St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Third Sunday of Advent **December 14, 2014**

Rectory
7958 W. Foster
773/775-6659
Fax 773/775-2832
churchoffice@st-eugene.org
www.st-eugene.org

School
7930 W. Foster
773/763-2235
Fax 773/763-2775
www.steugene-school.org

Convent
Spiritual Center
Verbum Dei Sisters
7920 W. Foster
773/467-0295
vdeichicago@comcast.net

SUNDAY MASSES: (5:30 PM Saturday), 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

WEEKDAYS: 6:30, 9:00 AM (8:30 AM Saturday)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 4:00—5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room.

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with one of the Priests. Weddings are celebrated for registered parishioners of St. Eugene Parish.

PARISHIONERS: When moving in or out of St. Eugene Parish, please notify the rectory.

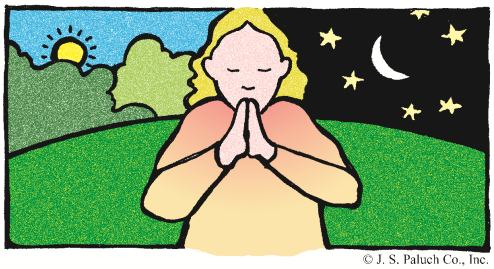
YOUR WILL: Remember the church in your bequests.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE: The priest should be the last in, and first out of church.

Third Sunday of Advent



Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:16



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Parish Staff

Rev. George Koeune, Pastor
Rev. James J. O'Brien, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Grzegorz Wójcik Associate Pastor
Rev. Philip J. Grib, S.J., Resident
Rev. Robert I. Grib, S.J., Resident
Deacon Edward O'Leary
Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr.
Deacon Chick O'Leary, Business Manager

Dr. Patricia M. Brown, Principal
Mrs. Janet Kusinski, Assistant Principal
Dr. James E. Bergman, Director of Music
Mr. Vincent Hilado, Assist. Director of Music
Mrs. Barbara Meier, Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Joanna Bischof, Mrs. Pat Conlon,
Mrs. Kathleen Kon &
Mrs. Terri Swiderski, Receptionists

Please TURN OFF any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

Welcome, visitors and guests, to St. Eugene Church and Parish. Please sign our guest register in the rear vestibule and let our ushers know if you need a taxi or need to use a phone.

RECTORY HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 - 11:30 am & 12:30 - 8:00 pm
(closed for lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pastor's Corner



This week we have a letter from Archbishop Blase J. Cupich.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

Dear Father and Parish Staff,

Yesterday, I mentioned that one of the reasons I chose November 18 for my installation was to highlight in this Year of Consecrated Life the great contribution of religious women as the Church celebrated the feast of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, RSCJ. And so, I am pleased that my first letter to you is a request asking for your help in promoting the annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Each of us has our own story of how our faith lives have been enriched by religious through their ministry in our dioceses, parishes, schools, hospitals and in countless other ways. Their efforts and service have allowed the Church to put its best foot forward and the world is better for it.

As I ask your support of this appeal, I invite you to think of it not only in terms of a matter of justice to care for their needs, but as an act of solidarity with them, letting them know that our appreciation for their witness is so strong that it prompts a desire to join them in their unique contribution to the life of the Church and society. That is the message I ask you to share with your parishioners on the weekend of December 13/14, as you take up this special collection. Please feel free to share this letter from the pulpit and/or publish it in your parish bulletin.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the many ways you as pastor and parish staff witness to the Gospel by your service to the people under your pastoral care. Please express to your parish family my heartfelt best wishes and pledge of remembrance in prayer as I thank God for many gifts.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Blase J. Cupich

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Bulletin copy **MUST** be in the rectory office **NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON EACH MONDAY**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in *The Voice* until the following weekend—NO EXCEPTIONS.

THIS WEEKEND

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE DRIVE
Please place your pledge card in the regular collection basket.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

OPLATEK
AVAILABLE IN VESTIBULE AFTER ALL MASSES
(and at the rectory during the week.)

