



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

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

There will be signs in the sun,
the moon, and the stars.
When these signs
begin to happen,
stand erect and
raise your heads
because your
redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



FIRST Sunday OF *Advent*

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am—4:00 pm
Closed 12-1 for Lunch

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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.

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 27	Weekday in Ordinary Time 4:30 pm Louis Rexing
Sun., Nov. 28	First Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Don Beste 10:30 am For the Parishioners
Mon., Nov. 29	Advent Weekday 8:30 am Jerry Flowers
Tues., Nov. 30	St. Andrew 8:30 am Gene Underhill
Wed., Dec. 1	Advent Weekday 6:30 pm Larry Eaves
Thur., Dec. 2	Advent Weekday 8:30 am John Perkhiser
Fri., Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier 8:30 am Jill Lefringhouse
Sat., Dec. 4	Advent Weekday 4:30 pm Bob Zakrzewski
Sun., Dec. 5	Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Barbara Toppmeyer 10:30 am For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Maxine Calhoon, 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 & Ralph Ruhmann, Mike Byers, Bea Albarado, Lyla Ross, Debra Walker, Audrey Wolff, Marie DeClue, Renee Harshbarger. **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 rejoy128@gmail.com**



MISSY'S 1ST ANNUAL FROSTY 5K & MERRY MILE
Saturday, Dec. 11, Bethalto Municipal Park, 5K to begin at 5 pm, rain or shine. Fun run will start after 5K. \$20/entry fee postmarked by 12/1/21 for guaranteed high performance shirt (5K only). Youth participants receive cotton t-shirt. \$25/registration fee after 12/1/21 late and race day. Shirts limited availability. Registration forms can be found in the church and school offices and church vestibules.

Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope

Nov. 27-28. As Catholics, we are called upon to care for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. The campaign gives all of us an opportunity to help our neighbors in need. This past August, 21 organizations throughout the diocese were offered grants from the money donated to last year's collection. These are organizations who feed the hungry, provide clothing to those in need, give shelter to women who are victims of human trafficking, and organizations that educate and encourage women to choose life for their unborn baby. Giving generously brings hope and helps individuals break out of their cycle of poverty.

Dear Parishioners, Do You Know Your Faith? (All answers begin with 'T')

1. What is the English translation for the Greek word Eucharist?
2. What structure did Solomon build?
3. How many Great Commandments are there?
4. What is the word for the Study of God?
5. What structure was being built to reach the Heavens?

Father Tom

Ministry Calendar/Schedule

We are in **urgent need** for volunteers to signup for the ministries for the Christmas through Jan. 2 Masses. To signup, go to OLQPBethalto.org, click on the Parish tab, then Ministry Schedule. If you are unable to signup online, call or text Brenda Tebbe, 618-407-0233, email: btebbe8356@att.net or call the parish office, 377-6519.

Attention 8th Graders- Marquette Catholic High School Incoming Freshman Entrance Exam Saturday, December 4, 8:30 a.m.

Register online: www.marquettecatholic.org under Admissions.
For more information, please contact Karen Coles, 618-463-0585 x2 or kcoles@mymchs.org

Come join us for a trip to Italy!

September 4-17, 2022 (14 days). Approximate cost: \$4,495 (Includes meals, travel, lodging, and fees)

Cities included on this trip: Rome, Positano, Capri, Pompei, Assisi, Siena, Pisa, Florence, Capena. **Highlights of the trip:** St. Peter's Basilica, Papal Audience, Mass at St. Peter's, Ferry to Capri, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Michelangelo's David and much more! Space is limited. Contact Amy Frisch, 618-444-7715, with questions or to sign up!



Auction Committee Meeting

Tues, Dec 7th at 6:30 pm in church basement.
All are invited, please come and help make this a success.

Buy SCRIP For Christmas

SCRIP cards make the best Christmas gifts!!

For a limited time, \$5 & \$10 Cards from the following retailers are available to order. **\$5 cards:** Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone, Panera Bread, Starbucks, Taco Bell. **\$10 cards:** Amazon.com, Applebee's, CVS, Darden, The Home Depot, IHOP, Meijer, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Regal, Safeway, Target, Walmart.

