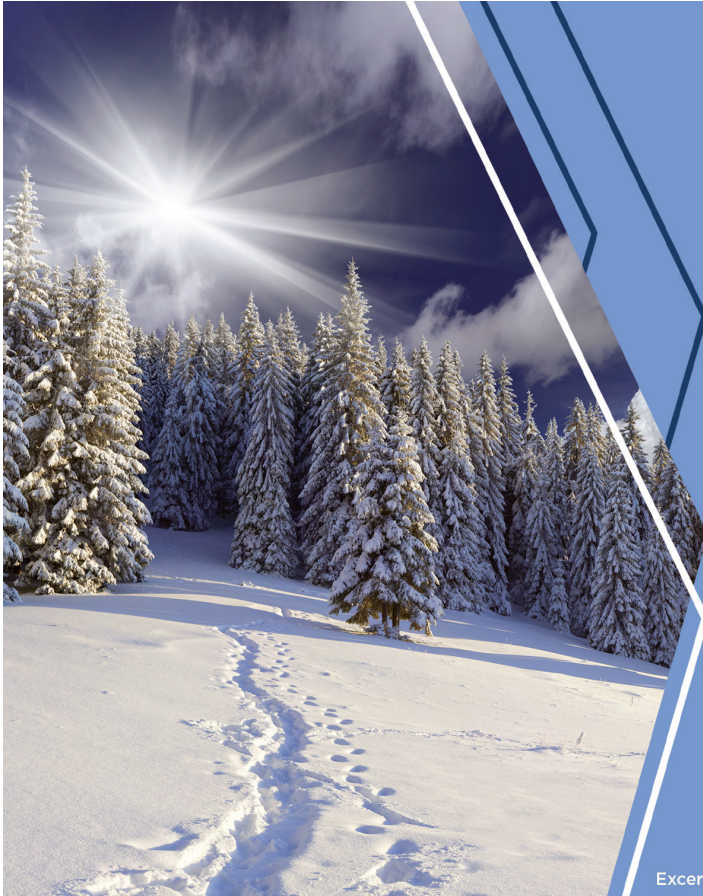




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Old St. Patrick's Bulletin
A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2022



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.”
- Mt 11:10

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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This Week at OSP

Sunday	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 8 PM Church
OSP Giving Tree	Before or after any Mass Church
An Adult Appreciation of the Christmas Story with Fr. John Cusick	10:30 AM 625 W Adams
OSP Book Club	10:30 AM 711 W Monroe
Young Adult Holiday Celebration	6 PM 625 W Adams
Tuesday	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Wednesday	
Daily Mass	7 AM, 12:10 PM, & 5:30 PM Church
Reconciliation	11:30 AM Church
Thursday	
Daily Mass	12:10 PM Church
Sunday	
Sunday Mass	7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM, & 8 PM Church
OSP Giving Tree	Before or after any Mass Church
OSP Giving Tree Wrapping	6 PM - 9 PM Hughes Hall

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

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



**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



The recording of the 29th Annual Deck The Hall Concert is now available for purchase!

To purchase access to the video, please visit oldstpats.org/deckthehall

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun His work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope, and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We can often feel parched, desolate, lifeless, and dark. Even though we still engage in the business and demands of life, we find ourselves somewhat detached, disengaged, and removed. We lack joy, wonder, awe, and zest. Rather than being an experience of freedom and excitement, life holds us captive. We are tethered to systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, and expectations that go against the grain of what it means to be God's child. We find ourselves in a desert. Jesus came to release us from all of this negativity and desolation. John the Baptist announced the arrival of the One who embodies healing, reconciliation, freedom, and life. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Prepare for the arrival of the remedy to life's despair. Be strong, fear not! Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Be patient. With proper time and care, all will be well.

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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

Advent Reconciliation Service

December 14th

6:30 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 or scan the QR code.



