pack and forgot to fill out the "In Memory of" part, stop in the office and let us know who you want to be honored or memorialized.



Please print clearly as the memorial name will be in the bulletin.

Donor Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Env. # _____

In Memory of: _____

► St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Program



Let us do without hesitation whatever lies in our hands.

Blessed Frederick Ozanam

We asked, and you overwhelmingly responded, to our request for turkeys and gift cards for our Thanksgiving Food Program. Your generosity is heartwarming and greatly appreciated.

We are now asking for your help

with hams (or ham steaks) and/or \$25 gift cards to Meijer or Kroger for our annual Christmas Food Program, which is scheduled for distribution on Tuesday, December 19. Please bring your donations in by Sunday, December 17.

Additionally, all the good we can accomplish year-round is supported entirely by food and monetary donations. All financial contributions to our conference are used to assist our neighbors with rent, utilities, and

other basic needs. Please consider a cash donation for this cause. Checks should be made payable to 'St. Vincent de Paul' and mailed to or dropped off at the parish office.

May God bless all of you and your families this Christmas Season.

Good Deeds During Advent

Every year, we are inundated with the commercialism of toys, Santa, cookies, etc., that surrounds us. Involving our children/grandchildren in the weeks of Advent is a most important initiative if we are to teach them that Christmas is, in fact, about the coming of Christ! As we prepare for this important yearly celebration, children can "prepare" in many ways by accomplishing simple, good deeds.

Yes, we are all busy, but here is an idea that won't take much time. Each child cuts out a simply drawn, undecorated Christmas tree shape. Consider keeping the same height and width so the trees are all the same size. Tape them on your refrigerator, door, or any place visible to the family most of the day. Purchase a bag of sticky stars from the dollar store. During the weeks of Advent, each time they accomplish a good deed, they put a star on the tree. Involve the family in discussing more ways to earn stars. Here are a few ideas to think about:

- Set the table

- Clean up after dinner
- Feed the birds
- Initiate asking how they can help you with something
- Open the door for someone
- Invite a friend to come to church or a church event with you
- Tell someone that you love them... with meaning
- Donate toys, clothing, etc.
- Make Christmas cards and give them to a nursing home
- Say your daily prayers (without a reminder) or lead Grace before meal prayers

We are all called to evangelize our faith, and you are never too young to begin. Good deeds play an essential part in becoming a great evangelizer! Enjoy this family activity!



► Walking the Path

Discipleship Formation | 👤 Peggy Casing, D.F. Director 📧 peggyc@stol.church

It can be confusing. Advent is a time of preparation, where we focus on celebrating the anniversary of Jesus' birth on Christmas, though the actual date is unknown. We also focus on the fact that we are waiting for Jesus to come again, at his "Second Coming," so we are remembering the past and looking toward the future. Furthermore, when folks comment that Advent is a time of waiting for Jesus to be born, they are saying that they are waiting for something that has already occurred, which can add to the confusion. Additionally, confusion can come in when someone, usually an atheist or agnostic, jumps in and says, "You know, Druids worshipped Christmas trees, so they don't have ANYTHING to do with Jesus, so it's all a bunch of malarkey." What are we to think? Here it is in a nutshell: Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate the anniversary of Christ's birth and draw closer to him in preparing ourselves for his Second Coming.

As to the first point, Jesus was, and is, a real living being. Yes, he was different from us in that he was fully human and fully divine, but he was of flesh and blood, born into our world. It can be easy to downplay that physicality, yet we know that Jesus was born. He actually lived and died. Very few people, at any time in history and any place in the world, have disputed that. For

believers, celebrating Jesus' birth is a joyful occasion, even though we aren't sure of the exact date. Wait! What? Yep. Like many things in antiquity, official records don't make note of the exact day, but at least three theories exist as to why December 25th was chosen (tune in next week!). One of the theories is due to the pagan sun celebrations that took place around the time of the Winter Solstice. It is said that apostles redirected their focus rather than thwarting the celebrations completely. In converting hearts to Jesus, the message becomes, rather than worshipping the sun, turn your worship to the Son of God. Again, more next week.

