



# The CROSSROADS

Old St. Patrick's Bulletin  
*A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop*

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 4, 2022



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 12:10 PM  
Wednesday: 7AM,  
12:10 PM (livestream),  
& 5:30 PM  
Thursday: 7 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 7 AM, 9 AM (livestream),  
11 AM, 5 (livestream),  
& 8 PM

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## This Week at OSP

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
OSP Giving Tree	Before or after any Mass   Church
Winter Coat Drive	Before all Masses   Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM   Church
Encounter Women's Spirituality Group	6:30 PM   711 W. Monroe
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM   Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM   Church
<b>Thursday</b>	
Immaculate Conception Masses	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM   Church
<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM, & 8 PM Church
OSP Giving Tree	Before or after any Mass   Church
OSP Book Club	10:30 AM   711 W Monroe
An Adult Appreciation of the Christmas Story with Fr. John Cusick	10:30 AM   625 W Adams
Young Adult Holiday Celebration	6 PM   625 W Adams

## Join the OSP Community

Welcome to Old St. Patrick's Church! It is through your presence, Old St. Pat's is able to provide compelling educational programs, invaluable Outreach services, rewarding volunteer opportunities, and spiritual nourishment for all. We are gifted by your presence. Please scan the QR code to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.



To learn more about Membership or to check your membership status at Old St. Patrick's, please contact Polly Mulhearn at [pollym@oldstpats.org](mailto:pollym@oldstpats.org)

## Don't miss a thing!

Check out "What's Happening at OSP" on the Old St. Pat's website to stay up-to-date on all upcoming events.



Find registration forms and more information on offered programming easily by scanning the QR code.

[bit.ly/OSP happenings](https://bit.ly/OSP happenings)



## OLD SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 2022

Please visit the Advent and Christmas season webpage on the Old St. Patrick's Website for important Mass information, holiday programming, articles, and resources from the Old St. Pat's Staff.



[oldstpats.org/christmas](https://oldstpats.org/christmas)



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

**Thursday, December 8th  
7 AM | 12:10 PM | 5:30 PM**

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The God in whom we believe is "the God of endurance and encouragement." Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

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## Mass Schedule

### *Advent*

#### *Weekdays*

*Tuesdays - 12:10 PM*

*Wednesdays - 7 AM | 12:10 PM | 5:30 PM*

*Thursdays - 12:10 PM*

*Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18*

*7 AM | 9 AM | 11 AM | 5 PM | 8 PM*

### *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*

*December 8th*

*7 AM | 12:10 PM | 5:30 PM*

### *Christmas Eve*

*December 24th*

*3 PM | 5 PM | Midnight*

### *Christmas Day*

*December 25th*

*7 AM | 9 AM | 11 AM*

### *Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*New Years Eve - December 31st*

*5:30 PM*

### *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - New Years Day*

*January 1st with regular Sunday Mass Times*

For more Advent and Christmas season programming and resources, please visit [www.oldstpats.org/christmas](http://www.oldstpats.org/christmas) or scan the QR code.



OLD SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH  
ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 2022







## Winter Coat Drive



Old St. Patrick's Winter Coat Drive  
December 4th | Before All Sunday Masses | Old St. Patrick's Church

Please bring winter coats for collection on December 4th. Help to keep men, women, and children protected from the cold by giving the gift of warmth this Advent and Christmas season. OSP volunteers will be available before all Sunday Masses to accept your donations.

Thank you for your generosity.

## An Adult Appreciation of the Christmas Story

An Adult Appreciation of the Christmas Story with Fr. John Cusick  
December 11th | 10:30 AM | 625 W. Adams

Join us for a special Sunday morning in Advent as Fr. John Cusick walks us through the familiar, yet somehow always new, re-telling of the Christmas Story. Employing Gospel texts and the rich tradition of Christmas lore, Fr. Cusick will tease our memory and imagination to discover anew the astounding possibility of God breaking forth into our lives.

