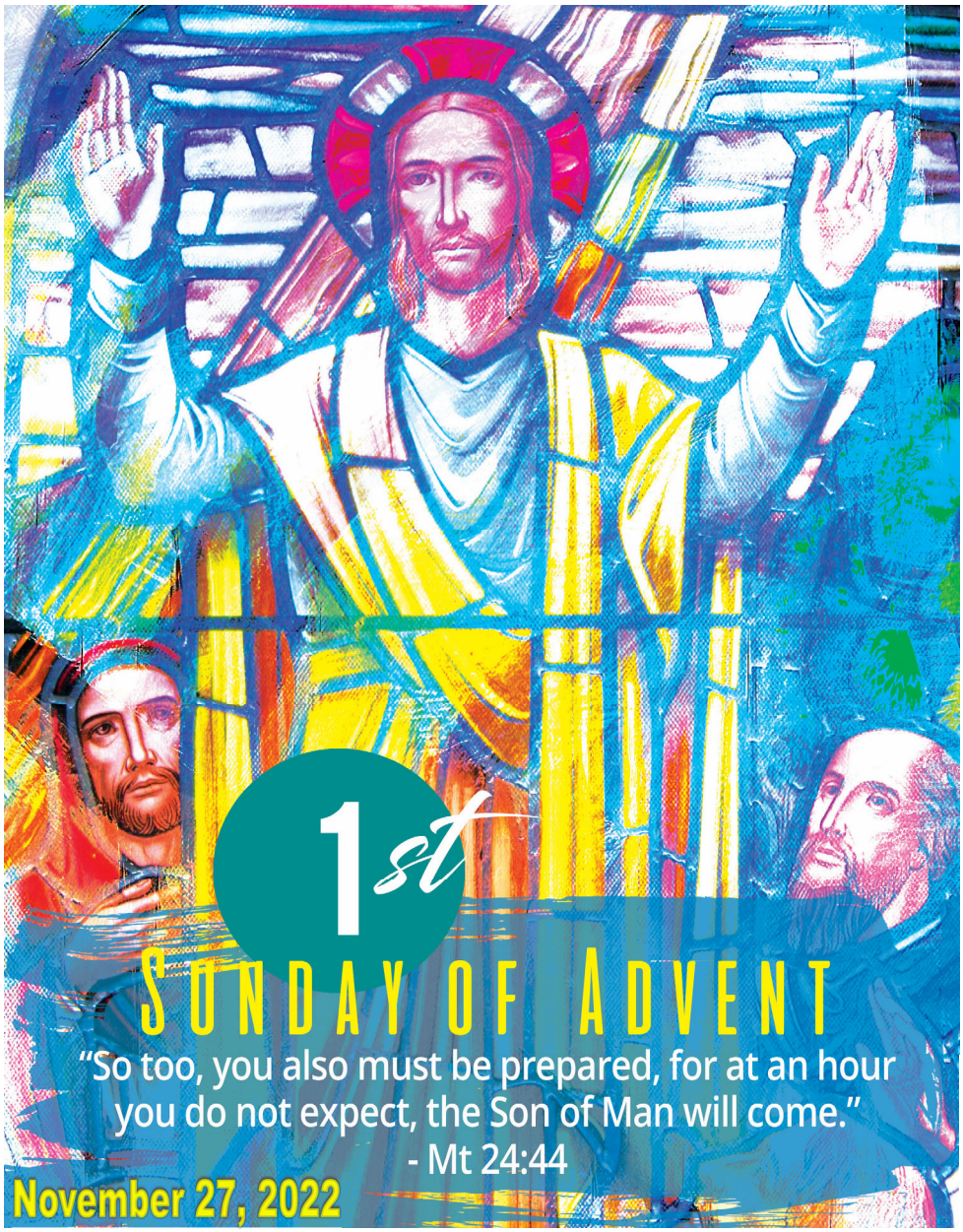
Queen of Peace

Roman Catholic Parish

Welcome!