OLD SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH
ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 2022





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

Contemplative Community - Online Chapel

Through the Advent Door

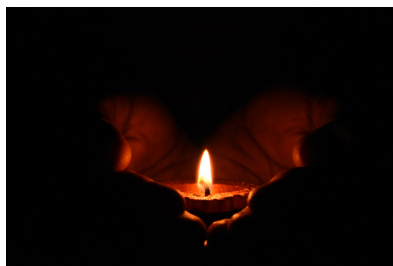
Join us in the online prayer chapel and encounter the rich treasures of this sacred season. Each chapel is like the door of an Advent calendar opening to the mystery and experience of Divine love in our lives. Pausing to be quiet, reflecting on the readings and imagery of the season, and doing it all 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: bit.ly/OnlineChapel

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.

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





Sunday, 1/8/23 Collection of Household Goods for Refugee Resettlement

Just as we did earlier in 2022, IRM will be collecting household goods needed to continue the work of resettling refugees and asylum seekers in the Chicago area in the coming year. Next week you will find a "Sign up Genius" link to select and donate items and avoid duplicates; then plan to bring your items to OSP's Hughes Hall on Sunday, January 8 between noon-2pm. More details coming soon!



Heartland Alliance Volunteers Needed

Have you been wanting to volunteer, but just haven't found the right opportunity? This may be something that interests you ... Heartland Alliance, one of our partners in aiding refugees, is looking for tutors to teach English As a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship tutors remotely. Requirements are:



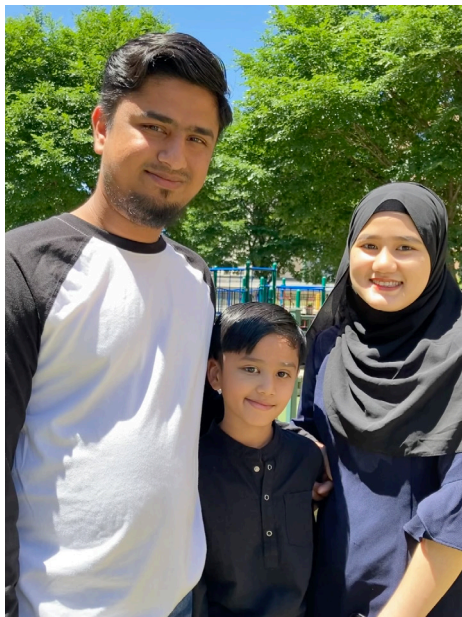
- One-two hours a week of volunteering for a minimum of three months;
- 12 hours of pre-service training;
- Attend a volunteer orientation (held one Thursday per month 5:30-7pm; but a pre-recorded orientation can be arranged with advance notice).

For more information please contact Emily, Refugee Volunteer Literacy Coordinator, Heartland Alliance Human Care Services at ecasaletto@heartlandalliance.org or 708-490-9631.

XVII Annual Posada on Friday, December 16, 2022 (11am-12:30pm) Starts at 101 W Ida B. Wells Drive (Homeland Security Building) and ends at Old St. Pat's

The Archdiocese of Chicago invites you to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who—as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—have been knocking on the doors for legislative shelter, or "Posada," year after year. To livestream the Posada via Facebook live on 12/16, visit facebook.com/pastoral.migratoria.

If you are interested in volunteering for hospitality duties at the end of the parade (around 1pm), please contact Kayla Jackson at kaylaj@oldstpats.org for more information.



Update on Our family from Myanmar

Happy to report that Azimah (mom), Norhan (dad) and little Azimi (now in kindergarten) are each doing very well. Earlier this year Norhan began his job as a service advisor with one of the biggest Jiffy Lubes in the Chicago area and his superiors report that his skills have improved and he has recently been promoted to Assistant Manager. The family also purchased a car and Norhan has also been supplementing the family's income by driving for Uber on the weekends—they're saving to buy a home!

The Immigration & Refugee Ministry (IRM) is so grateful to Old St. Pat's members for their generous, ongoing support of our efforts—a sincere thanks to all—the need is great.

Please go to oldstpats.org. Click on GIVE TO OSP (upper right-hand corner). Click on GIVE ONLINE and select IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FUND from the drop-down menu.

