

Saint Mary Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018



Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 9, 2018
4:00 p.m.

A free will donation will be accepted to benefit the work
of our Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Holiday Open House follows immediately ~
All are welcome.



A Wreath Packed with Meaning, and John the Baptist

Today we light the second candle on the Advent wreath. The second, called the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation directs us toward the celebration of Christmas. The first candle lit last week is the Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope. The purpose of the Advent Wreath is traditionally used to represent aspects of spiritual preparation leading up to the birth or coming of the Lord. The circular evergreen branches are a symbol of eternity and unending love. The three principal colors of the wreath, purple or violet, symbolize repentance and fasting. Some churches have begun to use blue instead of purple, as a means of distinguishing Advent from Lent.



Deacon Dennis Robak

These blue candles can also signify the color of the night sky or the waters of new creation. The other principle candle color is pink or rose, which is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday. This particular color represents joy or rejoicing; a shift in the season away from repentance toward celebration. This candle is also known as the Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy. And finally, the fourth candle we light on the Fourth Sunday of Advent is called the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love.

Spiritually preparing by focusing on the colors of Advent in the weeks leading up to Christmas is a great way for all of us to center on and keep Christ in the heart of Christmas.

As we move toward Christmas, what should we learn from the life of John the Baptist? Although his name implies that he baptized people, which he did, John's life on earth was more than just baptizing. His life was characterized by devotion and surrender to Jesus Christ. John's voice was a lone voice in the wilderness as he proclaimed the coming of the Messiah to a people who desperately needed a Savior. He was a man filled with faith and a role model to those of us who wish to share our faith with others.

The general opinion of John the Baptist was that he was a prophet of God; some even thought of him as the Messiah. This was not his intent, as he had a clear vision for what he was called to do. There is no greater example of humility than what is seen in both, Jesus and John the Baptist. John's ministry, as well as his life, give evidence that whole-heartedly believing in Jesus Christ is possible. He knew the Messiah was coming and spent his days "preparing the way" for the Lord's coming.

But John I'm sure, certainly had his doubts, as he sat in prison. And each one of us will have our faith put to the test, and perhaps even falter.

John's life is truly an example of the seriousness with which we are to approach our Christian life and call to ministry. John was entrusted with a unique ministry. We too, are called to share the truth of Jesus with others. Follow John's example, no matter what life's circumstances God has given us.

Eucharistic Adoration

Sundays 3–6 p.m.
Dec. 9 & 16 in the
Parish Center Chapel

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

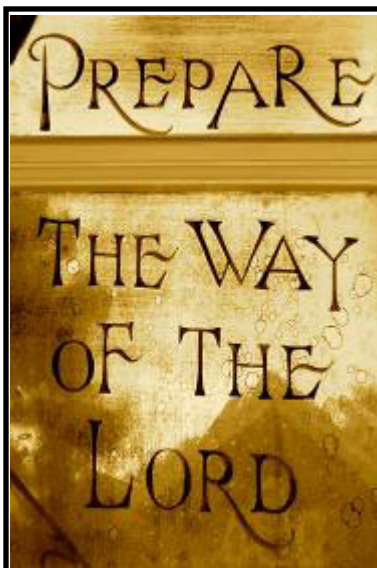


Holy Hour
Adoration & Rosary
Weekdays at Noon
Parish Center Chapel

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.



Advent Reconciliation

In the spirit of collaboration, the parishes of Saint Athanasius, Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Mary and Saint Nicholas unite for Advent Reconciliation Liturgies.

Bilingual priests available

Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m.
Saint Athanasius Church, 1615 Lincoln



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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**
Sun. 12/30 open 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

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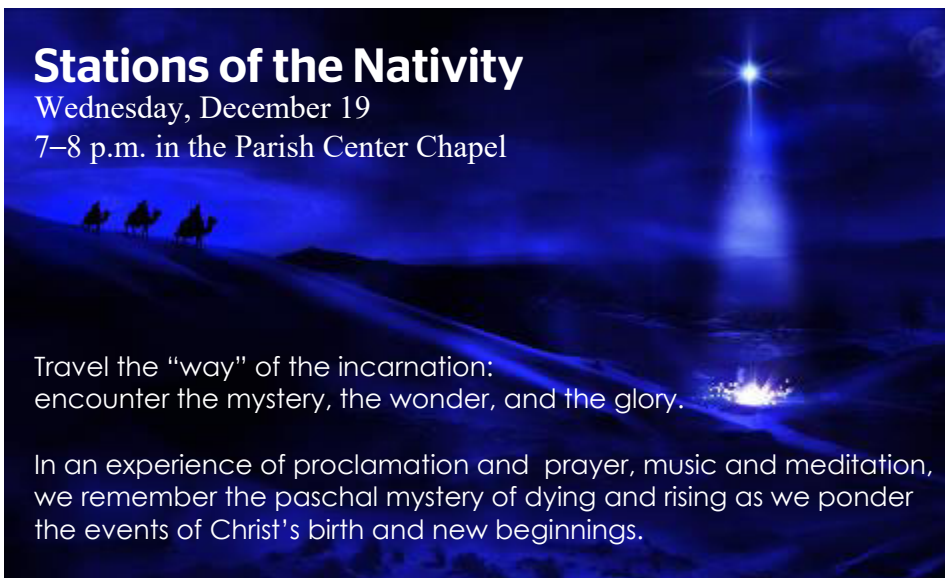
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Stations of the Nativity