MITTEN TREE **(see page 6)**



ALL NAMES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM
ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED
NEXT WEEKEND NO LATER THAN 11:00 AM
IN VESTIBULE

MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**14**
10:30 am	School Event: SH.CTR+MR
3:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**15**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
3:15 pm	Cub Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
TUESDAY	**16**
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
WEDNESDAY	**17**
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Society Governing Board Meeting: SCH.110
7:00 pm	School Band Concert: SCH.RH
7:00 pm	Simbang Gabi Choir rehearsal: CH
THURSDAY	**18**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**19**
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
SATURDAY	**20**
9:00 am	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
10:00 am	AA.SCH.RH
12:00 pm	Simbang Gabi Choir rehearsal: CH
SUNDAY	**21**
9:30 am	Family Mass featuring 2nd grade: CH

FACILITY CODES

CH	**Church**
CV	**Convent**
REC.MR	**Rectory Meeting Room**
SCH.110	**School Room 110**
SCH.RH	**Ryan Hall**
SH.CTR	**Shaunessy Center**
SH.CTR+MR	**Shaunessy Center & Meeting Room**
SH.MR	**Shaunessy Center Meeting Room**

Sacrificial Giving

December 7, 2014

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**15,867**
Electronic Giving	**$**	**974**
Weekly Average November (five week average)		
Total	**$**	**16,841**
Sunday Budget 2014-15	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***841***
Sharing Parish	**$**	**45**
Christmas Flowers	**$**	**2,764**
Immaculate Conception	**$**	**2,525**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.
YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
We have over 85 donors on Give Central and we continue to see our online giving grow. You can now visit our giving page by going to our web site (www.st-eugene.org) and clicking on the GiveCentral I con.

The Simbang Gabi Mass will take place on Monday, December 22, at 7:00 pm. Adoration, therefore, will take place from 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm with Benediction at 6:15 pm.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Mondays in church
12:00 NOON - 8:00 pm
with Benediction at 7:45 pm

"When I turn my eyes toward your divine majesty in heaven or in the tabernacle, or look on you crucified, or behold your Sacred Heart represented, may strength, courage, and generosity increase in my soul."
Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB
NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER.

ANGELS OF PEACE
Let us not be justices of the peace,
but angels of peace.
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Prayer with Scripture

We invite you to an encounter of prayer where you can stop from the hurry of the moment and listen to God through God's Word, in silence, meditation, adoration and contemplation. In this short but intense time, we listen to a talk that introduces us into the understanding of the Word of God, which later, we reflect on and meditate in an attitude of faith, discovering what God is trying to reveal to us. The prayer is accompanied by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with songs to help the faithful enter more into prayer.

As the deer longs for streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God. Psalm 42,2

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm
Every Friday in Filipino - 7:00 pm
St. Eugene Convent
7920 W. Foster, Chicago IL 60656
For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295





POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK
The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.

Parishioner Contact Update

To help us keep our records current, please print the information below and drop the form in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Email address: _____ Email address: _____

Phone # (Home) _____ Cell # _____ Cell # _____

ADVENT WREATH



Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.
The following parishioners will light the Advent Wreath:

5:30 pm	Pat Conlon
7:00 am	Ushers
9:30 am	2nd Grade Students & Parents
11:30 am	St. Vincent de Paul Society
4:30 pm	Yolanda & Family

Christmas Choir



The St. Eugene Choir invites Parishioners to sing with them on the glorious Feast of Christmas for the 10:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass and/or the 11:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day. There will be one rehearsal in church on Thurs, Dec. 18th at 7:00 PM.

Even if you have never sung with a choir before but still enjoy singing the music of the Christmas Season please consider joining us for these Festive Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The choir will be accompanied by a brass quartet, violins, tympani, piano and organ.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dr. Bergman at the rectory number (773) 775-6659.