[oldstpats.org/adult-education-ministries](http://oldstpats.org/adult-education-ministries)



## In the Quiet: Evening for Prayer



In the Quiet: Evening for Prayer  
December 21st at 6:30PM - 9:30PM in the Church

Church will be open from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, with a special time of prayer at 7:00pm dedicated to those who have died this past year while experiencing homelessness.

## Contemplative Community - Online Chapel

### Through the Advent Door

Join us in the online prayer chapel and encounter the rich treasures of this sacred season. Each chapel is like the door of an Advent calendar opening to the mystery and experience of Divine love in our lives. Pausing to be quiet, reflecting on the readings and imagery of the season, and doing it all within a welcoming community. Advent is not a sentimental waiting for the baby Jesus, it is preparing for the birth to take place within ourself.

Whether you make the chapels a regular part of your Christmas preparation or join when you are able during this busy time, you are always welcome. To view the schedule of our daily chapels and register for the Zoom link (there is no fee), please visit the Online Meditation Chapel webpage on the Old St. Pat's website.

To register, please visit: [bit.ly/OnlineChapel](https://bit.ly/OnlineChapel)

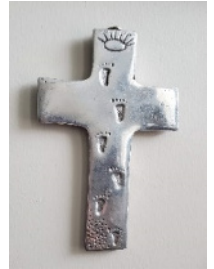




# Immigrants and Refugees: A Faith Journey

## Light two purple candles. PEACE

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another...” — Rom 15:5



Last week we reflected on how much we have in common with our migrant brothers and sisters, recognizing our own call to journey. Today’s readings are a continuing reminder of all that we share as God’s family: the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and God’s eternal vision - the wolf laying with the lamb and the child by the cobra den. (Is 11:1-10) These are powerful indications of the strength of God’s justice. And yet, here on earth immigrants and refugees are still denied welcome and dignity.

The injustice comes from those who do not recognize themselves or their place in God’s family. St. Paul makes a very insightful remark when he says that God entered as a Jew “...so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.” (Rom 15:9) So, the wolf and the cobra stand as an opportunity for God’s justice to be revealed. Docile creatures sitting together would not reveal what God’s **Peace** can overcome. Could the injustice toward immigrants also be an opportunity for God’s justice to bring **Peace**? Pray that our actions might transform the heart of the unjust and fearful.



“Peace requires the simple but powerful recognition that what we have in common as human beings is more important and crucial than what divides us.” (Sargent Shriver) Living in relationship helps us to remember what we have in common. Living in relationship brings **Peace**. Learn how to end what divides us by learning how to lobby our leaders for justice:

**Franciscan Action Network - Advocacy Resources** <https://franciscanaction.org/news-resources/advocacy-resources/>

### Let Us Pray

God of Peace, strengthen us with your vision of creation. Mold us as migrant people, journeying together, revealing your justice. Guide our words and actions as we embrace migrants and the unjust, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

## TAIZE

### ENCOUNTER HOSTS: TAIZÉ PRAYER & HAPPY HOUR

**December 28 | 6:15 PM**  
**Old St Pats Church**

On the 4th Wednesday of the month, members of Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, host Taizé Prayer, a meditative form of prayer filled with song, scripture, and silent meditation followed by a happy hour.

All are welcome!



## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



### December 11th - Second Collection

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in ministries— such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals—often

for little or no pay. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs.

Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give what you are able to give.

For more information, please visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)







## Pope Francis' Prayer for the Immaculate Conception



Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of Your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by His death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in Your presence without sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Responding to the Call - How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist -- he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

*I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.*

*I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.*

*I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.*

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raised children to Abraham from the stone. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## You Are Not Alone Divorce Support Group

December 4th | 10:30 AM | Zoom and 711 W Monroe, Room 21



Old St Pat's Divorce Support Group (YANA) is a networking group which gives one a chance to talk with other men and women who are separated or divorced which meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Topics of importance are discussed for those seeking to heal during and after one of life's most difficult transitions. Peer facilitated by those who have been there and simply wish to listen and offer encouragement. Contact Doreen Oleszczuk at [doreenoles@yahoo.com](mailto:doreenoles@yahoo.com) for additional information and Zoom link.





## Giving Tree

Old St. Pat's invites you to join us by participating in the annual Giving Tree.



