



Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;
Wednesdays: 6:30 pm; Saturdays: 4:30 pm; Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am



John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness
Gustav Doré (French, 1832-1883), 1867
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I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen
the thongs of his sandals. *Luke 3:16*

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

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PARISH OFFICE

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SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a hospital visit or
the Sacrament of Anointing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion is brought to homebound & residents of Villa Rose,
Cedarhurst and Hollybrook on first Fridays for those
unable to attend Mass. Call parish office to request.

BAPTISM

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office
to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:30 pm—4:15 pm & by appointment.

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 11	Advent Weekday
4:30 pm	Anna Holmes
Sun., Dec. 12	Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Edward & Marguerite Clark
Mon., Dec. 13	St. Lucy
8:30 am	Bill Klunk, Sr.
Tues., Dec. 14	St. John of the Cross
8:30 am	Louis Rexing
Wed., Dec. 15	Advent Weekday
6:30 pm	Don Beste
Thur., Dec. 16	Advent Weekday
8:30 am	Helen Stalcup
Fri., Dec. 17	Advent Weekday
8:30 am	Noah Rogers (L)
Sat., Dec. 18	Advent Weekday
4:30 pm	Nelson Gregory
Sun., Dec. 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Tom Connoyer

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Maxine Calhoun, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Toni Stanford, Tim Phillips, Kennedy Stalcup, William Henderson, Helen Nagy, Peggy Ruhmann, Mike Byers, Bea Albarado, Lyla Ross, Debra Walker, Audrey Wolff, Marie DeClue, Renee Harshbarger, Lisa Curtis. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at re-joy128@gmail.com**



Mass Schedule

Christmas, December 24-25:

Friday, Dec. 24: 4:30 pm, 9:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 25: 9:00 am

Sunday, December 26:

8:30 am, 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, December 31

4:30 pm

Saturday-Sunday, January 1-2

4:30 pm, 8:30 am, 10:30 am

Notes: 1) NO 4:30 pm Mass on December 25
2) Only ONE Mass for the Solemnity of Mary and it is NOT a holy day of obligation.

Do You Know Your Faith?

(Match the answers)

**A. Simeon B. Herod C. Zechariah
D. David E. Balthasar**

1. What was the genealogical line of which Jesus came?
2. Who was the king when Jesus was born?
3. Name one of the Wise Men.
4. Who took the baby Jesus in his arms in the temple?
5. Who was the father of John the Baptist?

Father Tom

SCRIP For Christmas—Last Call!

SCRIP (gift) cards are available in parish office (8:30-4:00) the following days until Christmas: **December 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21.** We will place only one more order to ensure Christmas delivery and that will be **December 13th.** Cards may also be purchased from your mobile device by setting up an account at: **shop-withscrip.com** The enrollment Code for OLQP is: **1D453C2B1859.** Once your account is set up, download the mobile app: **www.RaiseRight.com** SCRIP may then be purchased right on your phone or mobile device and many can be then mailed to your home or printed out. Questions/to order, call the office at 377-6519.

Practicing the Presence of God

...The Lord is in your midst ...Zephaniah 3:15

Some saints and favored souls are given an infused grace in which they continually sense the presence of God. Thus, they are palpably aware of the Divine presence throughout their lives. This is a great grace.

But the spiritual writers tell us that this "presence of God" can also be acquired by practice. As we go about our day, we thus remind ourselves that God is present. Slowly, we become aware the God is indeed with us. This presence gives us a sense of calm, peace and even joy. What God has infused in some of the great saints, God offers to each of us.

Periodically throughout your day, take a moment to relax, breathe and open you "spiritual senses." God is indeed with you.

Heavenly Father, I know that you are with me. Open my eyes to see your face; open my ears to hear your Word; open my heart to feel your loving presence.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti, Living Faith

Sunday Offerings

Week 23	Dec. 4-5, 2021	Total to Date
Loose	\$418.15	\$8,854.17
Envelopes	\$17,409.00	\$222,840.25
On Line Giving	\$3,743.00	\$66,284.00
Young People	\$24.36	\$129.90
Total	\$21,594.51	\$298,108.32
Operating Budget	\$14,477.83	\$332,990.09
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,384.62	\$31,846.26
Difference	(\$5,732.06)	(\$66,728.03)

**Total Envelopes received: 156 of 763
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$170.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$590.00**

Liturgical Ministries

4:30 pm	Saturday, December 18
Lector	Tim Zacha
E.Ministers	Rich & Sue Hayes
Ushers	Dale Osborne, Dan Rogers Brad & Teri Fulk
Rosary	Jim Albarado
Music	Adult Choir
8:30 am	Sunday, December 19
Lector	Joe Grabowski
E. Ministers	Carol Beste, Jay McCurdy
Ushers	Steve Norris, Loren Summers Marla Baker, Raeann Summers
Rosary	Andy Kerkemeyer
Music	Craig/Kris
10:30 am	Sunday, December 19
Lector	Sonya Hagaman
E. Ministers	Kateri Dance Lee Friedel
Ushers	Ron & Renee Harshbarger Brad & Brenda Goodman
Music	Praise Team

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Pat Devine, husband of Amy.
May God grant him eternal rest.



Catholic Children's Home

The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to aid, protect and care for the needs, education and welfare of dependent, neglected, abused or otherwise hurting children and families without regard to poverty, riches, race, religion or national origin.

Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better day to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and ensure that they have a brighter hope for the future.

A Prayer

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word." Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say "Yes" and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen

Reflection on the Readings

*"He will rejoice over you with gladness."
(Zephaniah 3:17)*

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is Latin for "rejoice". Today, we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, the priest wears rose vestments, and the whole Church invites us to celebrate.



Of course, we should celebrate; we're more than halfway to Christmas! But, in today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah tells us that God is rejoicing as well. Let's consider how:

The Lord rejoices because the time of waiting is over. Just as God's people longed for the Messiah, think about how much Jesus longed for the time to come for him to be born (Galatians 4:4)! How happy he must be that his desire to forge an unbreakable covenant with us was fulfilled when he came to earth and redeemed humanity.

The Lord rejoices when we invite him to come into our lives. He exults when we accept the salvation he has won for us. Each person who turns to him makes the Lord's heart sing with gladness.

The Lord rejoices each time he renews us in his love. He delights to take each wound and heal it, to take each sin and forgive it, to take each hurt and soothe it. Every time we come to him with our needs or open our hearts to his healing, he rejoices.

The Lord rejoices because he can share his heavenly life with us. Imagine his immense gladness in welcoming his brothers and sisters into his presence when their earthly journey is finished. Each human life is precious to him, and he celebrates the prospect of sharing the goodness of eternal life with each of us.

The Lord rejoices at being in our midst. He has not only become man and walked the earth among us, but he dwells in us through his Holy Spirit. This is personal—he exults to be near you today, to be part of your life. And you can rejoice because he rejoices.

"Jesus, I rejoice with you as we approach the celebration of your birth!"

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Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. David
2. Herod
3. Balthasar
4. Simeon
5. Zechariah

Flower Memorials



Memorial donations to purchase poinsettias for the altar may be made to the parish office. Jot down the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Usual offering, \$10.

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