Knights of Columbus
Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II Council # 14008

The winning entries in the Knights of Columbus "KEEP CHRIST in CHRISTMAS" poster contest at St. Eugene School will be on display throughout the Christmas season in the rear vestibule of the church.

At the time of a family member's death, if you would like memorials to be made to St. Eugene Parish, please instruct the Funeral Home to use the following in the death notice:
"In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to St. Eugene Parish, Foster Avenue, Chicago."
Envelopes can be provided by the Funeral Home.

THE BULLETIN OF DECEMBER 21 HAS GONE TO THE PRINTER
&
BULLETIN COPY FOR THE BULLETIN OF DECEMBER 28 NEEDS TO BE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 9:00 AM
&
BULLETIN COPY FOR THE BULLETIN OF JANUARY 4 NEEDS TO BE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 9:00 AM

Christmas Traditions:



The greatest gift of the Christmas season is love. The scarf, mitten/glove tree for kids will be in the vestibule of the Church until the fourth Sunday of Advent. The tree items are distributed with the help of the Vincent DePaul Society.

God Bless Everyone!

SINGERS WANTED FOR SIMBANG GABI

The Simbang Gabi, or "Night Mass", is considered a symbol of sharing in the Philippines. What better way to show this than to share your talent of song with our congregation? We are welcoming all singers to join in our Simbang Gabi, to be held on Monday, December 22nd at 7PM.

We will have two more rehearsals :
Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 7PM
Saturday, Dec. 20th at 12PM



Please feel free to come to any or all of the rehearsals! If you have any questions, please call the rectory and leave a message for Vincent Hilado.







Baptisms

Parker Jean Prampin

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE FIRST



SIMBANG GABI

at

ST. EUGENE PARISH

MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014
AT 7:00 PM
IN CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS TO SHARE A MEAL
IN THE SHAUNESSY CENTER

SPONSORED BY:
THE FILIPINO AMERICAN GROUP
& ST. EUGENE PARISH
For more information please contact:

Yolly at: 847-284-0524
Or
Noemi at: 773-930-3632



ADVENT 2014 - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 17 - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (English & Polish)

Friday, December 19 - 7:00 p.m. - Communal Reconciliation Service (English, Italian & Polish)

Saturday, December 20 - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (English only)

CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Eve (Wednesday): 4:00 p.m. - Family Liturgy
6:30 p.m. - Christmas Vigil
9:30 p.m. - Christmas Carols
10:00 p.m.- The Mass of Midnight

Christmas Day (Thursday): 7:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary
(A Holy Day of Obligation)



New Year's Eve Mass (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses (Thursday) 7:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

WHY ARE GIFTS OF APPRECIATED ASSETS SO VALUABLE?

What is the best asset a person can give to our Church? From a tax perspective, gifts of securities, real estate or other assets that have gone up in value are the hands-down winners.

Why? Because donors receive a double tax benefit: they can deduct the full fair market value of their appreciated assets – if owned more than one year – and they save again by avoiding all capital gains taxes on their "paper profit."

Also keep in mind that you can give appreciated securities right now and still keep the right to income from the assets for as long as you live. We get the use of the property only after your death. But you receive an income tax deduction this year for the value of what you have given to us. And you minimize capital gains tax on your paper profit.

Please call Patti Condon in the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development at 312-534-7911; she would be happy to discuss your gift in greater detail.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 13 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent
5:30 In honor of St. Lucy

Sunday, December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 William Brinlee, Sr.
11:30 Dec'd Mbrs. Betz Fam.,
Stanislaw & Francisco Chabora & Fam.,
Chris & Tadeusz Dabros & Wytrwol Fams.,
Josephine De Vivo, Int. of Wladislaw Gwozdz,
Pamela Heider, Josephine & Angelo Greco,
Int. of Nick Milazzo & Fam., Mazur Fam.,
Aubree Miller, George Modzelewski, Neri Fam.,
Daniela Palumbo, Joseph & Anna Wilk & Fam.
4:30 Carmen Maiorano

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am

Monday, December 15
6:30 Lucille Godziszewski
9:00 Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Cortese Fam.

