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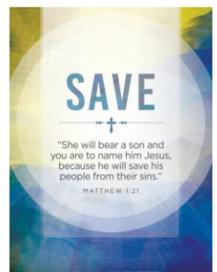
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ADVENT
HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart? Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.



God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

YOUTH MINISTRY- MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL. Registration forms are at the back of the church. **YM WILL RESUME JANUARY 16TH, 2023.**

Children's Liturgy: During 9:30am Mass when scheduled.

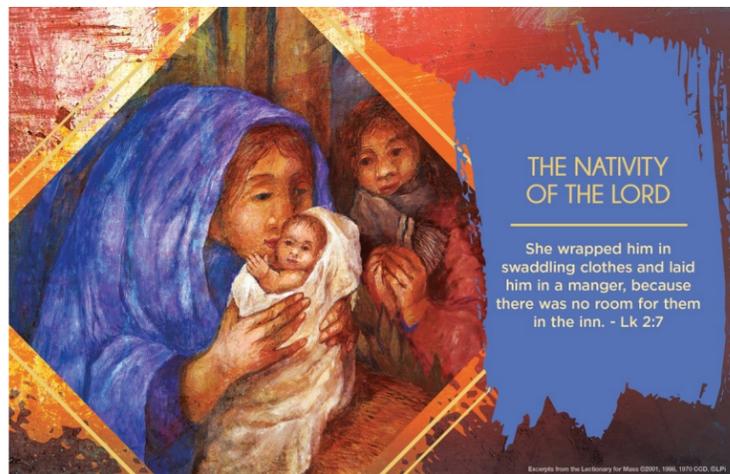
All Church contributions/donations for 2022 must be received on or before Dec. 31st, 2022 to be applied to your 2022 tax receipt. It is best to make your last donations of the year on the weekend of Dec 24/25 as the office will be closed from Dec 24-Jan 1st. Donations received after Dec 31st will be applied to your 2023 tax receipt. Thank you!

Office closure: The parish office will be closed the week of Dec 26-30. We will re-open January 4, 2023. Messages will be checked regularly.

We welcome in Baptism **Declan Joseph DiMartile**, son of John & Tara DiMartile. May the gifts which Baptism bestows grow unhindered in us all.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Registration forms are at the back of the church.

Sunday, December 25th, 2022



Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbours and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your Word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.

Mon. Dec 26	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Dec 27	9:30am	Sarah, Ever & Harper Addario (Vince Addario)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Dec 28	9:30am	✠ Jack & Dorothy Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters)
		✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerrard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Thurs. Dec 29	9:30am	✠ Leonard Cohen (Rosemarie Meier)
Fri. Dec 30	9:30am	Feast of the Holy Family Gujadur Family (Divya G.) Special Intention for protection of Marriage & children & blessings In 2023 (Clarice & Neil)
Sat. Dec 31	4-4:45pm	Solemnity of Mary The Most Holy Mother of God Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Jose Sanchez Medina (Racz Family)
		Solemnity of Mary The Most Holy Mother of God
Sun. Jan 1	9:30am	Intentions of the Walters Children & their families (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.



Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth. Merry Christmas!

Feast of the Holy Family
December 30th, 2022



Everyday Stewardship

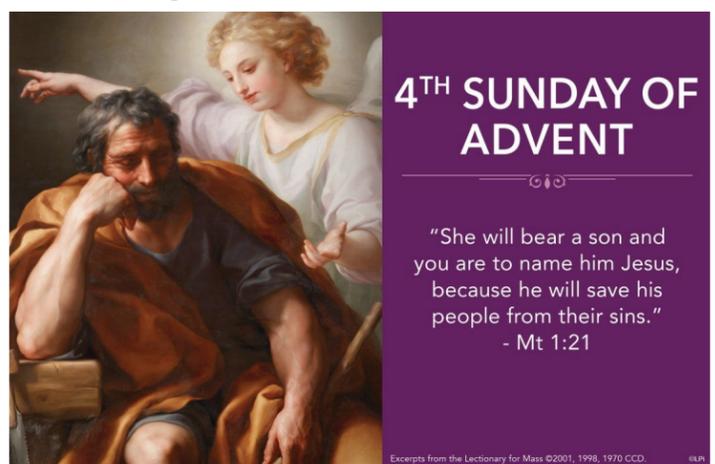
Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

Sunday, December 18th, 2022



Sat. Dec 17	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Sun. Dec 18	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	1:00am	✠ Dorothy Racz (Racz Family)
Mon. Dec 19	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Dec 20	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Dec 21	9:30am	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Teresa & Colin Walters) Special Intention for Julia Manuel (Rosemarie Meier)
Thurs. Dec 22	9:30am	William Brahe (John & Veronica Douglas)
Fri. Dec 23	9:30am	✠ Margaret Marshall (Mike & Anne Young) Special Intention for protection of Marriage & children & blessings In 2023 (Clarice & Neil)
		Christmas Eve Masses
Sat. Dec 24	5:00pm	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
	8:00pm	John & Ann Mikolasek (Mary Ann Biggar & Family)
		Christmas Day Masses
Sun. Dec 25	Midnight	Missa Pro Populo
	10:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert & Family)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory December 4th, 2022- \$770.00
Offertory December 11th, 2022- \$2, 455.00
Maintenance- \$550.00

Catholic Women's League
CWL membership drive begins in November. **PLEASE NOTE: THE ANNUAL FEE HAS INCREASED TO \$40.** The envelopes, which were prepared last year have the previous fee of \$25.