Wednesday, December 19

7–8 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel

Travel the “way” of the incarnation: encounter the mystery, the wonder, and the glory.

In an experience of proclamation and prayer, music and meditation, we remember the paschal mystery of dying and rising as we ponder the events of Christ's birth and new beginnings.

Human Dignity and Solidarity—Immigration Ministry

XIII ANNUAL POSADA

SEEKING IMMIGRATION REFORM

Join us to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who—as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter, “Posada.”

Friday, December 14, 2018

7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

101 West Congress Parkway

Route: From Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren Street), DePaul (1 East Jackson Boulevard), Federal Plaza, and St. Peter's (110 West Madison Street)

For more information: Raymundo Valdez at rvaldez@archchicago.org or 312.534.8503 or Brother Luis Rosado at lrosado@archchicago.org or 407.361.1096, or visit: catholicsandimmigrants.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 15–16**Gaudete Sunday**

	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Presider/ Homilist	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Greeters				
North	Ann Murray	Theresa Cameron	Mike Loriaux	Marie Cadet
East	Elaine Pollak and Joni Sowinski	Jerre Michelin	Peggy Loriaux	
Lectors	Vince Gerasole Anne Osburn	Tom Okawara Ed Zulkey	Lori Remien Mark Kelly	Kathy Benn Cliff Barber
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	<i>Volunteers needed</i>		Anne Fetiere Francesca Mereu Matteo Mereu	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
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 Kimmelerle; Trevor Ellis; Jim Osburn; Don Mays; Julia Loiseau; Ruth Ann Quinn; Debra Caldwell; June Reband; Clarissa Pompey; Tina Swanson; Paula Iaccuci; Joan Fondell; Mary DuCharme; Ben Johnson; Anne Teoli; Greg Reband; Jamie Adler; Giselle Bernadel. Also remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Fred Schmidt, husband of Jherri Schmidt; and Bishop Robert Morlino of Madison.

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.

RESPECT LIFE

Go Tell It Every Day

John Paul's 1990 encyclical, *Redemptoris Missio*, meditates on the permanent mission of the Church to evangelize. Every person, says the Saint, "has the **right to hear** the 'Good News' of the God who reveals and gives himself in Christ", ¶146, and **all Christians share responsibility for the telling** by which the world hears about Christ. ¶¶71, 77

The telling is to be to the unchurched as well as to the churched who have fallen away. The telling is to be in the global South which, says John Paul, struggles with material poverty and underdevelopment as well as in the global North which is prone to "moral and spiritual poverty" caused by overdevelopment, for an "excess of affluence is as harmful as excessive poverty". ¶159

Development in the missionary sense is not about "things". It's about a spiritual formation which leads to conversion of heart and in that way produces authentic material development.

[A] people's development does not derive primarily from money, material assistance or technological means, but from the formation of consciences and the gradual maturing of ways of thinking and patterns of behavior. Man is the principal agent of development, not money or technology. The Church forms consciences by revealing to peoples the God whom they seek and do not yet know, the grandeur of man created in God's image and loved by him, the equality of all men and women as God's sons and daughters, the mastery of man over nature created by God and placed at man's service, and the obligation to work for the development of the whole person and of all mankind. ¶158

For most of us laity, missionary work consists of daily witness radiant of love of God and neighbor – in our families, places of work and recreation, and, more generally, in our engagement in temporal affairs. It's all about how we treat others (and ourselves) as children of God. **Our effective participation in this apostolate of daily witness is the only way** many unchurched will ever hear the Gospel and know Christ. ¶171

Think about this during Advent. And don't be surprised if efforts to witness Christ to others make us happier and more fulfilled. The Good News promises that.

Candlelight Rosary

Wednesday, December 12

(Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe ends)

7–8 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel



*Saint Mary Evanston Black
Catholics*



Pease join us as we gather for a
Christmas Celebration!
Potluck style, please bring a dish to
share!

Saturday, December 15th

5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

In the Parish Center Living Room

All are welcome!



Pope John XXIII School invites
you to join in the celebration!