If you are interested in supporting our efforts as a volunteer or have any ideas or questions, please contact Kayla Jackson at kaylaj@oldstpats.org



Immigrants and Refugees: A Faith Journey



Light two purple candles and one pink candle. JOY

“Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” — Jas 5:8

We are at Gaudete Sunday, the day of Joy. We have much to be joyful about...we are halfway through Advent. Emmanuel, our migrating God, is close! Isaiah exclaims that the deserts will bloom with flowers, the blind will see, the deaf will hear. “Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you.” (Is 35:4) With this type of excitement it is easy to get caught up in individualism: I can’t wait to rejoice, I will be saved, I...I...I.



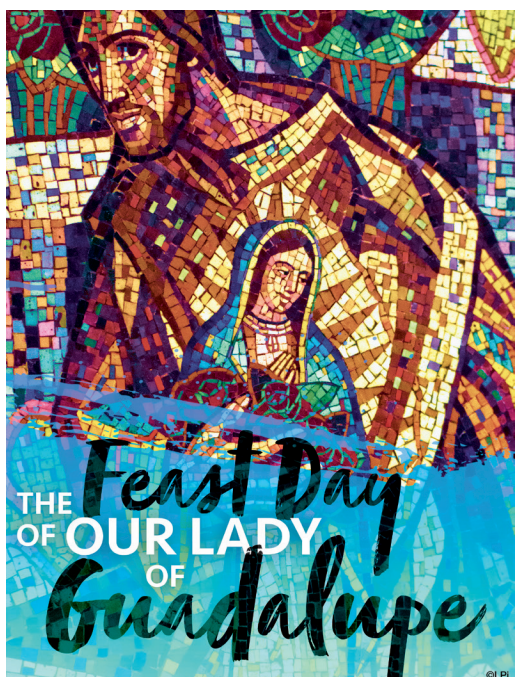
But God’s vision is not yet at hand. We still have work to do. James reminds us “Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.” (Jas 5:9) Now that we recognize our common heritage of journeying, it is clearer that our role is to prepare, together, as God’s family and creation. Lobby or engage with those who support unjust policies. Learn recent Root Causes (https://www.hopeborder.org/_files/ugd/e07ba9_eb86b70a7fbc4566ad4b07b6ef07732a.pdf) and talking points to advocate for justice. Write to your leaders for action: petition to Biden (<https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html>) or write a Letter to your local editor (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IMfbnH9Ywxd3gEjVsx7Zy_9rb3otmfS3eR7U7mxKC-E/edit). Trust that your actions are accompanied by God’s justice.

This Monday is also the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. Read or listen to her story, Mother of all Humanity (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2018-12/our-lady-of-guadalupe-feast-day-mexico-america.html>). Participate in a cultural celebration of Guadalupe at a parish near you. Recognize her passion for the lowly in her song: the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) (<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/the-magnificat-canticle-of-mary>). It reflects the Joy in her heart when the angel announced God’s journey for her. It reflects her faith that the lowly will be raised, and the unjust will be met by God’s justice.

Let Us Pray

God Emmanuel, we wait in Joyful hope, for you are near. We rejoice that all your family journey together. Thank you for the strength and faith of immigrants and refugees. Guide us all with justice until we rest in you. Amen.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations | December 11-12, 2022



Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Des Plaines)

December 11: Vigil celebrations at 8PM, 9:30PM, 10PM, 11PM
(in Spanish and Bilingual)

December 12: Mass, Rosary, processions starting at midnight and throughout the day and into the evening

St. Pius V (Pilsen, Chicago)

December 11: Vigil Rosary at 6PM, Mass at 7PM

December 12: 12AM Mass and Mananitas
5AM Mass and Mananitas
6PM Procession
7PM Mass of the Roses

St. Agnes of Bohemia (Little Village, Chicago)

December 12: 5:00 AM - Mañanitas and Mass

Additional Masses 12:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM

St. Peter’s in the Loop (110 W Madison Street, Chicago)

December 12: Masses at 7:30AM, 11:40AM, and 1:15PM;
reception follows 1:15 PM





Responding to the Call - The Season That Gives Back

*I don't have anything left to give.
You can't pour from an empty cup.
All I do is give. Who is giving to me?*

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career, or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons -- seasons of the year, but also seasons of life -- that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability -- maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was deleted brings new life.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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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 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

Visit 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.

