

SUNDAY BULLETIN DECEMBER 8, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, December 10—Our Lady of Loreto

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 11—St. Damasus I

NO MASS

Thursday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

NO MASS

Friday, December 13—St. Lucy

8:15 AM—Chris Rupp+

Saturday, December 14—St. John of the Cross

6:50 AM—Gloria Gay Johnston+ **Rorate Mass**

5:00 PM—People of the Parish (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, December 15—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM— Sharron Stedem+

10:00 AM—Gilbert Lauhoff+

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Scripture Readings
Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.”

THIS WEEK’S SAINTS

December 11: Pope St. Damasus I

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.

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.”

December 12 : Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan’s uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover,

and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop’s presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

December 13: St. Lucy

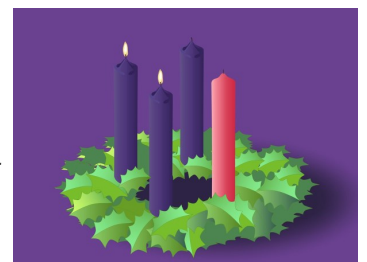
Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name *Lucy*.

December 14: St. John of the Cross

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John’s spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.



SUNDAY BULLETIN- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES DECEMBER 14-15		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Graham Randolph Evan Randolph
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Jude Lentz Gunner Brobst
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Ivan Dickerson Dominic Robinson Burke Beetsma Jameson Marshall Thatcher Rardon Rowdy Miller AJ Warren

IN LOVING MEMORY

Gloria Gay Johnston
June 4, 1936
November 11, 2024

Aline T. Moffatt
January 15, 1930
November 25, 2024

Rev. Mr. Floyd 'Jerry' Davis
September 27, 1935
December 4, 2024

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

Our school Christmas programs are right around the corner! Everyone is invited to join us in the school auditorium: Thursday, **December 12**, K-3rd grade and Monday, December 16, 4-8th grade choir and 5-8th grade band.

And the winners of the half hogs from the 8th grade fundraiser are....**Barbara Baxter and Yulia Peniston!** We are grateful to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the half hogs. A special thanks goes out to Tina Livestock and to David and Jenny Buttman for the processing! It really helped us out on our fundraising!

We ended our Middle School basketball season on Tuesday, Dec. 3. We hosted Trenton Middle School. Both games were well played and close in score throughout. Bishop Hogan girls lost by one point in the final seconds. BH boys lost by 14. It has been a good season and we are proud of our kids! We appreciate Aaron Douglas, Kent Lauhoff, Kevin Goad, and Sonya Daley for coaching. We couldn't have basketball or cheerleading teams without adults who are willing to donate their time to work with these young people. They have had a positive impact on them!

The Livingston County Commission is funding an additional School Resource Officer for Chillicothe Elementary School and Andrea McElroy, a part-time School Resource Officer for Chula, Southwest, and Bishop Hogan schools to share, via the opioid Settlement Funds. Although we don't know the schedule, Mrs. McElroy will begin in January and be available for Safety talks, the D.A.R.E. program, and other resources. May your blessings be abundant! Pam Brobst, Principal

LECTOR SCHEDULE DECEMBER 8	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Steve Palmer
Sun. 10am	Melanie Warren

RORATE MASS

Saturday, December 14, 6:50AM

Please note the change of Mass time.

A Rorate Caeli Mass is **traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. Mass begins in darkness before sunrise, with only candles lighting the church to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of the "Light of the World." As Mass progresses, the church becomes brighter until the risen sun fills it with the light of day.

PARISH POT LUCK

Join us next week across the street after Mass. All ages are welcome! The gym and games are available for kids with plenty of tables for the adults to talk. Bring a dish or two to share and mark your calendar! Pot Luck gatherings are the 3rd Sundays of the month. Hope to see you this winter but especially Sunday the 15th!



Weekly Offering

December 1

Offertory \$8,295

Property Maint \$2

Birthright \$102

*November Income/
Expense*

Income \$80,287

Expense \$95,540

*Income over (under)
Expense (\$15,253)*

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