Join the Old St. Patrick's Outreach Group in making Christmas merrier for the thousands of men, women and children who benefit from the many Outreach programs supported by Old St. Patrick's and staffed by numerous Old St. Pat's volunteers.

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree. Unwrapped gifts, with the Giving Tree ornament firmly attached, may be brought to the Giving Tree truck in front of the Church on any Sunday between now and Sunday, December 18.

Visit [oldstpats.org/outreach](http://oldstpats.org/outreach) for more information.

## Giving Tree Gift Wrapping

**December 18 | 6 PM - 9 PM Hughes Hall below the Church**

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of the Outreach Wrapping Party from 6-9 PM on Sunday, December 18th after the 5 PM Mass in Hughes Hall. Meet new friends while enjoying Christmas cheer and refreshments! If you have any questions about the Giving Tree or the Wrapping Party, please contact Beth Marek at [elizabethm@oldstpats.org](mailto:elizabethm@oldstpats.org)



Visit [oldstpats.org/outreach](http://oldstpats.org/outreach) for more information.

## Young Adult Holiday Celebration



**December 11 | 6 PM | 625 W Adams**

OSP Encounter Young Adults invite you to a free evening of music, food, and fun - and a chance to connect with young adults from across Old St. Pat's and the West Loop neighborhood.

Join us for 5 PM Mass on Sunday, December 11th or meet us at 625 W Adams at 6 PM for a festive night.

## Encounter Women's Spirituality Group

**December 6th | 6:30 PM**  
711 W. Monroe, 3rd Floor Library

Encounter, OSP's Young Adult Ministry, hosts a space for all women-identified folks to gather for prayer, faith sharing, and community building on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Together, we select books, podcasts, articles, and poems designed to explore and deepen our spirituality.







# Kinship Initiative - Bread of Life Breakfast



## HELP SHARE THE GIFT OF KINSHIP

December 3 & December 17 | 8 AM - NOON | 1241 S. Pulaski Road

Volunteers are needed for the Bread of Life Breakfast (Formerly "My Brother's Kitchen")



1st and 3rd Saturdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Up to 10 Old St. Pat's members and friends help set-up, prepare a hot, healthy meal, serve, clean-up and provide cheerful hospitality for 100+ guests from the North Lawndale neighborhood. Individuals and OSP ministry groups are welcome.

- LOCATION: Young Men's Education Network (YMEN), 1241 S. Pulaski Road.
- AGES : All are welcome. Those under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.
- PARKING: Free in an adjacent, fenced-in lot.
- SIGN-UP OR DONATE: [https://osp.ccbchurch.com/group\\_detail.php?group\\_id=43](https://osp.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=43)

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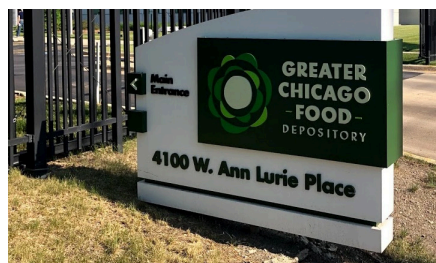
# Greater Chicago Food Depository



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*Second Tuesdays and Saturdays of every month*

**Saturday 10 December from 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM**  
**Tuesday 13 December from 9 AM to NOON**



For complete information, contact our coordinators. Please provide your email address and phone number(s)  
**Weekday:** Jim Holbrook 773.237.2625 or 312.450.4291 [jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesjholbrookjr@yahoo.com)  
**Saturday:** Mary Beth Riley 630.460.7889 [mbriley07@yahoo.com](mailto:mbriley07@yahoo.com)

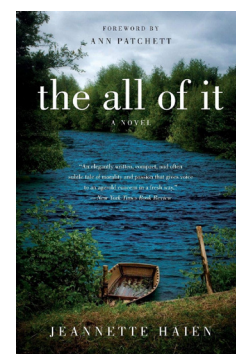
# OSP Book Club

**December 11th | 10:30 AM | 711 W Monroe, Room 24**

Join us for the OSP Book Club.