OSP Book Club

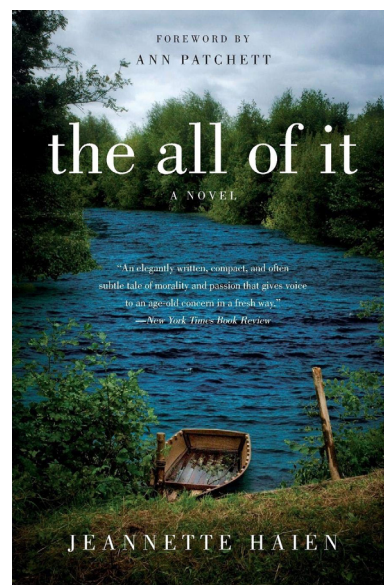
December 11th | 10:30 AM | 711 W Monroe, Room 24

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."



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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)

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XVII ANNUAL POSADA

Seeking Immigration Reform
You are our dwelling, O Lord

Friday, December 16, 2022

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

101 West Ida B. Wells Drive

Join us in walking and praying in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who—as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—have been knocking on the doors for legislative shelter, or “Posada,” year after year. This year Pastoral Migratoria from the Archdiocese of New York and Baltimore will join us simultaneously to elevate our voices for immigration reform.

ROUTE

USCIS Chicago Field Office (101 West Ida B. Wells Drive)

Metropolitan Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren Street)

DePaul University (1 East Jackson Boulevard)

Federal Plaza (West Adams Street and South Dearborn Street)

Old St. Patrick's Church (700 West Adams Street)

To livestream the Posada via FB Live on December 16, visit the [Pastoral Migratoria Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/pastoral.migratoria) (facebook.com/pastoral.migratoria). For more information, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/annual-posada. For any questions, please contact Mauro Pineda at mpineda@archchicago.org or Raymundo Valdez at rvaldez@archchicago.org.





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 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 mondycampaigns.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



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How the Holy Spirit
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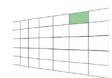
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- U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops

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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.

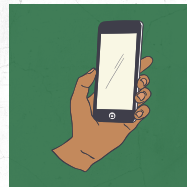


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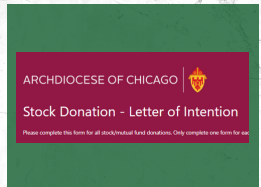
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Sunday, December 11, 2022

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, Bridget O'Keefe & James Patrick Sepich, James & Marian C. Shannon, Rev. Huey T. Thomas Sr., Shirley and Robert Widner, Jean Roll

Monday, December 12, 2022

Readings: 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

Book of Patrick: Mary Ann Butler, Charlie Donovan, Mary M. Dowd, Andrew E. Ferretti, Cathleen Kahn Healey, Dallas N. Johnson, Louis & Judith Murdock, Julie Rouzan Pelletiere, Linda Potaniec, John Hinchey Sullivan Sr., June Weinrauch, Helen Wardzala Anderson

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Readings: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/
Mt 21:28-32

Book of Patrick: Maurren McIntyre, Alyssa Marie Pohl Barrett and Matthew Julian Barrett, Bart F. Brizzolara, Don Cassidy, Cyril Gazarek, Dennis W. Griffin, James F. Halpin, Cathleen Kahn Healey, James J. Holbrook, Stanley Lewandowski, Carlo Paoli, C. Richard Stark, John Zordani, Stephen E. Leonard, Patrick Kennedy

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Readings: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 7:18b-23

Mass Remembrances:

1am: Dr. John Nilsen (†)
12:10pm: Aleta Nawrot (†)

Book of Patrick: Mr. & Mrs. Pat Burke, Martin Curran, Dino D'Angelo, Tiffany Foley, Helen R. Hanlon, John Jurkash, Richard and Colleen Kathe, Patrick A. Rappe, Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Sirotek, Bridget and Ray Wicklander, Candace Greene-Robinson, James T. Round Sr.

