

December 3, 2023

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# Hope



# Advent



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## Mass times & information

<b>SAT</b>	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
<b>SUN</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
<b>MON</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>TUE</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>WED</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>THU</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>FRI</b>	8:30 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MON—FRI:** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**SAT** Closed

**SUN** Closed

**Holidays** - Closed

### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

**MON-THU** 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### BAPTISMS

Please call the Faith Formation Office (313-884-7407) during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament.

*Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except: the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

### MARRIAGE

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Others, please notify the Parish Office of address changes.

**Adults over 21** need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

**Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

## Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Happy Advent! Happy New (Liturgical) Year! There is always a lot of excitement this time of the year. There is the planning, the shopping, the baking, the different activities, and gatherings. Hopefully, in the midst of it all, we can still remember the priorities and reason of the season. Our Advent theme this year is, **“O come let us adore him.”** [This is our focus Tuesday Advent Family Night.]

This year, Advent consists of three full weeks and then one day, which is also Christmas Eve. Last year we had four full weeks of Advent. So, we have much less time this Advent than last year. Nonetheless, it can still be very profitable for us as we put our mind and soul into the right focus.

Let's try to celebrate the season of Advent this year, even as we naturally combine and blend it with the season of Christmas. Advent is the time to *prepare* for Christmas. We see the days get shorter and the darkness of the night starts sooner. With Christmas, the days get longer and brighter – just as the presence of Christ sheds light in our life. Even as we might put up the tree and decorations around the house, and as we light up the outside of our homes, let us be mindful how we are preparing for the Christmas season that begins Dec. 25.

Definitions of “adore” mention: “great love,” “regard with the utmost esteem,” “love intensely,” etc. What do we adore? Sometime people say they adore a particular thing, an inanimate object. Others, of course, adore a person. When we encounter a person we adore, relish the time that is special, often being speechless, and want the clock to stop in order for the moment to last a long time.

Michael King, in his article last week, asked the question, does Jesus adore you? “Is he adoring you right now and perhaps you are just not aware?” According to various definitions, I believe Jesus does “adore” us, loving us very intensely, and that is why he died for us. Do you adore Jesus??

Another place we encounter Jesus and naturally adore him is at the celebration of Holy Mass. Often, we use the word “adore” or “adoration” in reference to the Blessed Sacrament, the Presence of Jesus Christ, soul and divinity, in the consecrated host. You are invited weekly to come and spend time in “adoration” before the Blessed Sacrament. That is a great place to start, to come and adore him, sitting quietly and opening your heart to Jesus. This Advent, I ask you to reflect how you adore Jesus at Mass? Or how do you not adore him? Do you marvel at the mystery of the Eucharist, the gift Jesus has given to us, the gift we receive in Holy Communion and rightfully should stop us in our tracks? Or do we take the Eucharist as simply another object given to us? This Advent, I challenge each of us to first “adore” Jesus in Holy Communion. Don't take Holy Communion and then walk out of church like our routine at a drive-thru or convenience store. Jesus adores you deeply. How do you respond in return?

As you prepare your soul, your heart, your home this Advent, pause from the rush throughout the day and spend time adoring God. See in the “things” of the season the many expressions of God's majesty and love.

\*\* This first week of Advent is packed with wonderful activities. Monday night: our



**Advent Holy Hour** with the Blessed Sacrament. Tuesday night: our **Parish Advent night** for one and all, the family of Star of the Sea. A time to be social, to pray, to listen, to sing, and then to light up our Christmas Star! Thursday is our **school Christmas Concert**. Friday is a **Holy day of Obligation**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Saturday the **Langsford Men's Chorus Christmas Concert** is here. Sunday, is the **K of C St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast** and the **Grosse Pointe Symphony** has their holiday concert here, with a special feature of Aaron on the organ, and me once again narrating Prokofiev's famous, "Peter and the Wolf."

\*\* Thank you for your generosity with the Giving Tree.