Our Lady, Mother of the Church

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
Ph. (773) 625-3369

Masses:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

St. Eugene Church

7958 W. Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
Ph. (773) 775-6659

Masses:

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Confessions	4:00 pm
Sunday Vigil Mass:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday:	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction:	5:45 pm

Rectory Office Hours

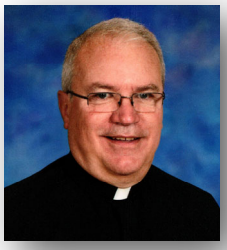
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St. Eugene

Monday - Thursday	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
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From the desk of



Father Rich Yanos

Today we celebrate with Catholics and many other Christian churches throughout the world the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of our preparation for Christmas. This year because of how dates fall the Advent Season will be almost a full four weeks long. Let's try to reclaim this holy season and use these days by creating some sacred space in our lives as we prepare for the great season of joy – Christmas.

One of the greatest gifts that we as Catholics possess is our faith – not only our personal faith, but the rich tradition of our faith that has its roots in Christ and the apostles. This rich tradition takes us back to over 2000 years ago. Our present Pope continues to lead our Church in the unbroken chain of apostolic succession from St. Peter to the present. No other Christian religion or faith tradition can make this claim. We, then, as Catholics ought to be proud of this rich tradition and legacy of faith and knowledgeable in it.

One of the sad realities I hear so often from parish members is the concern they have for their teenage or adult children who "seem" to have strayed from the faith. Parents say things like, "I don't know what happened. We did all that we could to raise our children in the Catholic Faith. We put them through Catholic Schools and/or religious education programs but for some reason they went in a different direction." Sometimes it can even be worse when I hear that the adult children of practicing Catholics participate in no faith at all or even denounce the fact that God exists.

Another frequent scenario is this: a teenaged son or daughter of a Catholic family develops friendships with their peers who happen to be active members of other religious denominations such as Evangelicals, Bible churches, Pentecostals, and others. These groups often speak of the importance of "the personal relationship" with Jesus Christ as well as being "born again." We as Catholics have always emphasized the importance of a personal relationship with the Lord though we may articulate it in different ways. As far as being "born again", we view our baptism as bringing us into a life-long relationship with the Lord and we are "born again" every moment of our lives when we fully and freely embrace this life and relationship Christ calls us to daily.

On the one hand we must applaud the efforts our Christian brothers and sisters make at pro-actively evangelizing others with the hope of drawing them into their folds. There is much we can learn from their efforts. On the other hand, however, if Catholics truly studied and understood their own faith as readily and as willingly as they are willing to embrace a faith or set of teachings and doctrines of other religious organizations, they would find that there truly is no other place to be other than in the Roman Catholic Church. Why are Catholics so willing to accept criticisms about our faith or even renounce their Catholic faith based upon what others have to say who either do not know all the facts about our faith or are themselves ill-informed?

With this in mind, I would like to strongly encourage every Catholic to obtain for themselves and their family a copy of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.* This book will help you to both explore and deepen your faith individually and as a family. It will help you to know the facts about what we as Catholics believe and better yet, why we believe, what we hold so dear to our faith tradition. Fr. Greg Rom has graciously made available copies of the Catholic Catechism for Adults at a significantly reduced price. They are now available at the parish office for only $20 each rather than the $29.95 regular selling price. You can find out more information about this resource as well as many others by going to the website, www.usccbpublishing.org. Other good resources are: *The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth* put out by St. Mary's Press and *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* put out by Liguori Publications.

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If you might be looking for ways to use the Season of Advent to seriously prepare for Christmas, then consider the following:

- keep the season at home with your own Advent wreath (we all need visual reminders to remain faithful to our ideals
- make all your Christmas preparation activities like shopping, baking, card writing, decorating etc.… opportunities for prayer. You've heard the words of the song, "Whistle while you work", well try the same thing by praying while you work.
- make it a point to become more active and to participate more in daily or weekly mass.
- take another look at your bible at home…read it! Pick up some good Catholic meditation books to help you make the most of the season.
- get more involved in our St. Eugene charitable activities.
- finally, don't get trapped into celebrating Christmas before Christmas arrives; this way Christmas won't already be over for you before it truly arrives.