Tuesday, December 16
6:30 Rotenberry Fam.
9:00 Pamela Heider

Wednesday, December 17
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends,
Elizabeth Mancheff, James Marbach,
Int. of Dennis Mikulski,
James Pierce, Anthony Polsinelli,
Vickie Riccardino, Stanley & Sophie White

Thursday, December 18
6:30 Maria Desantis
9:00 Andrew & Joan Maier

Friday, December 19
6:30 Lawin Fam.
9:00 James Meyer

Saturday, December 20
8:30 Jack Shanley
3:00 ***Wedding:*** Betty Urbaszewski & John Gebhardt

Saturday, December 20 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent
5:30 Vito Urso Cale

Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent
7:00 Helena & Wladyslaw Swiec
9:30 Joseph M. Swiderski, Jr.
11:30 John Becker, Zofia & Paul Cholewicki,
Elmer Chanski, Dominic & Michael DeCarlo,
Pamela Heider, Hinze & Moriarty Fams.,
Chester Kolakowski & Fam., Ted Majewski,
Elizabeth Mancheff, Mazur Fam., Joseph Nasti,
Neri Fam., Casto Neri, Mike & Frances Persoski,
Vincenzo & Adele Pizzuto,
Ralph & Angeline Rongo, Michael Rongo,
Sam Salvato, Anthony Wadolowski & Fam.,
Tom Wojtowicz,
4:30 People of the Parish

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church's life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Marriage Banns

III Betty Urbaszewski & John Gebhardt



A REMINDER

To make sure a Mass Intention is included in the bulletin, it must be made **2 weeks** in advance. To make sure a Mass Intention is read at Mass, it must be made at least **1 week** in advance of the date requested.

PLEASE NOTE:

The designated multi-intentional Mass times will be the 9:00 morning Mass on Wednesday, and the 11:30 morning Mass on Sunday. Multi-intentional Masses will have no more than 30 names.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

**Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server*

Saturday, December 20 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 11**
Saturday, December 20 Wedding: 3:00 pm
C. Kowalczyk, J. McGreevy
Saturday, December 20 - 5:30 pm
* J. Sclafani
** B. Brinlee, P. Conlon, S. Sclafani, M. Lopez, M. Pollowy
*** **Team 7**
Mon., 12/22 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 21 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof
** A. Bischof, P. Schippers, D. Feist, L. Feist, C. Paulini
*** **Team 12**
Tue., 12/23 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 21 - 9:30 am
* S. Sparacino
** R. Sparacino, B. Ndiwe, B. O'Neill, D. Bowery, M. Cozzo
*** **Team 8**
Wed., 12/24 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 21 - 11:30 am
* B. Gasiorek
** P. Lancaster, B. Lancaster, E. Dillon, V. Santucci, B. Veth
*** **Team 9**
Sunday, December 21 - 4:30 pm
* C. Hill
** C. Hill, J. Carrozza, M. Russo, J. Horn, S. Udzielak
*** **Team 10**
Fri., 12/26 - 9:00 am

Volunteer lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00, 6:30, & 10:00 pm as well as Christmas Day Masses 7:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am.

Please sign up on the sheets in the sacristy.

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!



We would like to thank everyone for their food or monetary donations at our Thanksgiving Food Drive. A special thank you to our children for their generous food donation. Please remember our next Food Drive on December 27th & 28th.

MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.
—Booker T. Washington

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

LIFESOURCE

Saint Eugene Catholic Church
Blood Drive

Sunday, January 4, 2015

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
LifeSource Bus/Coach

Church Parking Lot

PLEASE PRAY



***For the Sick*:** Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Linda Babusci, Michael Brennan, Baby Jeremy Brigante, Arthur Bronski, Barbara Bronski, Dr. Patricia Brown, Rosa Canepa, Carmen Casneros, Lorna Chapuis, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Mirna Cozzo, Susan Curtin, Ed Czerwinski, Marge Dyson, Rev. Richard Feller, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Anne Marie Godby, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, David Hampal, Tim Heider, Patricia Imburgia, Kathy Jeskey, Mary Ann Kaminski, Linda Knight, Olga Kykta, Peggy Leen, Vernon Lipps Jr., Rosaria Lombardo, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Stanley Masnica, Vicenza Mazza, Christine McInerney, Richard Miedona, Dennis Mikulski, Nick Milazzo, Sebastian Milka, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Eileen Niederkorn, Dorothy O'Leary, Robynn O'Leary, Lois Pallo, Isaac Parris, Lena Pighini, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Teresa Ruberti, Theresa Samborski, Joanne Schippers, John Schuster, Michael Shannon, Yolanda Shannon, Dean Showalter, Michael Solberg, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Maria Tenuta, Erich Thuer, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Bob Wijas, Tom Wijas, Louanne Will, Evelyn Yore, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Franco Chiappetta, Jerry Crimmins, Michael Solberg

For the Deceased: Karen Ingo, Michael Lagattuta, Fr. Ted Schmidt, former Pastor of St. Monica

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME LISTED.

FOOTBALLMANIA – Week 14

HIGHEST

$400.00	372-4S003

2nd Highest

$200.00	4174-4S003

3rd Highest

$100.00	4300-4S003

Runner up next thirteen highest

$25.00	1203-4S003
$25.00	1138-4S003
$25.00	3027-4S003
$25.00	1064-4S003
$25.00	3187-4S003
$25.00	2794-4S003
$25.00	3901-4S003
$25.00	2012-4S003
$25.00	343-4S003
$25.00	1702-4S003
$25.00	4200-4S003
$25.00	2792-4S003
$25.00	1253-4S003
$25.00	4327-4S003

Runner up two lowest scores

$25.00	2759-4S003

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Look Ahead



©Shutterstock

The fundamental prayer of Advent is a steady beat of "Come, Lord Jesus." Together, we **look ahead** to that day when the Lord Jesus will return in glory to bring us together in the kingdom that he will present to his Father. We look ahead to the end of our pilgrimage. We anticipate our destiny in the holy season of Advent.

In so many ways, each time we celebrate the sacraments, we also look ahead. The sacraments are signs that point to the presence of the living Christ in our midst right now. The sacraments also point ahead to our destiny. Baptism, for example, makes us sons and daughters in the Son, Jesus Christ. It gives us a glimpse of the glorious inheritance and destiny that will fully and completely be ours one day, when we see God face-to-face. Our Holy Communion now looks ahead to the heavenly banquet in our Father's house.

POPE FRANCIS'S VISION OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

The ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO in partnership with LOYOLA PRESS.

More on Pope Francis's Vision at www.loyolapress.com/popefrancis

www.ArchChicago.org

© 2014 Archdiocese of Chicago, Fr. Louis J. Cameli

"Prayer in action is love; Love in action is service."
Mother Teresa

The Infant Jesus shows us the tremendous gift that is Love. Our service to each other is an expression of that love. Members of the following ministries and their guest are cordially invited to attend our

Volunteers' Appreciation Christmas Dinner Party
on Saturday, January 10, 2015
after the 5:30 pm Mass
in the Shaunessy Center.

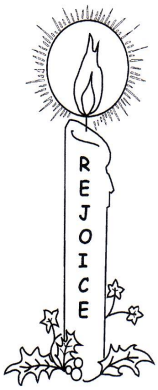
Altar & Rosary Society, Alumni Association, Annulment Ministry, Church Tabulators, Eucharistic Adoration Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance Council, Greeters, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Liturgical Decorating Committee, Liturgy Committee, Market Day Volunteers, Ministers of Care, Ministry of Prayer, Music Ministry, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Fest Committee, Pro-Life Committee, RCIA, Sacristans, School Advisory Committee, Scouting, St. Joseph's Table, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Super Alumni Weekend Volunteers, Trot 'n Treat Volunteers, Ushers, Verbum Dei Sisters.

