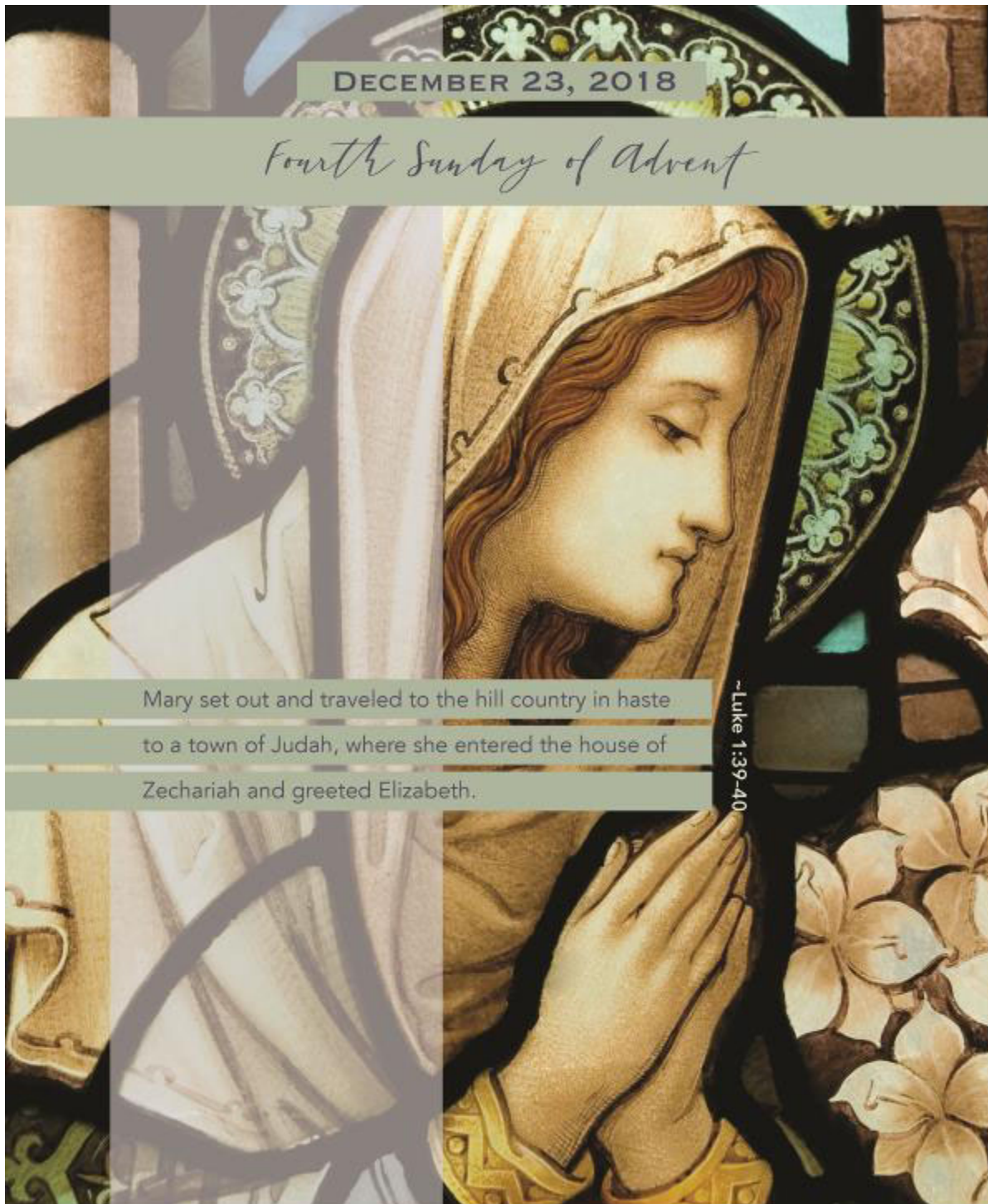


Saint Mary Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018



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The Prince of Peace Is Coming

As we began our Advent journey, we were cautioned to be “Be Alert, to Stay Awake.” We were reminded that we are called by our baptism to recognize our identity as children of the light. We were challenged to move from dark areas in our lives to one that is seen in the light of Christ—a reality that transforms us from within. The body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ that we receive in the Eucharistic sacrifice transforms us to become more as a people who live in the light.