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Readings: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
Lk 7:24-30

Book of Patrick: Colleen Burns, Cantwell Family, Mary Minogue Creedon, Mary Frances Daneher, Nancy Grek Gall, Sharon Sullivan Haggerty, Megan Ann Hays, George W. McEntee, Frances Anna Obrochta, Phelan Family, Mary Puccio, Robert J. Quinn, David Raasch, William J. Riley Sr., Mareve Driscoll, Richard Baker

Friday, December 16, 2022

Readings: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36

Book of Patrick: Arthur Caprio, Bonnie and Bill Facinelli, Marilou and Henry von Ferstel, Petra M. Blix, Benjamin Gruber & Baby Madeline Gruber, Jack Harney, Beth Katsaros, John Richard Kearns, Rev. Philip E. Lawler, Daniel Love, Thomas Ryan, Mary A. Walsh, Kimberly Broschous Jordan, Richard Riddering, Carolyn Etten

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Book of Patrick: Thomas Broderick, Thomas J. Cashman, William & Suzanne Cavanaugh, Harry Cristol, Anna Marie DeVries, Chip Kerrigan, Robert McKiddy, Mildred Palenik, Mark L. Tosato, Erin Skibinski, Donna McNealy Cook

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Readings: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

Mass Remembrances:

7am: Norma Hevener (†)
9am: Eugene E. Ryan, Sr. (†), Lois M. Guerin (†)
11am: Kenneth Monarrez, Barbara Saunders (†)
5pm: Carolyn Etten (†), Barbara Ann Saunders. (†)
8pm: Rick Miller (†), Claudine Ward

Book of Patrick: Jacqueline Johnson, Mike Coan, Mary Joyce Kenneally, Thomas McCauley, Verona Quast, Ruth Fischer, Joshua Busch, Josephine Nocula

Prayer Requests

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: Lithograph of Pope Saint Damasus I | Pedro Augusto Guglielmi

Saint Damasus I

Saint of the Day for December 11, 2022

Saint Damasus I's Story

To his secretary Saint Jerome, Damasus was "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure." Damasus seldom heard such unrestrained praise. Internal political struggles, doctrinal heresies, uneasy relations with his fellow bishops and those of the Eastern Church marred the peace of his pontificate.

The son of a Roman priest, possibly of Spanish extraction, Damasus started as a deacon in his father's church, and served as a priest in what later became the basilica of San Lorenzo in Rome. He served Pope Liberius (352-366) and followed him into exile.

When Liberius died, Damasus was elected bishop of Rome; but a minority elected and consecrated another deacon, Ursinus, as pope. The controversy between Damasus and the antipope resulted in violent battles in two basilicas, scandalizing the bishops of Italy. At the synod that Damasus called on the occasion of his birthday, he asked them to approve his actions. The bishops' reply was curt: "We assembled for a birthday, not to condemn a man unheard." Supporters of the antipope even managed to get Damasus accused of a grave crime—probably sexual—as late as A.D. 378. He had to clear himself before both a civil court and a Church synod.

As pope, his lifestyle was simple in contrast to other ecclesiastics of Rome, and he was fierce in his denunciation of Arianism and other heresies. A misunderstanding of the Trinitarian terminology used by Rome threatened amicable relations with the Eastern Church, and Damasus was only moderately successful in dealing with that challenge.

During his pontificate, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman state, and Latin became the principal liturgical language as part of the pope's reforms. His encouragement of Saint Jerome's biblical studies led to the Vulgate, the Latin translation of Scripture which 12 centuries later the Council of Trent declared to be "authentic in public readings, disputations, preaching."

Reflection

The history of the papacy and the Church is inextricably mixed with the personal biography of Damasus. In a troubled and pivotal period of Church history, he stands forth as a zealous defender of the faith who knew when to be progressive and when to entrench.

Damasus makes us aware of two qualities of good leadership: alertness to the promptings of the Spirit, and service. His struggles are a reminder that Jesus never promised his Rock protection from hurricane winds nor his followers immunity from difficulties. His only guarantee is final victory.

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