



CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"And blessed is the one who takes no
offense at me."*

Matthew 11:2-11

December 11th, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through God's Love

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

Sunday: 10:30 am

Rosary:

Saturdays: 7:30 pm

Weekdays: 8:10 am Monday - Friday

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Weekly Words from The Rock

'Tis the Season

During this time of the year we often hear it said, "'Tis the Season." "'Tis the Season" is about the seasons of Advent and Christmas. In the Catechist magazine of November/December 2016, we find a quiz around these two seasons. Last week, I provided eight questions from the quiz and the answers I provide the week.

Question 1: Fill in the blank. "O Come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive _____.

- A. Israel
- B. Nazareth
- C. Bethlehem
- D. Jerusalem

Answer: A. Israel

Question 2: True or False. When the Virgin Mary announced she was pregnant, everyone was happy.

Answer: False. Mary had a hard time explaining to Joseph that she had been visited by an angel of God and was pregnant with God's son (see Matthew 1:18-25).

Question 3: Mary was the mother of _____.

- a. John the Baptist
- B. God but not Jesus
- C. God
- d. Jesus but not God

Answer: C. God. Since Jesus, her human son, was God, Mary was the mother of God. As we say in the Hail Mary: "Holy Mary, Mother of God."

Question 4: True or False. Mary was a teenager when the angel told her she would be the mother of God's son.

Answer: True

Question 5: When did/will the kingdom of God begin?

- a. when Jesus returns
- b. when Mary conceived Jesus in her womb
- c. when people stop sinning
- d. with Jesus' death and resurrection

Answer: B. when Mary conceived Jesus in her womb. Throughout Jesus' life, his miracles and teachings were signs that the kingdom of God had already started as soon as his birth was announced to Mary (see Mark 1:15).

Question 6: True or False. It was snowing when Jesus was born on the first Christmas in Bethlehem.

Answer: False. Bethlehem is in Israel, which is part of the Middle East where snow is uncommon – except on mountains.

Question 7: True or False. St. Francis of Assisi, who is credited with being among the first to use a crèche scene to remember the Christmas story, was present at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Answer: False. Francis is credited with being among the first to use a crèche with animals and a baby to remember the Christmas story, but he lived almost 1,200 years after Jesus was born.

Question 8: True or False. The readings at Mass for the first weeks of Advent focus on Jesus' second coming and the judgment of the world.

Answer: True. Catholics are called to examine their lives, repent, and turn to God, who will judge between the just and the unjust.

Extra Credit:

I highlighted and entitled this section "'Tis the Season." Complete this phrase "'Tis the Season _____ _____."

Answer: "to be jolly."

And with that, I hope this season is filled with much jolly!!!

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

I have been reading a book entitled The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen. The book shares a thread of Bishop Sheen's wisdom for each day of the year. In the weeks ahead, I would like to share some of his wisdom.

April 13 – "So when God pulls down the curtain on the drama of the world's redemption, He will not ask what part we played, but only how well we played the role assigned to us."

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

Parish News



Food For Friends Ministry and Operation One More will be delivering food as a gift to the Franklin families the week before Christmas.

It is our hope that we are able to bring a bit of joy during the often financially stressful, holiday season. Please consider donating non-perishable items or a cash donation. A flyer and envelopes are on the designated table in the Gathering Space.



Collection dates are November 12-December 11, with delivery on December 17. Food being collected is peanut butter/jelly, canned veggies and fruit, canned soup, canned tuna and chicken, dry pasta, pasta sauce, boxed potatoes, rice and cereal. Monetary donations are also welcome for the purchase of milk, bread and turkeys and any additional food needed to fill the bags. Checks payable to Operation One More.



Christmas Giving Tree for Family Promise and Elder Care Ministry.

Please stop by the tree to pick up a flyer that lists the needs of these ministries and/or an envelope for cash donations.



Ministry Wish List Giving Tree

There are tags with items needed to support the various ministries at our Parish. To donate, please take a tag, attach it to the item when you return it to the tree.