Lessons and Carols

Please join us for performances by the Pope John
XXIII students & festive songs!
St. Nicholas Church
December 19, 2018
1PM or 7PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 8

5:00 For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 9

8:00 Intentions of the Pope

9:30 For Our Parishioners

11:00 † Maurice & Leda Bonhomme

Monday, December 10

8:00 † Devin Simon (Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 12

9:00 Intentions of the Pope

Thursday, December 13

8:00 For Our Parishioners

Friday, December 14

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 15

8:00 † David Lyons / † Jeanne (Downes) Nicholson

5:00 † Mary Beth Egner

Sunday, December 16

8:00 † Sophie Szarnych (40th Anniversary)

9:30 † Ermete Bernadel (Anniversary)

11:00 For Our Parishioners

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: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of

the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

Saints and Special Observances ;

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: International Human Rights Day

Tuesday: St. Damasus I

Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday: St. Lucy

Friday: St. John of the Cross

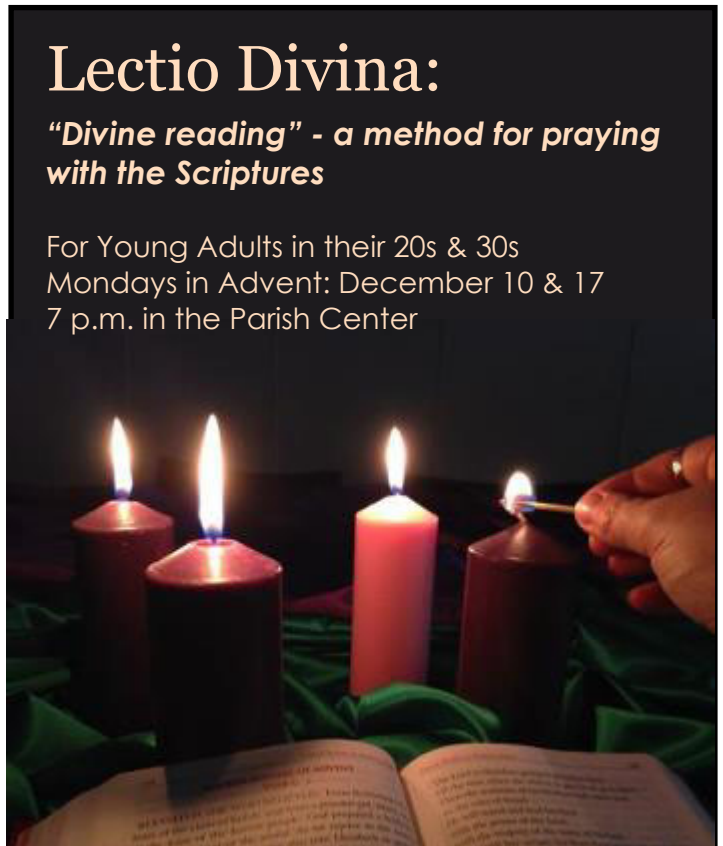
Soup Kitchen

Our last Soup Kitchen of 2018 will be on Thursday, December 13 at **First United Methodist Church**. Contact Jay Larmee for important information at jlarmee@larmeeassociates.com or 847 347-2895.

Lectio Divina:

"Divine reading" - a method for praying with the Scriptures

For Young Adults in their 20s & 30s
Mondays in Advent: December 10 & 17
7 p.m. in the Parish Center



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:

Jane Colleton jcolleton@jmsail.com 847 866-8445
 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

Don't Forget!



Saint Mary Parish
Christmas Children's Choir!

REHEARSALS

FUN AND EASY MUSIC TO LEARN IN ONLY 4 REHEARSALS:
DEC. 2, DEC. 9, DEC. 16 AND DEC. 23
12:15 - 1:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTER, 2ND FLOOR
GRADES 1 - 8*

WE SING AT THE 5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
(4:00 ARRIVAL TIME)

CHILDREN CAN BOTH SING IN THE CHOIR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIVITY PLAY AT THE GOSPEL

* EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE - CONTACT DIANNE FOX
 847-864-0333 x210 or efox@stmaryevanston.org

Evanston Catholic Woman's Club

Our Christmas meeting will be held on December 12th at 12 noon. We will be meeting at Zhivago's Restaurant, 9925 Gross Point Road. The "Heartzingers", the choral group from Misericordia, will be the entertainment. Please bring new or Gently used hats, gloves and/or scarfs for St. Mary's warming Center. For reservations call Carol at 847 475-7178 no later then December 9. All are welcome!



Stewardship

Weekend of November 24-25

Sunday weekend collection	\$ 7,486
Year-to-Date as of Nov. 25 (22/52 weeks)	\$149,055
Goal for 2018/2019 Budget (22/52 weeks)	\$170,918
Difference + or (-)	(\$ 21,863)

***** Goal for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 \$404,000 *****

Thank you for your generosity!