A detailed list of all the SCRIP we carry in stock & more information on how to purchase online can be found on a flyer at the church entrances or in the parish office, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am—4:00 pm. For more information about the SCRIP program, go to shop-withscrip.com or call the parish office, 618-377-6519.

Liturgical Ministries

4:30 pm	Saturday, December 4
Lector	Pat Beiermann
E.Ministers	Jim & Bea Albarado
Ushers	John Harshbarger, Tim Kallal Carmen Graham, Mary Gulash
Rosary	Becky Gray
Music	Kathy/Tami
8:30 am	Sunday, December 5
Lector	Ann Payne
E. Ministers	Marce & Brenda Tebbe
Ushers	Dan & Martha Smith Joe Grabowski, Ray Meyer
Rosary	Marce Tebbe
Music	Adult Choir
10:30 am	Sunday, December 5
Lector	Alyssa Smith
E. Ministers	Brad Fulk, Marge Kirby
Ushers	Kathy Wilson, Diane Waldo Tim & Tammy Sasek
Music	Praise Team

HEY LADIES

Thursday, Dec. 2, 6:30 pm, all ladies of the parish are invited to an evening of fellowship and prayer. This evening is sponsored by the women of our ACTS community. Feel free to bring a snack and/or drink or not at all is OK too! Hope to see you!!!

Toy Barrels

The Toy donation barrels for Community Hope Center Christmas Toy Giveaway have arrived and are in the back of church. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

The Christmas Stories in Matthew and Luke National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center, Tuesdays, Dec 7 & 14, 10 am – 12 Noon, presented by Mark Etling, PhD, The story of Christmas in our time is filled with joy and wonderment about the birth of Jesus. Mary and Joseph are visited by angels; the birth of the Child is announced to shepherds by the heavenly choirs; astrologers from the East come to worship Jesus because they have seen his star; his life is threatened by the treachery of King Herod.



Yet in their original context the Christmas stories are risky, even dangerous tales of treason against the Roman Empire, and the beginning of the restoration of God's sovereignty in Israel. In this two-part series we will explore the dramatic stories of Jesus' birth as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Cost: \$20 for series; \$10 per session. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

A Prayer for Advent

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart. Amen.

Reflections on the Readings

We Christians love a good paradox. At the start of each liturgical year, we begin with the end. While the world soothes us with serene Christmas images, the First Sunday of Advent warns us of the end of days when "people will die of fright" (Luke 21:26). O, what joy?!

By starting Advent focused on the end of the world, we prepare for more than just Jesus's birth. We ready ourselves for Christ's coming at the fullness of time. Here we have another paradox. For those who have strengthened their hearts with love for all (second reading), that final day is one of hope, not fear.

Advent's call to conversion reveals that each day of our lives is an advent in which we must look for the signs of earthly powers being shaken that signal the Spirit bringing about God's reign. In this passage from Luke's Gospel, the Greek word used for "world" is not the usual *kosmos* but *oikoumene*, related to political and economic structures.

When the Son of God enters human history, our comfortable systems are turned upside down. The mighty are brought low and the lowly lifted up. When we see these structures that privilege the powerful crumbling to dust, let us not die of fright but raise our heads with joyful hope, for our redemption is at hand.

*–Diana Macalintal,
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Be Vigilant

"Do not become drowsy from . . . The anxieties of daily life . . ." **Luke 21:34**

It is very easy to get caught up in the daily anxieties of the world. These days, there is a lot to be anxious about!

But in Advent, we step back for a moment and refocus. Where are we ultimately headed? What is of greatest importance? Once again, we are reminded of how transitory all our daily concerns are.

We are headed for God's eternity; God must be first in our lives. So, we take a deep breath and relax. We may have been too tense, too preoccupied, too concerned with everyday life.

When we relax and open our spiritual eyes to God's presence, we become spiritually "awake". In Advent, and always, we are called to be vigilant.

Heavenly Father, let me always be vigilant with my eyes fixed on you, until the day when you finally call me home.

*Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti
Living Faith
October, November, December 2021*

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Thanksgiving
2. The Temple in Jerusalem
3. Two
4. Theology
5. Tower of Babel

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