Have a blessed Week adoring the Lord in your life!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 4

7:30 a.m. +Anthony Vitale

### Tuesday, December 5

7:30 a.m. +John Ahee

### Wednesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Spindler Family

### Thursday, December 7

7:30 a.m. Sick of the Parish

### Friday, December 8

7:30 a.m. Newly born & unborn children

10:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Crouson Family

7:00 p.m. Drew Jerome  
+Virginia Mushenski

### Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. +Lynda Bucciero  
+George Fikany  
Rose DiCicco  
Christine Mathis

### Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners  
+Georgette Zahar

9:30 a.m. +Catherine Jaboro  
+Marilyn Bourgoin  
Bob Brooks

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski  
+Kevin & James Collins  
+Charles Licata  
+Mary Beth Murphy  
+Thomas McDonald  
+Thomas Koch

## Prayer Group

every Wednesday at 3:00 pm

in the O.L.S.O.S. prayer and Eucharistic chapel on Morningside, to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We pray for world peace and all the parish intentions

## Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Wednesday - 11am - 2pm *Parish Office Chapel*



## Holy Hour

Monday, December 4, 2023  
7:00 p.m. In the Church



## Parish Giving Tree

Gifts are due back  
**December 3rd**  
**no later than**  
**12:30pm**



## Our Lady Star of The Sea Prayer and Eucharistic Chapel

Open 6am - 11:30pm

**"O Come Let Us Adore Him"**

"Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist." (St Josemaria Escriva)

*Make a personal commitment of a day to pray in His Eucharistic presence.*

### Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 3, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
<b>Monday</b>	Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



## MASS TIMES 4th week of Advent

Saturday, December 23 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 - 8:00 a.m.

## Christmas

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Monday, December 25

9:30 am & 11:30 am

## Living Under the Influence

Adoring and Presence

Our parish **Advent Family Night** is this Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p. Are you going to be there?

Here is one reason to come: A chance to adore and allow God to speak to you. What do I mean? This year, as I mentioned in last week's bulletin, our parish family will have as a theme "*O come let us adore him*" to use as a focus point to develop our faith. One aspect of adoration is presence or being present to another. So how does one practice or engage in being present? I recommend three steps:

**Prep** - Before you come on Tuesday, take a few moments to quiet yourself, and then speak to God and ask him to show himself to you during the evening and ask for the grace to notice it when it happens. Then, close your short little prayer with giving thanks to God.

**Be alert** – Enter the event and have fun! Eat, drink, laugh, and spend time with someone or as many people as you can. Perhaps, meet someone new. While you are doing this be mindful of the conversations and experiences you are having. Know that you are with your faith family with God at the center of everything that is happening.

**Reflect** – Sometime after the event, take several moments to reflect on what happened, who you spent time with and what was said. Review the evening. Consider where was God hidden? Where was God present? How did God communicate to you? God often communicates through thoughts, feelings, or perhaps something even more.

If you do this, you have taken one step into deeper adoration, of being present to your inner self, of those around you and of God. God's love is abundant, and he "speaks" through all creation and events, and significantly he speaks in and through you.

God bless,  
Michael King  
Mission and Vision



3 year (2022 - 2025) goal is  
\$2,500,000.

### Raise the Roof update

Donations received to date	\$427,781.56
% of goal	20%
<b>shortage for project</b>	<b>\$2,072,218.44</b>

**Thank you to those who have already given!**



ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

# “O COME LET US ADORE HIM”

**December 5 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

An evening of carols, cocoa, cookies,  
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Tuesday, December 12th**

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**PICK UP**

**Wednesday, December 20th**

**3:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

**Under Church Canopy**

## St. Nicholas

### Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, December 10**

**8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**A visit from St. Nick**

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# Stewardship Thoughts

Today's Scripture passages express the Advent topics of hope, vigilance, and repentance. From the Book of Isaiah, the prophet expresses his desire for his people (the ancient Israelites who have returned from Babylonian exile) to atone for their sinful ways and turn their hearts back to the Lord. For God has done great deeds for them. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist quotes Jesus' warning to His disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.* Here our Lord and Savior is referring to when He will return at the end of time. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, that our fellowship in the Lord fortifies us with many spiritual gifts — a timely reminder as we start this Advent season. May we, as faith-filled stewards, put our hope and trust in the Lord, recognize our sins, and seek with contrite hearts, Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Advent is an excellent time to confess our sins by taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