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Just a reminder that our new Mass Schedule for daily and weekend Masses begins this weekend (today) with the First Sunday of Advent. Please be sure to make note of these changes. Very briefly they are:

Saturday
5:00 p.m. at St. Eugene Church

Sunday
8:30 a.m. at St. Eugene Church
10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Mother of the Church
11:30 a.m. at St. Eugene Church

Weekday Masses will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 a.m. at St. Eugene Church
Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady Mother of the Church
Every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Eugene Church



Happy Advent everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos



Advent Mass Schedule

November 26-27, December 3-4, December 10-11, December 17-18

St. Eugene Church:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

Sunday 10:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Eugene Church

Tuesday, December 20 - 7:00 pm
(English & Polish)
Saturdays - 4:00 pm (until all are heard)
(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 8

Our Lady, Mother of Church:
7:00 am & 4:00 pm
St. Eugene Church:
9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Weekday Mass: Saturday, December 24 - 8:30 am

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24
3:00 pm (Family Liturgy)- St. Eugene Church
4:00 pm - Our Lady, Mother of the Church
5:00 pm - St. Eugene Church
9:30 pm (Christmas Carols Begin) - St. Eugene Church
10:00 pm - St. Eugene Church
12:00 am Midnight Mass - Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
7:30 am - St. Eugene Church
9:00 am - St. Eugene Church
9:00 am - Our Lady, Mother of the Church
11:00 am - Our Lady, Mother of the Church
11:30 am - St. Eugene Church

Feast of the Holy Family, Friday, December 30
9:00 am - St. Eugene Church

Weekday Mass, Saturday, December 31
8:30 am - St. Eugene Church

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31
4:00 pm - (Mass of Anticipation) - St. Eugene Church

New Year's Day Mary Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation),
Sunday, January 1, 2023
8:30 am & 11:30 am - St. Eugene Church
10:00 am - Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Friday, January 6, 2023
9:00 am - St. Eugene Church

Rectory Hours -St. Eugene Church

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Rectory Hours -Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Monday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers

Will be available beginning December 1st for a donation of $3.00 at both churches and at the rectory office during regular office hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26, 2022

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Andrew P. Bujdasz, Angeline Komperda,
Joseph & Bernice Cwiklik, Jerry Steven,
Pablo Gomez, Hillard & Michael Michalek,
Elmer & Grace D. Frelka, Eileen Kearns,
Frederick Tomzik, Carlos Saul,
Joseph & Sophie Slofkosky & Fam.,
Zofia Zwijacz, Socrates Shoukas & Donald Raasch

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parishes
Christine & Jozef Wawronowicz 45th Wedd. Anniv.,
Maria & Matthias Rempala,
Matthew & Mary Kosinski,
Marjorie Hill, Ted Fornek, Joann Habrelewicz,
Elinor Greaves, Leonard Stancy,
Charles & Frances Clark

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Jeffrey Wrobel 11 mon. Anniv., Gabriel Moretti,
Caterina Calogera Vivacqua, Teresa Malek,
Palmina Fiorentino, Pietro Pisello,
Nicola Troiano, Giovanni & Sarina Locicero,
Deacon Sunny Annoreno, Maria Bordignon,
Anna Lizak, Andrzej Lizak, Stanislaw Kurda

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Bill Haj, Juan Diaz, Jeremiah Kennelly, Joseph Kroll,
Dec'd Mbrs Of the Mazur Fam.,

Monday, November 28, 2022

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Black & Grow Fams.,
Dorothy & Elmer Chanski,
Charles Ghiloni

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Lois Costabile, Maarten Geurtsen, Pop Geurtsen,
Theo Geurtsen, Irena & Jan Kwiatkowski,
Adriaan Van Dongen & Truus Van Dongen,
Marian Wiktor

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Purgatorial Society
Teresa Arnold, Paul Sanborn

Thursday, December 1, 2022

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Adela & Wincenty Dmochowski,
Chris Fiorentino,
Health & blessing for Monika

Friday, December 2, 2022

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Rosa Calabrese, Robert De Giuseppe, Lim Fam.,
Daniel Lombardi, Ursula Mills,
Rosario Nicholas

Saturday, December 3, 2022

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Jude & Minn Fams.,
Florence Tokarczyk

Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Juan Diaz, Elmer & Grace D. Frelka,
Wayne Greco, Hillard & Michael Michalek,
Gamaliel T. Prejoles,
Edward Rebacz,
Valeria Vermillion

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Vincenzo, Maria, Giuseppe, & Caterina Campisi,
Juan Diaz, Domenica Geraci, Rosario,
Giacoma, Salvatore, & Antonino Geraci,
Domenico & Anna Iannelli,
S.I. Mariam Lopez, Frances Rehfuss,
Leonard Stancy,
Natividad Verano 7th death Anniv.,
Michael Walter

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Bill & Catherine Aiken,
Deacon Sunny Annoreno,
Maria Bordignon, John Catanese,
Giacomo & Maria D'Aniello,
Giuseppe & Antonia D'Aniello,
Ben Fiorentino, Christina & Fortunato Giannini,
Vito & Giovanna Lieggi,
Donato Parente, Pietro Pisello,
Anthony, Carmine, & Frank Tenuta
Healing for Fr. Dan Fallon

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parishes
Giovani Formica,
Dec'd Mbrs Heiberger Fam.,



Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 12 / 03 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	T. Swiderski - WB T. Swiderski - B M. Meo - C M. Pollowy - O D. Sulimnowski - WO	TBA	L. Olen
Sunday, 12 / 04 8:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Kolaski - WB R. Kennedy - B C. Hill - C B. Ndiwe - O C. Mikucki - WO	TBA	M. Egan
Sunday, 12/ 04 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom Deacon Chris Virruso	M. D'Alessandro - C	D. Flynn T. Molas	G. Henderson - 1st J. Molas - 2nd
Sunday, 12 / 04 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	P. Paetsch - WB L. Feist - B S. Sparacino - C R. Sparacino - O F. Pacia - WO	TBA	School Lector



PRAYER REQUESTS

For the Sick: Annabella Amato, Ralph J. Amelio, Victoria Amelio, Nick Anzaloni, Pat Apida , Eddie Araos, Patricia & Lawrence Basili, Judy Bauer, Giovanni Biondo, Al Bischof, Jr., Anthony Bongiorno, Maria Bordignon, Tod Bourgart, John Bovard, Peggy A. Carolan, Marilee Cass, Karen Cazolas, Mary Ciliak, Biagio Cirrincione, Mark Corrado, Dawn Crimmins, Susan Curtin, Angela D'Alessandro, Josephine Davi, Mike Dituri, Anita Dublanski, Virgie Dy, Marge Dyson, MaryAnn Entrup, Fr. Dan Fallon, Virginia Favia, Don Feist, Geraline Fergus, Karen Fidler, Nora Fletcher, Carole Frantal, Amalia Gaglianese, Rosalee Ganzano, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, John Gaydos, MaryAnne Gaydos, Patricia Gelfond, Don Gelsomino, Lucille Gibula, Lucille Gutowski, William Haines, Tim Heider, Renee Holm, Grace Jamrozik, Maureen Johnson, Sheila & Leonard Laidlaw, Donna Laterza, Virginia Bongiorno Lawrence, loria Lesniak, Abagail Lim, Allie Lim, Erica Lursky, Rose Mary Maratto, Mickey Margelesski, Maria Markos, Azucena Melendrez, Dolores Michalek, Emil Michelotti, Judy Mitrenga, Ernest Morris, Molly Morris, Russ Moskal, William Murray, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Michael J. Muscarello, Therese G. Nawara, John O'Malley, Robert Pankow, Anthony Parisi, Edward Pasdiora, Karen Pavlis-Karasawa, Kay Phelan, Joe Portenlanger, Rita Rogers, Mary Ann Romito, Lillian Ross, Robert Ruckauf, Aaron Ruiz, Frances Salvato, Josefina Santiago, Caterina Savarino, Patricia Schippers, Virginia Schmitt, Alicia Schmitz, Matt Schoenbach, Peter Schroeder, Bob Schu, Maria Scimeca, Dominic Senese, Maria Slomski, Emily Steckiewicz, Kickey Stefanski, Kevin Stenson, Steve Strzelecki, Bonnie Veth, Joan Walsh, Stephen Weber, Tammy & Joe Notaro and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list and the Deceased Names are not available at the time of printing this bulletin

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WANT TO ADD A NAME TO THE SICK LIST.