Kindly RSVP no later than Monday, January 5, 2015 to let us know if you will be joining us.



GAUDETE!

Where is the **Advent wreath** in your church?



1.

2.

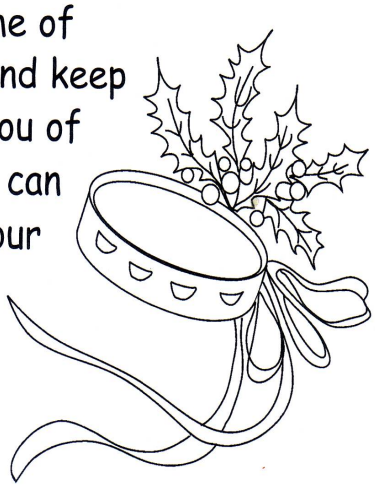
3.

The wreath reminds us that God's love goes on forever, like the circle of evergreens that has no beginning or end. The four candles, three violet and one pink, tell us there are four weeks of Advent to get ready for Jesus' birth.



The third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete** Sunday (*Gaudete*—pronounced gow-DAY-tay—is a Latin word that means "Rejoice!"). We light the pink candle on the Advent wreath on this day, and the scriptures tell us to sing and shout for joy and rejoice that Jesus is near.

We have many reasons to rejoice. How many can you name? Write some of them on this bookmark. Cut it out and keep it in your favorite book to remind you of the joyful gifts Jesus gives us. You can make a bookmark for everyone in your family, too.



Say this prayer during the third week of Advent—or any time you are joyful!

Dear Jesus, we have been waiting and preparing
to celebrate your birthday at Christmas.
We rejoice because the time is almost here!
Help us to be kind and loving toward others as you were.
Let us remember that you are always with us. Amen.

© World Library Publications

St. Eugene School Alumni Update Form

Did you attend St. Eugene School? Do you know of others who did? Please help us build our Alumni Directory. We'd like to get as many graduates on our mailing list as possible. Please complete this form and email to: schoolalumni@st-eugene.org, drop off at the rectory, place in the collection basket, or mail it to St. Eugene School, 7930 W. Foster Chicago, Il 60656.

First Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

College/University: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Tell us about yourself. Share your memories of St. Eugene School.



We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one. A book in the church vestibule is available for inscribing the names of all military personnel. This book will be part of the offertory procession from now until the war is over.

A PRAYER

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.
WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF
JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN

We pray for our loved ones

who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.

GHALEB AZROUI
CHRISTOPHER BAUER
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MARTY DURCAN
ROBERT FEIEREISEL
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
ANDREW HOPKINS
BRANDON JACKSON
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
JACK KANE
JAMES TYLER MARBACH
CHRIS MARCHIORI
KEITH MILLER
MEGAN MILLER
THOMAS NEUHENGEN
CATHERINE ANN (BARHAM) NEWELL
ERIC NORWOOD
VINCENT PAGE
CHAD PRITCHARD
NICHOLAS RANCH
MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.

If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the rectory.

Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as Catholics united in faith at St. Eugene Parish is to help bring God to people and people to God. Through evangelization, education and being of service to each other, we strive to make our parish community a holistic community in body, mind and spirit. It is our goal to develop, support, encourage and empower one another in our parish ministries, so that each person can reach their human and Christian potential. We are enthused about the future of St. Eugene and the whole Catholic Church and we pledge our participation in that future. We seek dialogue and open communication with all parishioners in fulfilling the needs of our parish. While recognizing the cultural diversities in our community, we will strive to bring all people together in Christ under a common bond of faith, hope and love.