Sunday, December 11th, we will be reading "The All of It" by Jeanette Haien. All are welcome!

A sleeper hit when first published in 1986, Jeannette Haien's exquisite, beloved first novel is a deceptively simple story that has the power and resonance of myth. The story begins on a rainy morning as Father Declan de Loughry stands fishing in an Irish salmon stream, pondering the recent deathbed confession of one of his parishioners. Kevin Dennehy and his wife, Enda, have been sweetly living a lie for some 50 years, a lie the full extent of which Father Declan learns only when Enda finally confides "the all of it." Her tale of suffering mesmerizes the priest, who recognizes that it is also a tale of sin and scandal, a transgression he cannot ignore. The resolution of his dilemma is a triumph of strength and empathy that, as Benedict Kiely has said, makes The All of It "a book to remember."





## Kinship Initiative

Many thanks Old St. Pat's, from our North Lawndale Neighbors!



You ran, walked and cheered at the 15th Annual Lawndale 5K.

You supported the Fire and Ice Ball hosted by the Firehouse Community Arts Center.

You donated to the North Lawndale Athletic and Recreation Association (NLARA.org) and North Lawndale Works ([www.oldstpats.org/nlw](http://www.oldstpats.org/nlw))

You shared hospitality and meals at Hope House and the Bread of Life Breakfast.

You supported educators and students at North Lawndale College Prep High School ([nlcphs.org](http://nlcphs.org)) and Phoenix Hall.

You creatively contributed in big and small ways

Your kinship is truly transformative.



### FREE SPORTS TICKETS NEEDED

The *Trust The Process* Youth Basketball Camp, now in its 6th season, is seeking free admissions and refreshments for 30 young people for a Bulls, Sky, Notre Dame, UIC, Loyola or DePaul University basketball game. The year long camp is part of the North Lawndale Athletic and Recreation Association (NLARA) that provides nurturing environments for safe and supervised play for North Lawndale's youth. If you can help, please contact Vincent Guider, OSP's North Lawndale Kinship Initiative Director, at [vincentg@oldstpats.org](mailto:vincentg@oldstpats.org)



Learn more about the North Lawndale Athletic and Recreation Association at [NLARA.org](http://NLARA.org)

#### KINSHIP MISSION:

Through the Kinship Initiative, people of North Lawndale and Old St. Patrick's Church walk alongside one another in friendship sharing our talents, and resources to secure justice, opportunity and the transformation of our communities.







## Green Team - Sustainable Christmas 2022

“God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving, If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.” - Pope Francis



Christmas is the season of giving and sharing, a faith filled time when we rejoice at the coming of Jesus into our world, over 2,000 years ago. With a little effort, planning and ingenuity, it can also be a time of sustainability, while we celebrate the season and care for the earth. Here are some tips for spreading joy without burdening the planet, from [eartheasy.com](http://eartheasy.com) and other sources.

**Gift Giving:** Think of ways to buy fewer new things. Have a family gift exchange where each person draws the name of a single person to receive a gift. Give an experience, like tickets to a theater or dance performance, a visit to a local museum or restaurant, or membership in a local institution. Shop thrift and antique stores for one-of-a-kind gifts that don't take new resource to make. Homemade baked goods and other edibles are always appreciated. Heifer International and other organizations allow contributors to “give” animals like rabbits, goats, heifers, llamas, and chickens to needy families, so they can feed themselves and earn extra income. Shop local craft fairs and artisans, to find unique gifts, without the transportation costs that contribute to global warming.

**Home Decorating:** Buy a live rather than a plastic tree. Live trees are a renewable resource, and can be recycled for mulch, while plastic trees are made from petroleum products and when discarded, live forever in the landfill. Plus, live trees smell like Christmas! Reduce the size of outdoor lighting displays and use LED strings, including solar LED lights that run off solar power. Turn off indoor and outdoor lights at bedtime, when no one is around to appreciate them.