Regarding the second point of focus, seeing Advent as a time of preparing ourselves for when Jesus returns is why Advent has always had a bit of a penitential nature—and why you'll notice extra opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this time of year. As we have heard over the past few weeks, we "know not the hour," so Advent provides us with many opportunities to remove obstacles and "ready ourselves" for the time when Jesus comes again. We also heard in last week's gospel, Jesus telling his disciples to "be watchful" and "alert," followed by today's gospel, recalling John the Baptist telling those in the Judean

countryside and Jerusalem that they needed to "prepare the way of the Lord" through "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." His call to repentance is still relevant today. Just like those in John's day, who were to prepare to hear Jesus' message, we, too, are to repent of our sins and open our hearts to hear the Word of God.

In conclusion, I understand why confusion around the themes of Advent exists. I know it exists because I was among the confused back in the day! Whether looking back to Jesus' birth or into the future when he comes again, the fact that we have a season that points in two directions can be confusing! Tune in next week for more on choosing December 25th as Jesus' "birthday."

► What You Can Do to Prevent Falls

Health Ministry |  Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse  marilync@stol.church

Did you know?

- Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for people aged 65.
- One in four older Americans falls every year.
- Every 15 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall.
- Every 20 minutes, an older adult dies following a fall.
- Falls are the leading cause of injury and death for older Americans.

Falls can result in hip fractures, broken bones, and head injuries. Even falls without major injury can cause older adults to become fearful or depressed, making it difficult for them to stay active.

If you are a senior or have an aging parent, grandparent, or friend, helping reduce the risk of falling is one of the best ways to stay healthy and independent as long as possible.

The good news about falls is that **most of them can be prevented**. The key is knowing what conditions may predispose you to falls and what you can do to strengthen yourself and help with balance issues.

Here are some common factors that can lead to a fall:

- **Balance and gait:** As people age, coordination, flexibility, and balance become affected, so it is essential to stay active. Walk in your neighborhood, mall, or local gym. Walk with a friend or your dog. Consider taking St. Therese of Lisieux's Strength

and Stretch exercise classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Social Hall. Not only will they help keep you active, but your social life will be enhanced! Yoga and Tai Chi classes will help with balance, as well.

- **Vision:** In the aging eye, less light reaches the retina—making contrasting edges, tripping hazards, and obstacles harder to see. Things on the floor may be harder to see than in the past. Consider leaving a small light on or using night lights in your home if you need to get up during the middle of the night.
- **Environment:** Homes must be free from tripping hazards such as rugs and small objects lying around the house. This includes pets who might be lying down next to you or near your feet when walking. Area rugs can be dangerous if not secured to the floor. Use non-skid slippers and shoes that fit well, and make sure the soles do not stick to the floor. Ensure the floor in the house is not wet or slippery. This is especially important in the bathroom. Bathrooms can be very dangerous places! Utilize rugs with rubber backings so they do not slide, non-slip mats in the shower/tub, and grab-bars near the shower and toilet. If you are unsteady, make sure someone is with you when showering or bathing. When you are outside, watch for broken or uneven cement or slippery conditions, especially in the winter. Consider buying boots

with traction on soles for icy conditions.

- **Medications:** Some medications cause dizziness or lightheadedness. If you are getting up from bed, sit at the side of the bed for a minute or so before standing up. Some medications, such as diuretics and blood pressure drugs, can cause people to become dehydrated, so stay hydrated and be careful when walking to the bathroom. Don't wait until the last minute to rush to the bathroom!
- **Chronic conditions:** More than 80% of adults have at least one chronic condition. Some of these conditions predispose people to loss of function or inactivity. If you have chronic mobility or back problems, it is important to be especially careful when ambulating. This includes using a walker or cane and not holding onto counters and furniture if you already have mobility issues. If you take multiple medications, ensure your healthcare provider is aware of **all** of them. Read the instructions for your prescriptions, and talk with your healthcare provider about any side effects you may experience.

Reference:
Adapted from the National Council on Aging.

▶ RTL-Lifespan Christmas Card Thank You!

Right to Life-Lifespan wants to give a heartfelt “**Thank you!**” to everyone at St. Therese who supported this year’s Christmas card fundraiser. We raised a total of \$1,033 in donations for RTL-Lifespan’s education fund. We are always appreciative of the parish’s commitment to LIFE. If you were unable to get Christmas cards, please contact the RTL-Lifespan office at (248) 816-1546; they are happy to place orders. God Bless you, and Merry Christmas!

