

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

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# A Message from Fr. Tuan

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember to check on your neighbors during the cold winter months, especially the elderly.

Here is a reflection for this weekend's readings, the Fourth week of Advent, Year A:

Joseph, Matthew tells us, was a righteous person, meaning he followed the law religiously. Even though he and Mary were not yet wed, they were betrothed, and this was considered the initial stage of marriage. The law was clear that in a case like theirs, in which a married woman conceived a child by a man who was not her husband, both the woman and the man should be stoned to death (Deuteronomy 22:23-24). But Joseph, Matthew shows us, was not only righteous but merciful. Rather than sentence Mary to death or even expose her to shame, he decided to divorce her quietly. Because there had not yet been a public ceremony of their marriage, most people would never know. So even before the angel of the Lord came to him in a dream, Joseph gave mercy priority over justice. After the angel visited him, he publicly took Mary into his home, doubtless realizing that after the child was born there would be whispering. But he committed himself to be the foster father of Jesus, who himself came to bring both justice and mercy. In dying for us on the cross, Jesus ensured that mercy once and for all triumphed over the justice we would otherwise deserve. To whom can you show mercy during this week before Christmas?

Love and Prayers,



Fr. Tuan



### **INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH:**

Monday, December 12, from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Monday, December 19, from 6:30pm-7:30pm

### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:**

In the Parish Center

Sunday, December 18, from 8:00am-1:00pm

### **CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, MASSES:**

4:00pm Children's Mass in the Parish Center

6:00pm in Church

10:00pm in Church

### **CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, MASSES:**

8:00am in Church

10:00am in Church

### **MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (New Years' Eve), DECEMBER 31, MASSES:**

4:00pm-4:45pm Confession in Church

5:00pm Mass in Church

### **MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day) , JANUARY 1, MASSES:**

7:30am In Church

9:00am In Church

11:00am In Church





# Religious Education

**Good Morning RE Families,**

**We hope you are having a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season.**

**We look forward to seeing you back in the New Year!!**



**Deacon Fred Ban**

Last round of the quiz!! Answers will be revealed next week!!

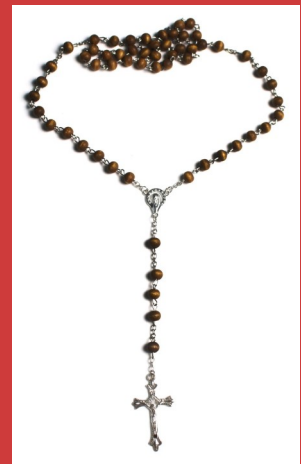
1. Straight out of the Bible, the Seven Sorrows of Mary are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_.
2. King \_\_\_\_\_, a biblical type of the antichrist, in 2 Maccabees desecrated the Jewish temple.
3. The Feast of the Re-dedication of this temple, attended by Jesus in John 10, is known today as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The name "Maccabee" means \_\_\_\_\_ in English

Have fun!!

## Week Day Morning Rosary

**Morning Rosary will not be prayed during the cold winter months of January and February. It will resume in the spring.**

**Thank you.**



## Communion For the Homebound

**If you or someone you know would benefit from a Communion Visit, please call the rectory at 815-467-2233.**



# Saint of the Week

Our Saint for this week is St John of Kanty

The people of Olkusz in Bohemia in 1431 had every reason to be suspicious of their new pastor. They knew what a Cracow professor would think of their small rural town. But even more insulting, their town was once again being used as a dumping ground for a priest who was "in disgrace."

John had indeed been kicked out of his university position -- unjustly. Rivals who resented John's popularity with the students had cooked up a false charge against him. John was not even allowed to appear at his own hearing or testify in his own defense. So at age 41, he was shipped off to be an apprentice pastor.

Once John was sitting down to dinner when he saw a beggar walk by outside. He jumped up immediately, ran out, and gave the beggar the food in his bowl. He asked no questions, made no demands. He just saw someone in need and helped with what he had.

John taught his students this philosophy again and again, "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."