**Connecting with Nature:** Establish the tradition of taking a Christmas bird count, walking a set route through your neighborhood with binoculars and notebook in hand, writing down the names and numbers of every bird seen. Over the years, you will have a record of your neighborhood birds. Even young kids can contribute to this activity. Decorate a tree with food for the birds such as seed bells, suet, pine cones with peanut butter, and seed trays. Take a walk through your neighborhood or local park before the holiday meal, then talk about the walk during the meal.

**Shopping Fair Trade:** Chicago Fair Trade sponsors a holiday Pop-up Store where local vendors offer delicious food, sophisticated home goods, fashionable clothing, and toys; while supporting just wages for artisans, employment for groups at the margins, and environmental protections for everyone. This year the Pop-up Store is located at 1457 N Halsted Street at NewCity Mall. It is open from November 1 to December 24, Tuesday-Saturday from 11 am to 7 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm (closed Mondays). Fair Trade gifts give twice, to the giver and the planet.

**Meatless Mondays during the Holidays:** You can sign up for seasonal recipes and inspiration at [mondaycampaigns.org/meatless-monday/about](http://mondaycampaigns.org/meatless-monday/about) Get an email every Monday with suggestions for meatless recipes for the holidays, including curried butternut squash soup, mushroom gravy, and pumpkin sage goat cheese lasagna. Impact the planet by going meatless on Mondays!

**OSP Green Care Team Welcomes You!**  
Are you interested in sustainability and the environment? Want to be a faithful steward of our common home? Then join OSP Green Team.

For more information, contact Kayla Jackson at (312) 798-2399 or [kaylaj@oldstpats.org](mailto:kaylaj@oldstpats.org)



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**January 6, 2023**

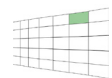
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### First Friday Club of Chicago's Mission



Provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their daily lives.



## Giving to Old Saint Patrick's Church

*"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."*

- U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops

Your generosity to Old St. Pat's is a resounding yes to God's call to faith-filled stewardship! Guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue to strive to lead a movement of change for good in our church and world. You are true collaborators in the work of sharing the loving mercy of Jesus.

Gifts to old St. Pat's help fund the myriad ministries and initiatives here at Old St. Pat's, from hosting Sunday masses to weddings and baptisms, to prayer and retreat experiences, to catechesis and sacramental preparation, to lectures, classes and workshops. Your support helps ensure we can continue to be the vibrant, welcoming, justice-minded Catholic community we strive to be.

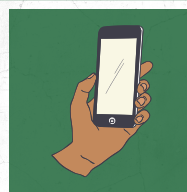


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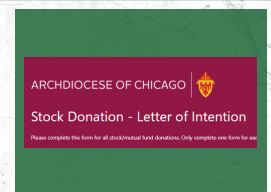
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### Sunday, December 4, 2022

Readings: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/  
Mt 3:1-12

#### Mass Remembrances:

7am: Richard Grafrath(†), Claudine Ward  
9am: Catherine Griffith (†), Marianne & Martin Timmins (†)  
11am: Eda Wiest (†), Kenneth Monarrez  
5pm: Evelyn Murphy Garrity (†),  
Peggy Brennan Dourlet (†), Leon Joseph Dourlet (†)  
8pm: Norma Hevener (†), Eileen Fill

Book of Patrick: Eileen Harmon Junkins, Ebba Harkins,  
Cathy Gallagher, Fr. Bob Purcell S.J., Michael Abrignani

### Monday, December 5, 2022

Readings: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Book of Patrick: Frank J. Murnane Sr., Anna J. Collins,  
Josephine T. Graf, Michael E. Finnegan, Helen M. Murphy,  
Nancy Rooney Klose, Don Miller, William R. Howland,  
Lawrence E. Dowd Jr., Margaret Cheney, Mary Hage Szabo,  
Jacinto S. Romero, Colleen Burns, Charles W. Burke,  
Patrick J. and Mary Ellen McGrath

### Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Readings: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

#### Mass Remembrances:

12:10pm: Robert Collins (†)

Book of Patrick: Rose and Dave Demartini, Joseph V. Leonard,  
Shanan Avery McKeaney, John M O'Connor,  
Carolyn B. Priest, Louis S. Rosen, Thomas Salt,  
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### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Readings: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