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	10: 00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
	11:30 am	St. Eugene Church

Weekday Masses

Monday	9:00 am	St. Eugene Church
Tuesday	7:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Wednesday	9:00 am	St. Eugene Church
Thursday	7:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Friday	9:00 am	St. Eugene Church
Every Saturday	9:00 am	St. Eugene Church





UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

Still available for $20.00 (not $29.95)
In the Rectory Office
Questions?: contact Fr. Greg

The Friendship Club

is planning a trip
to the Goodman Theatre
to see *A Christmas Carol*
on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.
The bus will leave Our Lady Mother of the Church parking lot at 9:30am and return about 2:30pm.

Ticket price is $72.00.
Please call Debbie at 773-631-6330
if you're interested or you have any questions.



Our Lady Mother of the Church Giving Tree is now Queen of Peace Giving Tree 2022

Dear Parishioners,
Santa needs your help again! Our Giving Tree was started many years ago for the children of our sharing Parish, St. Anselm Church, which is now Our Lady of Africa Parish. Pastor Bob Kelly has informed me that the children from OUR LADY OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL have a need for Christmas gifts. Without our help, the children will not get gifts. This year we will begin giving out the names of Children from Our Lady of Angels Catholic School, Pre K to 8th Grade on the following dates:

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 27th before and after all the masses

ST EUGENES CHURCH:

Sunday, November 27th before and after all the masses

Remember **all gifts are to be brought in unwrapped** with preferably a gift bag by **Sunday**, **December 4th, 2022**

Donations of gift bags, curling ribbon,
tape and tissue paper are appreciated.

Companies or Organizations who would like to donate board games and sporting goods please do so!

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity,
Lonnie Muehlfelder 1- 773-895-4553

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



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

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



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Early Bulletin Submissions Dates:

Please call parish office for holiday submission dates. We would not be able to accept any material after the deadline. Thank you.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Eugene Church Mondays 4:00 pm - 6: 00 pm

Benediction at 5:45 pm

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another,
nor shall they train for war again. (Is 2:4)

PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

SECOND READING:

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;
the night is advanced, the day is at hand. (Rom 13:11-12)

GOSPEL:

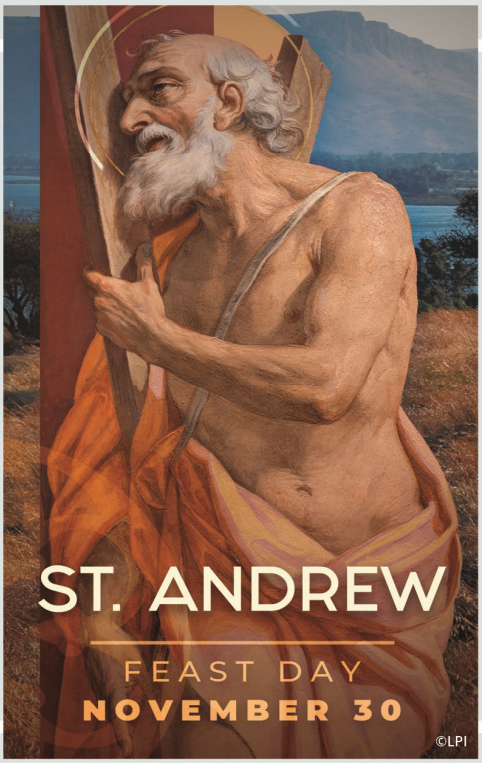
"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(Mt 24:42)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent
Wednesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Saturday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church





Saint of the Week

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life. According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

You are cordially invited to join the Ministry of Prayer.

What is the Ministry of Prayer?

Volunteers in this ministry pray daily for the needs of the church, community, and world. The goal of this ministry is to provide us with the opportunity to pray "together while apart." Although this ministry was originally directed to those who are homebound, it has expanded to include any of us who would like to pray as a group, even though we never formally get together, using the prayer intentions provided for us, while in our favorite place to pray. The prayers can be as simple as an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, a decade of the rosary, the Divine Chaplet; it can be a simple conversation with Our Lord, or it could be taking a few minutes to meditate on the prayer intention. Whatever prayer method is used is the best prayer.