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# Volunteer Schedule

<i>Merry Christmas</i>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, December 24 4:00pm	Kevin Looney Grace Kockanek	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Need</b>
Saturday, December 24 6:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Cindy Creasman Kathy Williamson	<b>Volunteer Need</b>
Saturday, December 24 10:00pm	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Mike Healy	Carolyn Healy
Sunday, December 25 8:00am	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Carole Fremarek Joyce Danek Terry Danek Deb Bols	Rose Ruettiger
Sunday, December 25 10:00am	Jada Akroush Sarah Folsom Alex Folsom	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Kelly Klepec

## Welcome to St. Mary's Church! Would you like to become a Registered Parishioner?

We are so blessed to have you with us today and every day! Our liturgies are made better by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Mary's to be a warm and inspiring experience of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you are not registered and would like to be, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Parish office at St. Mary's, P.O. Box 456, Minooka IL 60447.

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## MASSES

### **Weekend Masses-**

Saturday- 5:00pm

Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream and 11am

### **Weekday Masses**

Mon, Tues, Fri- 8:30am

### **Communion Service-**

Wed, Thurs - 8:30am

### **Confession-**

**Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm in the Church**

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Fr. Tuan is available for personal anointing at home, nursing home, hospice etc. please call the rectory 815-467-2233.

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# MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MASS INTENTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>
Saturday, Dec. 17	5:00pm	Lonnie Bartuello	June & Dave Battey
Sunday, Dec. 18	7:30am	Raymond & Audrey Tierney	The Family
	9:00am	Francis J. Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
		Kata Eric	John & Kay Brozovich
	11:00am	Elaine & Stan Wiencek	Tammy Wiencek
Monday, Dec. 19	8:30am	Dennis Trzesniewski	The Family
Tuesday, Dec. 20	8:30am	Thomas Hucik	The Family
Wednesday, Dec. 21	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, Dec. 22	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, Dec. 23	8:30am	Larry Nelson	
		(Anniversary of Death)	Cheryl and Family
		Verna Chiapello	
		Eleanor McGuire	Jim & Jodi Chiapello
Saturday, Dec 24	4:00pm	Helen Mackay	Mr. & Mrs. Magolan
Christmas Eve	6:00pm	Stan & Elaine Wiencek	Tammy Wiencek
		Bill Stafford	The Family
		Jaimie Therese Kimble	The Family
	10:00am	Kata Eric	The Family
Sunday, Dec. 25			
Christmas Day	8:00am	Lisa Maubach	The Family
		Francis J &	
		Josephine Dollinger	JoAnn Dollinger
		Scott Tezak	The Family
		Steve Clennon	The Family
	10:00am	Captain James Ponzio	The Schrishuhn Family

## *This week candles were lit for :*

- Police & Firefighters
- Olivia Arenella
- Gloria Ziebler
- Angelo Anzalone

**If you would like a candle lit outside for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 815-467-2233.**



## *Please Pray For:*

Denise Tonarelli	Sara Lovell	Lorenzo Benitez
Kimberly Gaydula	Wren Wagoner	Marlena Benitez
Dylan Pickett	Sue Burich	Judy Stafford
Paul Thien Phu	Jerry Davidson	Irene Davidson
Deidra Hogan	Linda Bradley	Phyllis Artusa
Robert Fonck	Baker Family	

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email [st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net) or call the parish office at 815-467-2233.

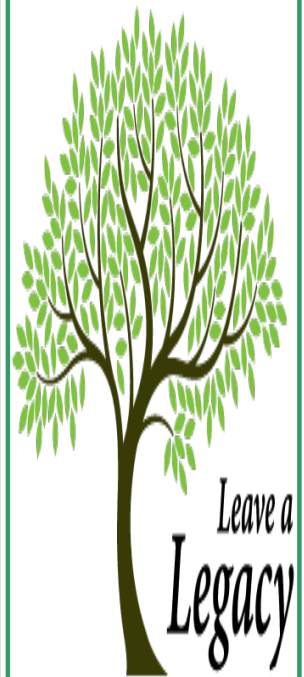


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