We are reminded through the Advent readings, that throughout Christ’s ministry on earth He continuously brought us His peace. We are reminded at every Mass that we are brothers and sisters who extend peace to all we know.



Rev. Kevin McCray

One hundred years ago, the world was in darkness; the peoples of the world cried out for peace. It was in the Armistice, which began at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the one thousand nine hundred and eighteenth year of our Lord, where the world sighed in relief and gratitude that the Lord had heard their prayer. Peace came upon a world that was wearied by war and strife. Peace came upon a world that once again had to grow in the knowledge that we were all brothers and sisters, regardless of what country we claimed as our own.

But the coming of that peace in 1918, though announced by cannons and church bells throughout a broken world, paled to the coming of peace in the form of a little baby over 2000 years ago. It was the coming of the Prince of Peace, foretold by prophets, searched for by kings and seers, and feared by all who preferred a life of darkness, where the angels in Heaven held their breath as a simple peasant girl uttered her “Yes” to God’s plan for her life—that she would give birth to the Son of the God Most High. It was also a world where peace came from the promises proclaimed in dreams of a righteous man who took into his home a wife, where they would soon travel to Bethlehem, then to Egypt, and then back to Nazareth—all while protecting this promised child from the harm of the forces of darkness.

Light came into the world. Angels proclaimed. Shepherds quaked. Wise men bowed. Peace came.

May we continue to live out the promise of the Peace that Christ continues to bring to us and our world. On behalf of St. Mary Parish, my hope for you and your family is that we may continue to say “yes” as Mary did, and that we may grow to treasure this gift of the coming of our Messiah—so that we may continue to spread the Good News that God is with us each and every day.

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as you celebrate Christmas and live in the promise and hope of a new year—one filled with Joy, Love and enduring Peace.



There’s One Small Thing You Can Do That Can Make All the Difference ...

Every week numerous people visit Saint Mary’s for the first time, not only during Christmastime but all throughout the year. It is our goal that no one who comes through our doors should ever leave still feeling like a stranger. But making a connection doesn’t “just happen” on its own—and that’s where

you come into the picture. At this time, Saint Mary’s is looking for 12 people like you to step up and serve as greeters at our parish liturgies. It’s not time consuming; after all, you’re already at church anyway! To learn how to start, call Karie Ferrell at 847 864-0333, ext. 203. Every time the doors of our church are opened, we welcome the members of the Body of Christ to gather—for prayer, to worship, to encounter the living Christ. It’s not hard. Just be one of the ones of who makes a difference by making a friendly connection.

Christmas Season

Christmas Eve—Monday, December 24

5 p.m. Mass (includes the Children's Choir and Children's Dramatization of the Nativity Story)
 9 p.m. Mass (Hymns & Carols at 8:45 p.m. with the Traditional Choir)

Christmas Day—Tuesday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Mass (Contemporary Choir)
 11 a.m. Mass (Traditional Choir)

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God— Tuesday, January 1

Masses: Monday, December 31, at 5 p.m.; Tuesday, January 1
 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Confession Available

After Daily Masses, Mondays through Saturdays;
 Saturdays 4–4:30 p.m.
 By Appointment: Please call the Parish Office 847 864-0333 to schedule an appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Sundays, 3–6 p.m.
 December 23 & 30 in the Church

Parish Center

CLOSED December 24–28
 and January 1–2



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 A Community of Faith and Service

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (vigil) 5 p.m.
 Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
 12:30 p.m. Haitian Mass
 (first Sunday of the month)
 Monday - Saturday 8 a.m.
 Holy Days 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

You are welcome to visit our Library
 and Chapel during business hours.

Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Evenings:

Wednesday–Thursday 6–9 p.m.
 Sunday 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Office will be CLOSED 12/24–28, 1/1–2
 Sun. 12/30 open 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

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Our Children Tell the Story

Christmas Eve
 5 p.m. Mass

Only One Rehearsal!

This Sunday 12:15–1 p.m.

Children ages 3–13
 Narrators, Angels, Shepherds
 & Animals

**Pick Up a Flyer
 In the vestibules**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 29–30

Liturgical Ministers: Please see the online Ministry Schedule for your Christmas assignments.