▶ Prepare for Christmas with the True Presence of Jesus

As we prepare for Christmas, often our to-do lists are long and our stress levels feel high. But Advent is a time for us to slow down and—even in the busyness—hear Jesus say to you, “I am here.”

We invite you to spend a few minutes each day this Advent preparing to celebrate Christmas and the gift of Jesus, by joining the I AM HERE Advent challenge today!

By joining the challenge, you’ll be preparing for Christmas a little each day!

- Receive a daily text message with an article, video, or quote to inspire you
- Spend a few minutes completing the short daily Advent prayer challenge
- Joyfully arrive at the celebration of Christmas ready to receive Jesus who says to you, “I am here”

Text “ADVENT” to 84576 to join or sign up at iamhere.org/advent.

Ministry Schedule

SAT | DECEMBER 16
4:30 PM

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed
Lector 2: Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers: Sarah H.
Usher Team 8: Dean Corsi

SUN | DECEMBER 17
8:00 AM

Lector 1: Carol Nehra
Lector 2: Kym Lemanski
Altar Servers: Colton D., Phil D.
Usher Team 5: Dennis Westerlund

SUN | DECEMBER 17
9:45 AM

Lector 1: Penny Eastman
Lector 2: Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers: Allison V., Alaina V., Kate V.
Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

SUN | DECEMBER 17
11:45 AM

Lector 1: Volunteer Needed
Lector 2: Theresa Hunrath Emch
Altar Servers: AnneMarie O.
Usher Team 7: Art Wilson

► We pray for those serving in the military

SrA Thomas Barone, Air Force
2nd Lt., Michaela Biske Army
PVT Jonathan Bulter, Marine
HM1 Christopher Burley, Navy
SGT Andrew Chapoton, Army
Michael Chmielewski, Navy
Christopher Chryczyk, Navy
Lt. Col. John Cisco, Marines
Major Anthony D. Corsi, Army
Leonard Cox, Army
Ranger Nic Cucchiara, Army
SGT Christian Jose Curtis, Army
LCPL Matthew DeLaney, Marine
Jerry Delia, Airforce
PVT David Dimattia, Army

PVT Jacob Earehart, Army
Ensign Matthew Gordon, Navy
LT David Grzywacz, Navy
Andrew Hall, Navy
PFC Killian Hannon, Army
CPT. Megan K. Hardesty, Army
Robert Kaljved, Army
LT. COL. Chris Kean, AF
Andrew Larsen, Marines
Zoe Lowe, Army
MSGT Eric McCulley, AF
Captain James Miller, Space Force
Nick Radwick, AF
Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF
Derek Skorupski, Army

CPL. Nathan Taylor, Marine
CPT Keith Trojniak, Marines
Dante Vanuck, Army
SFC Cally Wood, Army
SFC Olivia Wood, Army
Andrew Zalewski, Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace. Amen

► St. Therese of Lisieux's New Diaconate Intern

👤 Mark Sienkowski, Diaconate Intern

I would like to introduce myself. I am Mark Sienkowski, and I am in my final year of formation for the permanent diaconate. I have been assigned here, at St. Therese of Lisieux, under the direction of Deacon Greg and Msgr. John for this internship period. You will likely see me wherever you see Deacon Greg, as it is his job to mentor and prepare me for the deacon's three-fold ministry of service to the Word, Liturgy, and Charity.

Throughout my life, I had no inkling that God would call me to this ministry. It wasn't even on my radar. But my journey began when a co-worker suggested I attend a diaconate information night. I immediately dismissed the idea as not for me. But, just as immediately, God spoke up and said, "Do you think you know better than me how to use your gifts?" Not wanting to argue with God, I told him I would take a first step and learn more. Well, that information night led me to take another step and register for one class at the seminary. That one class opened my heart more fully to God,

led me to take many more classes, and eventually to apply to the diaconate program. Now, nearly five years later, I am in my final year of preparation. God willing, I will be ordained next October. God still has work to do in me (I know that all too well), and I am grateful that this community will play a part in my formation.

Here's a bit more about me. I have been married to my wife Carol, my rock, for 39 years. We are parishioners at St. Lawrence, where all three of our children attended grade school. The children are now grown up, graduated from college (MSU even though their father went to U of M), and are homeowners of their own (all in the Royal Oak area). The oldest two are married, and we are blessed to be grandparents of three, with a fourth on the way. By day, I am employed at Mercedes Benz Financial as an IT Solutions Architect. By night, I am still taking classes at Sacred Heart Seminary, pursuing a Masters in Pastoral Studies. And with whatever time I have left, I enjoy biking, reading,



puzzling, and relaxing with Carol.