If you would like to join the Ministry of Prayer, simply fill out the form below and you will receive the prayer intentions for the month of November. There is no fee; there are no meetings to attend. Every three months, you will receive the prayer intentions for the next 3 months. All you are asked to do is to pray for the intention of that day — that's it! There is power in prayer, especially when we pray together — even if we are all in our own homes! Won't you join us?

Please fill in the form below; drop it off at the rectory office; drop it in the collection basket; mail it in; or email the information to us.

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St. Eugene School
Queen of Hearts Raffle

DRAWING EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:00PM
BINGO BEFORE DRAWING AT 7:00PM
@MULLEN'S BAR & GRILL - 8313 W. Lawrence

WILL YOU...



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OUR SCHOOL

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Mullen's BAR & GRILL

54 card deck including Jokers - You pick 1-54!
If the joker is picked, the raffle resets!

STEWARDSHIP

Due to the early printing of our bulletin
no donation information is available.
It will be reflected in the next available bulletin.

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Our Lady, Mother of the Church
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THIS WEEKEND

Family Mass at St. Eugene Church
featuring 5th Grade - 11:30 am

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Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets
Available
After All Masses
In Rear Vestibule
(All Tickets are Also Available
In SE Rectory Office)

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Giving TREE

If we have any names left for
Our Giving Tree they will be available before
& after all masses, at both of our churches,
until all names are gone.

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Look For The Box In Our Vestibule To Place
Any Yarn You Would Like To Donate
For Our Prayer Shawl Ministry

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Second Collection:
Christmas Flowers

for our Altar

Second Collection Next Weekend:
Our Sharing Parish

St. Benedict the African

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Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

Pray to Our Lady of Perpetual Help right after the 7 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 29.

Living Rosary

Pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of St. Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary. The next available decade is the fifth Sorrowful Mystery, Jesus Dies on the Cross. Please contact the rectory office if you would like to sign up to pray this decade daily.

Joyful Mysteries
Annunciation—Ted M.
Visitation—Barb R.
Nativity—Josephine N.
Presentation—Karen R.
Finding in the Temple—Mary M

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism in the Jordan—Barb R.
Wedding at Cana—Mary M.
Proclamation of Kingdom-Ted M.
Transfiguration—Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist—Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden—Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar—Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns—Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross—Ted M.

Rosaries for the Pope and His Prayer Intention

Pope Francis's prayer intention is "for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection." If you would like to pray at least one Rosary for the weekly intention, please contact the rectory office to be listed as a Rosary Guild member, along with Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Shirley S., and Milabelle T.



This week's at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Sanctuary Lamp

Is in memory of

Nicola Troiano

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Nicola Troiano



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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:43-44

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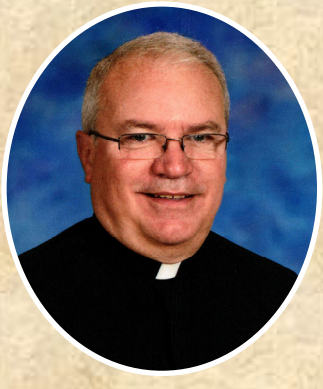
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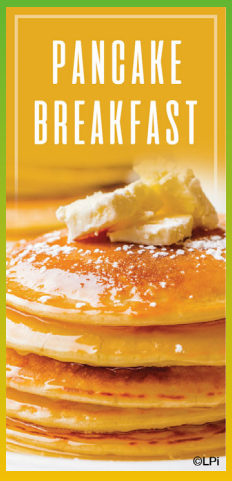




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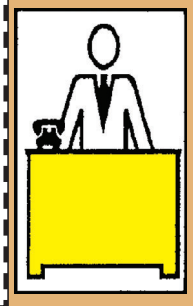
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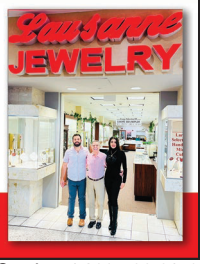
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