	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Presider/ Homilist	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Kevin
Greeters				
North	Ann Murray	Theresa Cameron	Mike Loriaux	Marie Cadet
East	Elaine Pollak and Joni Sowinski	Jerre Michelin	Peggy Loriaux	
Lectors	Janet Irons Ernest Irons	Jan Gast Maura Canavan	Mike Borman Sr. Katie Mitchell	TBA George de los Reyes
Eucharistic Ministers	Claudette Bergeron Ann Murray Tanya Noble Ann Marie Staff Dan Tomas	John Fuller Nancy Fuller Donald Michelin Jerre Michelin Erica Whitmore	Giselle Bernadel Jane Colleton Tom Duval Teresa Forman Brian Keran Dennis O'Callahan Melanie O'Callahan	Nancy Bailey Jean Boisson Myrlende Bonhomme Katrina de los Reyes Lea Filipek
Altar Servers	James Feeney Eleanor Feeney		Sophia Borman Danny O'Connor Elizabeth Potosnak	Cat de los Reyes Isabella de los Reyes
Confessions	Saturday, 4–4:30	Fr. Tony		

Please remember in your prayers

... those who are sick, especially Yolande Vilsaint; Teddi Nooney; Carolyn Buford; Ashley Vilme; Wallace Bowling; Lisa Frederick; Victoria Amaro Pena; Anita Kimmerte; Trevor Ellis; Jim Osburn; Don Mays; Julia Loiseau; Ruth Ann Quinn; June Reband; Clarissa Pompey; Tina Swanson; Joan Fondell; Mary DuCharme; Ben Johnson; Anne Teoli; Greg Reband; Jamie Adler; and Giselle Bernadel. Also remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Carmel Tekdogan.

Have a name to add or remove? Email dfox@stmaryevanston.org.

Pray for our military, pray for peace

CDR Edward Carlton, U.S. Navy, son of Frank & Caroline Carlton ❖ Airman Lindsey Foley, U.S. Air Force, Scott AFB, niece of Chris Foley ❖ Lt. Daniel Kozicki, U.S. Navy, nephew of Linda O'Dwyer ❖ Cadet Helen Hitt, daughter of Stephanie and John Hitt.

Have a name to add or remove?

Email bulletin@stmaryevanston.org.

PARISH LIFE To arrange for the following, please call the Parish Office at **847 864-0333**.

MASS SCHEDULE.

Saturday (vigil) 5 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
12:30 p.m. Haitian Mass (first Sunday of the month)

Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

RECONCILIATION.

Mondays through Saturdays after 8 a.m.
Mass, Saturday afternoons 4:00–4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.

Every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the church. Holy hour weekdays at noon in the Parish Center chapel.

INFANT BAPTISMS.

Registration in the parish is a prerequisite. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Session at least two months prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions are held on the second Monday of every other month; the next session is **Monday, January 14**.

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. based on the liturgical calendar. Please call the Parish Office to register for the session.

REGISTRATION. Saint Mary Parish welcomes new parishioners. Please go online at stmaryevanston.org. Complete the form, save it and return it as an attachment to office@stmaryevanston.org.

MARRIAGE. Arrangements should be made with the parish at least six months in advance.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

For adults or teenagers interested in becoming a Catholic and receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation).

MINISTERS OF CARE. Ministers of care are available to bring Holy Communion to those who are home-bound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. Contact the Parish Office.



The Gift of Education

Tax Credit Scholarship Matching Gift Program

Seasons Greetings,

During this season of giving we have a singular opportunity to make a huge difference for our Catholic school students. A group of generous donors have agreed to pool their resources and offer a **2-for-1 matching gift program** to schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Here is how you can help and how you can benefit!

- For every dollar designated to a qualifying school through Empower Illinois between December 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, **the school will receive two dollars in matching funds.**
- Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2018 taxes should begin the process prior to December 14, 2018 to ensure that they have enough time to make their gift by December 31, 2018.
- There is still time to apply for a 2018 Illinois tax credit and donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization. Visit www.archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.26
- You can receive a 75 percent Illinois state income tax credit for donating to needs-based scholarships through the Illinois tax credit scholarship program.
- The donations are capped at \$100,000 per school.
- After April 1, 2019, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.

We humbly ask you to consider the gift of education as you look at your year-end giving in 2018. By donating to the TCS program you can redirect some, or all, of your state tax liability to fund scholarships for families in need within our parish community and across the Archdiocese.