#### Mass Remembrances:

7am: Chris Rusin and Family  
12:10pm: Joseph Scialabba (†)  
5:30pm: Frank Carpanzano (†)

Book of Patrick: Martin Cain, Patrick Thomas McNamara,  
Alva & Catherine O'Toole, Julie Rouzan Pellettiere

### Thursday, December 8, 2022

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

Book of Patrick: Judy Anderer, Josephine R. Stoffregen,  
Larry Barr, Marie Callan, Gene Fanning, The Hamilton Family,  
Sinead Eavan Buchanan Hanlon, Alexis Hawkins,  
Mary Jean Healey, Robert H. Huffman III,  
Flanagan & Hurley Families, Mary Kelleher,  
Joseph Edward Kulpa, Dr. Douglas Loberg,  
Sr. Hortense Marie, Michael R. Malec McKenna,  
Barbara Ryan, William Cooke

### Friday, December 9, 2022

Readings: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Book of Patrick: Patricia Erwin, James Houlihan Sr.,  
Dan Kutansky, Mary F. O'Farrell S. H., Frank Sepanski,  
James & Lena Spagna, Mary Kay O'Neil, Emily Nykl,  
Dr. Carl E. Northcutt, Mary T. Sherwood

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

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

Book of Patrick: Baby A Galante, Thomas Brehm,  
Kara Marie Crist, Gus G. Gianaras, John A. Graf,  
Miriam Komie, Peter Muscato, Thomas O'Donnell,  
Virginia Philbin, Judith McMahon Swibes, Lucille Szura,  
Ted & Mary Weisbruch Sr., Mr. John Young

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/  
Mt 11:2-11

#### Mass Remembrances:

7am: Thomas John McKeon (†), Marilyn Cronin  
9am: Lillian M. Ryan (†), Lisa Ryan (†)  
11am: Kay Grabos (†), John O'Brien (†)  
5pm: John (Jack) Doran (†), Anthony Joseph Zack (†)  
8pm: Arthur Courtman (†), Matthew Bolotin

Book of Patrick: Michael and Samantha Bauman,  
Bernadette Bloomfield, Jeanine Budach, D. Lloyd Casey,  
Jack Kiley, Joseph J. Jureck, Lee McCann, John McIntire,  
Kenneth T. Schmidt Jr., Patrick Edward Scott,  
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#### For Those Who Are Sick

Bobi Keenan, Luci Shanahan, Jill Runke, Matthew Bolotin,  
Eric Johnson, Dennis Mottala

#### For Those Who Have Died

Louis Genesen, Judy Wiebe, Marge Ronan, Steve Grove,  
Timothy Francis Degnan, Raymond B. Nihlean

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*O Gracious God, we give you thanks  
for your overflowing generosity to us.*

*Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and  
especially for this feast today.*

*Thank you for our home and family and friends,  
especially for the presence of those gathered here.*

*Thank you for our health, our work, and our play.*

### Women and Men of Faith



Image: Saint John Damaskinos | unknown

### Saint John Damascene

*Saint of the Day for December 4, 2022*

#### Saint John Damascene's Story

John spent most of his life in the Monastery of Saint Sabas near Jerusalem, and all of his life under Muslim rule, indeed protected by it.

He was born in Damascus, received a classical and theological education, and followed his father in a government position under the Arabs. After a few years, he resigned and went to the Monastery of Saint Sabas.

He is famous in three areas:

First, he is known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images. Paradoxically, it was the Eastern Christian emperor Leo who forbade the practice, and it was because John lived in Muslim territory that his enemies could not silence him.

Second, he is famous for his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers, of which he became the last. It is said that this book is for Eastern schools what the Summa of Aquinas became for the West.

Third, he is known as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church, the other being Romanus the Melodist. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

Saint John Damascene's liturgical feast is celebrated on April 30.

#### Reflection

John defended the Church's understanding of the veneration of images and explained the faith of the Church in several other controversies. For over 30 years, he combined a life of prayer with these defenses and his other writings. His holiness expressed itself in putting his literary and preaching talents at the service of the Lord.

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