Not enough time to go shopping? What to get that "hard to buy a gift for" person? How about a gift that could be delivered (via mail) sometime between Feb. 2023 and Feb. 2024? For just \$25, the named recipient has a chance to win \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500 - what a gift! Tickets are available for purchase in the Church Office during open hours.

CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE #2

Weekly winner of our \$50 cash calendar raffle is St. Vincent de Paul Society. Congratulations!

Our Gifts of Mercy Community Event takes place next weekend

Following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 18th, we will have an opportunity as an entire community to offer acts of love through all fourteen Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Fourteen stations will be set up around our building for you to visit. All of these stations will aid people throughout the Rochester area. If you're coming as a family, stick together! Every activity is designed to be done together.

Please remember to bring the following 3 items with you:

- 1 can of soup or stew
- New Socks
- \$5 gift card to a supermarket like Walmart or Target

Liturgical Ministries for December 17th/18th

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please request a substitute. Thank you.

Are you interested in serving in a Resurrection Liturgical ministry? Contact Michelle Perrier, Music and Choral Director, Coordinator of Liturgy at michellep@rescathroch.org.

Lectors

8:00 pm Marilyn Baker
8:30 am Richard Miller, Josephine Washnieski
10:30 am Thomas Kelly, Denise Kelly

Greeters

8:00 pm Peter Kopischke, Lee Witter
8:30 am Nancy Brehmer, Gretchen Cutshall, Dianne Plager
10:30 am Fran Filzen, Janet Helland

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski
8:30 am Douglas Hudson
10:30 am Lynn Walston

Servers

8:00 pm Jeffrey Spaulding
8:30 am Madilyn Keller, Avery Washnieski
10:30 am Ian Teshirogi, Maggie Weick

Ushers

8:00 pm John, Kelton & Reilyn Schoenfelder
8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet
10:30 am Abby Weick, Brandon Weick, Nick Weick

Extraordinary Ministers

8:00 pm Connie Curtiss, B1, Reilyn Schoenfelder, B2 Ryann Witter, B5 (IF NO DEACON)
8:30 am Mary Lose, B1, Barbara Vareberg, B2, Michael Lose, B5 (IF NO DEACON)
10:30 am Brenda Tschann, B1, Shannon Weick, B2, Gary Tschann, B5 (IF NO DEACON)

Christmas Flower Offering

Please cut out the form and return in an envelope with your offering. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Offering For: (Please print)

Circle One

_____	In Memory/ In Honor of
(Name)	
_____	In Memory/In Honor of
(Name)	
_____	In Memory/In Honor of
(Name)	
_____	In Memory/In Honor of
(Name)	



Perpetual Eucharist Adoration Chapel

We are in need of Adorers. Call the church office at 288-5528 for more information on how to sign up for an hour of Adoration.



Dedication Candle

Dec 10th- Dec 17th
†Derek Gossman

Christmas Mass Times:

Saturday, December 24th:
4:00 pm; 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th: 9:00 am

Reconciliation:

Tuesday, December 20th 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 21st 9:00 am
Saturday, December 24th 9:15 am

Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 12 Dec</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am; Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • Faith Formation Classes Gr 1-5; 6:00 pm
<p>Tuesday 13 Dec</p>	<p>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am; Mass 8:30 am • Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • Finance Council Meeting 5:30 pm
<p>Wednesday 14 Dec</p>	<p>Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am • Rosary 8:10 am; Daily Mass 8:30 am • Elder Care Ministry Donuts/Social Hour 9:15 am • Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • Faith Formation Gr 6 - 10 6:00 pm
<p>Thursday 15 Dec</p>	<p>Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Sunday Mass Explained Study Group 9:15 am • Music Ministry 6:00 pm
<p>Friday 16 Dec</p>	<p>Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am • Daily Mass 8:30 am
<p>Saturday 17 Dec</p>	<p>Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15-10:15 am • Saturday Mass 8:00 pm
<p>Sunday 18 Dec</p>	<p>Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:30 am and 10:30 am • Deacon Rob Bible Study 9:30 am • Sunday School 10:30 am • Music Ministry 11:45 am • Gifts of Mercy Community Event 12:00 noon



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Even if you have not joined us on the daily reflections, I encourage you to join us for this event. As I mentioned at the start of Advent, these four weeks are a time for us to re-examine our relationship with Christ, both as his children and his new earthly body. Remember: one person does not make up Christ's earthly body. It is all of us, as one, holy, catholic, apostolic body that make up his hands and feet. We have a real opportunity on this day to reflect that very idea and spread God's loving mercy to a whole lot of people. So set aside these two hours to be with God, and together let us come to see Jesus in the eyes of those in need.