Designate to Pope John XXIII School



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RESPECT LIFE

Such Imminence

He comes from eternity:

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One; let the earth be opened, and bring forth a Savior. Is 45:8

He comes to bring peace:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel. . . . He himself will be peace. Micah 5:1, 4

He comes at the Father's wish:

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. Heb 10:7; Ps 40:7-8

He comes because Mary believed

the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. Luke 1:44

Dare we not, each of us, go aside in these final hours to a quiet place and wait for Him?

“Introduction to Christian Anthropology”

Six-week course exploring the Christian vision of human nature/persons through an in-depth look at Biblical Creation Stories, Creation “In the Image of God”, the Fall and Original Sin, the 4 Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell. Taught by Fr. Matthew Bozovsky: Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Mundelein Seminary, advanced degrees in biology and theology. **Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm. Feb.12 - Mar.19, 2019. St. Catherine Laboure 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. Pre-Register \$25. 847-826-4704 or KitchsBest@aol.com**

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Monday: Vigil of Christmas
 Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
 Thursday: St. John
 Friday: The Holy Innocents
 Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 22

5:00 † John Watson

Sunday, December 23

8:00 Intentions of the Pope

9:30 † Lena Truskowski

11:00 For Our Parishioners

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

5:00 † Pierre Jean-Paul

9:00 † Cas & Mary Robak

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas

9:30 TBA

11:00 TBA

Wednesday, December 26

9:00 For Our Parishioners

Thursday, December 27

8:00 For Our Parishioners

Friday, December 28

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 29

8:00 † Pierre-Marie Bourdeau

5:00 † Joanne Schwall-Gregg

Sunday, December 30

8:00 For Our Parishioners

9:30 Intentions of the Pope

11:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Intentions of the Pope for December

Evangelization—In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Join us at St. Nicholas Catholic Church

**The Feast of the Holy Family and Kwanzaa:
Celebrating Family, Community, & Culture**

Saturday, December 29 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass



We honor Kwanzaa and its values, as we celebrate the Holy Family and a call to faithful love, devoted community, and unity.

Every year from December 26–January 1, many people of African heritage celebrate **Kwanzaa**—which means “the first fruits of the harvest.” The holiday is modeled after the first-fruit harvest celebrations that happened across the African continent since antiquity.

Kwanzaa reinforces seven basic values:

1. **Umoja:** Unity
2. **Kujichagulia:** Self-determination
3. **Ujima:** Collective Work & Responsibility
4. **Ujamaa:** Cooperative Economics
5. **Nia:** Purpose
6. **Kuumba:** Creativity
7. **Imani:** Faith

Join us for Mass and Karamu Pot Luck Feast at St. Nicholas Parish

Bring a dish to share which serves eight people.
Saturday, December 29 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass
 Saint Nicholas Church
 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston
 All are welcome.

For information email/call:
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 Yvonne Smith: yvonsmith@gmail.com 224 534-7471



Guided Church Tour
FREE

The secrets of Saint Mary Church will be revealed on
Sunday, December 30 at 12:30 p.m.

*Led by church archivist Tim Stadler,
with the assistance of Diane Onofrey,
learn the lesser-known stories of our worship space,
some that are in plain sight! Bonus info on the angels!*

This is the last scheduled tour.
*Tours then can be scheduled with a month's notice.
Subject to availability.*

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
 Call the Parish Office at
847 864-0333




Register Now for Next Session of Baptism Preparation for Parents

Parishioners who have children to be baptized are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. Because Baptism is a commitment by the parents to raise their child in the Catholic faith, it is necessary that the parents presenting their child for Baptism are also living up to their own Baptismal commitment. No date for the Baptism is made until the parents have attended one of the sessions. Reservations for the sessions are limited and they fill up quickly. The next session is **Monday, January 14** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend before the baby is born. Please call the Parish Office to register at 847 864-0333.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator.

Sundays 3–6 p.m.
12/23 and 30



Holy Hour
Adoration & Rosary
Weekdays at Noon
Parish Center Chapel

No Weekday Holy Hour
12/24-1/2

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Holy Hour for Healing

Each Holy Hour is offered, among other purposes, for the holiness, purification, and healing of the entire Church, both clergy and laity, at this difficult time. This broad statement of purpose does not preclude other intentions from being included on a day-to-day basis. But the great importance of this question seemed to suggest the need to focus especially on that.