I look forward to getting to know you and sharing in your beautiful liturgies and parish events. I would be happy to chat with any of you to share more of my journey and pictures of my grandchildren! I humbly ask that you keep me in your prayers, and I will keep you in mine.

I excitedly look forward to serving this community.

Peace and God Bless,
Mark

► Mass Intentions

SAT. DEC 9 4:30 PM

- † Joe Basirico
- † Alfred Saam
- † Deacon John Skladanowski
- † Leonard Grammatico
- † Giuseppe Butera
- † Salvatore & Stefina Ciraulo
- † Rosalia Pacella
- † Helen Knapp (22nd anniv.)

SUN. DEC 10 8:00 AM

- † Leonard Grammatico (Bday)
- † Catherine Perry
- † T.S. Abraham
- † Khaould Yatooma
- † Werner Wodtke
- † Karyn Stellino
- † Linda Szatkowski
- † Lilo Nardi
- † Robert Preston

SUN. DEC 10 9:45 AM

- † Ronald Ciskowski
- † Joseph & Anna Ciskowski
- † Julius & Catherine Hunyady
- † Lawrence Tran
- † Anna Fonzini
- † Natale Gasperoni
- † Libera Baciaechi
- † Sante Berardi

SUN. DEC 10 11:45 AM

- † Patrick LaRocca
- † Stefano & Lena LaCommare
- † Stehen & Vincent LaCommare
- L Shamoom Family
- † Sandra Szymansky
- † Drita Gjelij
- † Suzi Gjelij
- † Zef Gjokaj

TUES. DEC 12 8:30 AM

- Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
- † Eufemia Casem
- † Steven Molitor
- † Robert Pazdzierz
- † Barbara Wilson (5th anniv.)

WED. DEC 13 8:30 AM

- † Gladys Makowski
- † Filomena Belli
- † Thaddeus Gerada
- † Louis Nardi
- Carol Lang (Healing)

THU. DEC 14 8:30 AM

- † Joseph Serra
- † Harold, Doris, Rick Tiedt
- Magdalen Yaro
- Stefano Hajgato

FRI. DEC 15 8:30 AM

- † Jennie Butkus (35th anniv.)
- † Michael V. Kalinowski (2nd anniv.)
- † Marion Welchner
- † William Ahee
- † Millie Isopi (3rd anniv.)

SAT. DEC 16 4:30 PM

- † Alexander A. Kujawski, Sr. (Bday)
- † Harry Glogowski (Bday)
- † Leonardo Vonella
- † Joe Basirico
- † Alfred Saam
- † Joseph & Nina Salomone
- † Vincent & Leonard Grammatico
- † Deceased Members of the Dolsen & Patalon Families
- † Donald Zloty

SUN. DEC 17 8:00 AM

- † Jack Kuptz 2nd (Anniv.)
- † Joseph Nguyen
- Jennifer Bliss
- † Paul Ellis
- Matthew & Christina Daniel
- † Maria Colasanti (2nd anniv.)
- † Deceased Members of the Quinn Family
- † Deceased Members of the Partyka Family
- † Wanda Bobola (34th anniv.)
- † Paul & Mary Jane Grivas

SUN. DEC 17 9:45 AM

- † George & Peggy Ciolli
- † Benedetta Vettraino
- † George Reynolds (10th anniv.)
- † Zaccaria Gasperoni
- † Rosina Berardo
- † Werner Wodtke
- † Maria Nguyen
- † Simon Vo

SUN. DEC 17 11:45 AM

- † Mary Jo Marchione
- † John & Theresa Berd
- † Dennis Berd
- † Vicky Berd
- † John & Ann Rein
- † Carolyn Gambino
- † Larry Kelly
- † Giorgio Calabrese

Readings

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Is 35:1-10;
Ps 85:9ab & 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY

Zec 2:14-17;
Judith 13:18bcde, 19;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

WEDNESDAY

Is 40:25-31;
Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;
Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY

Is 41:13-20;
Ps 145:1 and 9-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY

Is 48:17-19;
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;
Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11;
Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24;
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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