Song of the Week: "Christ, Shine in Our Lives"-
Chris Muglia

**Gifts of Mercy Community Event:
Sunday, December 18, 12-2pm**

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 12th	8:30 am	†David Carson
Tues	Dec 13th	8:30 am	†Michael Curtis
Wed	Dec 14th	8:30 am	†John Tazuell
Thu	Dec 15th	8:30 am	†Mary O'Neill
Fri	Dec 16th	8:30 am	†Norma Armstrong
Sat	Dec 17th	8:00 pm	†Rod & Matthew Hanson
Sun	Dec 18th	8:30 am	For the Parish
Sun	Dec 18th	10:30 am	Serra -Vocations

Community News

Volunteers are needed in Rochester to clear driveways and sidewalks for older adults. Family Service Rochester's Neighbors Helping Neighbors is looking to match volunteers with seniors in local neighborhoods. Volunteers will be assigned to clear the sidewalks and driveway of the same home after each storm this winter. Don't have the capacity to commit for the whole winter? "Substitute" snow shovelers are welcome too! To find a neighbor who needs a hand, contact Family Service Rochester at 507-287-2010 or volunteers@familyservicerochester.org

The Philippine-American Association of Rochester will have a Christmas Novena Mass on Friday, December 16th at the Co-Cathedral at St. John the Evangelist. Filipinos call the novena mass Simbang Gabi. It is a Christmas tradition in the Philippines where families would go to Church every morning or evening 9 days before Christmas in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Family members would offer up special prayers requesting blessings from the Lord. Here in Rochester, we will celebrate the Advent Season in one evening Mass.

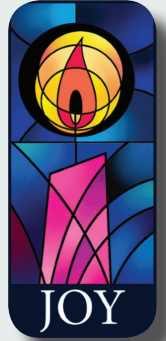
Bishop Barron will preside over the Mass. The Mass is open to all, not just Filipinos. The Mass starts at 7 pm but there is a prelude that begins at about 6:40 that includes a display of live Nativity Scene. Shortly after the Mass, a reception will be held at the St. John's school gym. All are invited to reception.

Faith Formation



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org

Third Week of Advent: Today is the day we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath and the priest wears the rose colored vestments. It is Gaudete Sunday and the readings reflect the JOY we anticipate in the arrival of Baby Jesus. The first reading tells us to "rejoice with joyful song." The second reading emphasizes that we must be patient in our waiting. We invite each member of our parish family to pause each day this week to share something that brought them joy and to thank God for it as we patiently wait for the coming of the Lord.



Grades 1-5: We have Faith Formation classes for grades 1-5 on Monday, December 12th at 6:00pm. Our seminarian, Isaiah Olsem, will be joining in some of the classrooms to observe, share, and catechize with the elementary children.



A Day to Honor Mary this week: Monday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Over 20 million people visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year, now situated on the very same hill on which she appeared. In 1990, Pope St. John Paul II visited Mexico and beatified Juan Diego. In 2000, he was declared a saint. We have a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse, WI. It is a wonderful place to learn about Our Lady and other saints. *Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us! Amen.*



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, RCIA, dresscm@rescathroch.org

Middle School Faith Formation Families— Join us for our Middle School Mission Night as a bell ringer for The Salvation Army. Sign up knowing that your time spent at the kettle provides for our neighbors in need. Thank you for your care and concern for our community. Together we make a difference. Parents— an email was sent with a sign up.

Take a picture of your service and send it to me for our bulletin.



Middle School Mission Night!

REGISTER TO
RING™

12.21.22
5-8pm @ Cub Foods
Sign up for a 15 minute time slot.
Child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.