## Christmas Flower and Decoration Donations

As the holidays approach we are giving you an opportunity to remember your loved ones who have passed away by making a monetary donation for flowers or decorations. Please use the envelope that is included in your Sunday offering packet or place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" with the name of the person(s) you would like remembered. All names will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Please return envelopes by **Sunday, December 10th.**

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Job entails supervising students in K-8 grades

Please contact Cheryl Kanka ([c.kanka@stargp.org](mailto:c.kanka@stargp.org)) or Dawn Dobija ([D.dobija@stargp.org](mailto:D.dobija@stargp.org))  
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12/4/1969 Noma Clapp  
12/4/1977 Margaret DeFour  
12/4/1978 Rosemary Linde  
12/4/1984 Charles E. Beach  
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12/4/1985 Mary Ann Resmer  
12/4/1993 Jessica M. Barthel  
12/4/2002 Mary Hayes  
12/4/2018 Marie Koueiter  
12/4/2021 Karen Labadie  
12/5/1959 Frank Donovan  
12/5/1969 John Molloy  
12/5/1972 Rose Diem  
12/5/1992 Joyce Tuck  
12/5/2001 Mary Elizabeth  
Brinkman  
12/5/2004 James Thomas Pendency  
12/5/2014 Ralph Hinz  
12/5/2018 William Cosgrove, Sr.  
12/6/1968 Edward Ruth  
12/6/1977 Charles Flemion  
12/6/1979 Anna Poust  
12/6/1986 Marie Connelly  
12/6/2000 Catherine Viviano  
12/6/2002 Tony Bufalino  
12/6/2016 Robert Rahaim  
12/7/1979 William Ulrich  
12/7/1982 Jennie Thieman  
12/7/1984 Leo Doyle  
12/7/1996 Robert Arthur  
12/7/2000 Adeline O'Berski  
12/7/2004 Mary Ellen Van Assche  
12/7/2005 Marie Luber  
12/7/2021 Lilian Rogers  
12/8/1982 Alfred Fiori  
12/8/2002 Mary Jane Shayer  
12/8/2002 Evelyn Wayne  
12/8/2003 Paul Schwanitz  
12/8/2007 Marie Venditti  
12/8/2014 Ann Kratochwill  
12/9/1957 Henry Conerton  
12/9/1972 Margaret Halpin  
12/9/1980 Catherine Bernert  
12/9/1995 Howard Halpin  
12/9/2000 Frances Blachowiak  
12/9/2010 Kathryn  
Quinlan-Schneider

12/9/2012 Joanne Ekin  
12/9/2021 Florence Bernhardt  
12/9/2021 Kathleen Tomaszycski  
12/10/1973 Marie Petz  
12/10/1989 Maria F. Farrugia  
12/10/1992 Grace Cusumano  
12/10/2006 Betty L. Brown  
12/10/2017 Richard Bauser

### the sick

Harrison Ahee  
Jennie Barzotti  
Jeanne Collins  
Rose DiCicco  
Aurora Goetz  
Patricia Hanna  
Christine Mathis  
Virginia Merchant  
Carol Nowinski  
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Evelyn Pentis  
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Mary Surmont  
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### those in the military

James Patrick Carrier  
Perry Carter  
Josh Duffy  
Richard Shetler, III  
John Walker

### PLEASE NOTE

Names will remain on the sick list for one (1) month unless the parish is notified otherwise.

For those in Military, we would like to pray for those who are active, Please contact us to add names to our list.



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**ST LUCY**

*PRIEST IN SOLIDUM (Moderator)*

Fr. Jim Commyn

586-771-8300

**Mass Times**

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**Sunday:** 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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Fr. Stan Pachla

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for more information

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