

The image features three lit purple candles in the center, with bright yellow flames. They are set against a blue stained glass window with a grid pattern. The base of the candles is decorated with greenery and purple flowers. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

FILL US ALL WITH

Joy

Prayer of Pope Francis

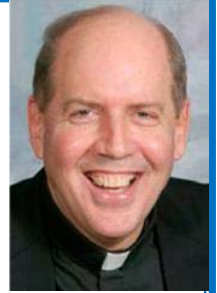
*O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You , Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.*

Amen



FROM OUR PASTOR.....

SIX MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS (All Masses live-streamed at Annunziata.org)



Every year on Christmas Eve, families start to arrive an hour or two before the start of Mass. By the time of the opening hymn, our Church is packed. The Faithful are standing in the aisles, across the back, and out the door onto the front deck.

Considering the circumstances of the Covid-19 safety restrictions, we cannot accommodate more than 80 persons for social distancing reasons, no one may stand in the aisle, everyone must wear a mask except to receive Holy Communion, and Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew. Unfortunately, the baby and children's room next to the Sanctuary must remain closed. The Church will be sanitized after every Mass, as we always do.

PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO A MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses on Christmas Eve are at
Three (3 p.m.), Four-Thirty (4:30 p.m.), and Ten (10:00 p.m.)
Masses on Christmas Day are at
Seven (7:00 a.m.), Nine (9:00 a.m.) and Eleven (11 a.m.).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PSR SECOND GRADE

Last Wednesday our girls and boys in our second grade Parish School of Religion received the Sacrament of God's Mercy and Loving Forgiveness. We are very proud of them, their parents, and their teacher, Mr. Richard McIntosh. Without in person classes, it was challenging, but had a wonderful outcome. Thank You!

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

In addition to our regular Saturday confession time of 3:30 to 4:45, confessions will be offered after all Advent Sunday Masses. THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th, there will be three priests available in Church from 6 to 8 p.m. in order to give the opportunity to receive God's loving Mercy.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"). Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

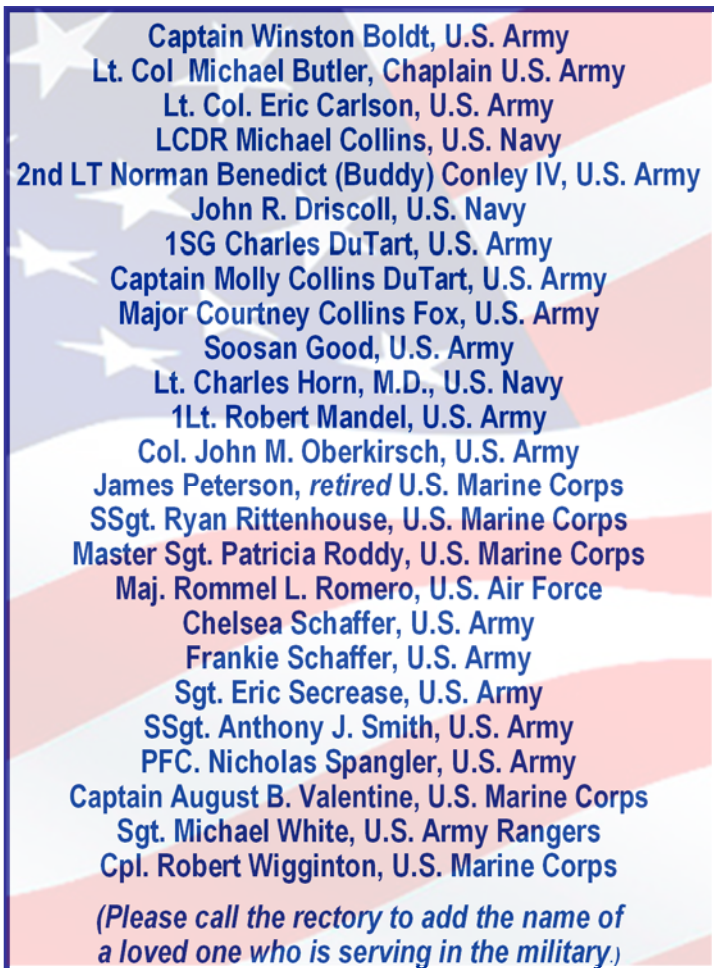
The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people, who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Our Prayer Page

PLEASE PRAY

for doctors and nurses, first responders, and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.



Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army
Captain Molly Collins DuTart, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins Fox, U.S. Army
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, retired U.S. Marine Corps
SSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army
SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps
(Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
 Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;
 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23;
 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25;
 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10;
 Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
 Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8;
 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
 Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
 Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
 Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
 Ps 89:2-5, 27,29;
 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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TO THE
CURRENT MASS OR
VIEW PAST MASSES

From Death To New Life

Gracie Reynolds	December 13, 2017
Robert O'Brien	December 14, 1997
Thomas Paul Gleeson, Jr.	December 15, 2006
Vincent Hennessy Jones	December 15, 1988
James P. Kennedy	December 15, 1996
Faye Beth O'Byrne	December 15, 2015
Bruce B. Selkirk, Jr.	December 15, 1998
Irene Sullivan Ewing	December 16, 2011
Anna M. Nooney	December 16, 1995
Delphine Polk Gatch	December 17, 2007
Edward L. Bakewell, Jr.	December 18, 1993
Jim Good	December 18, 2017
Jean Cronk Andrews	December 19, 2012
Clarann Pollnow Budke	December 19, 2010
Carolyn DeArmand Laime	December 19, 1998



Christmas 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

If you are like me, you have a lot of uncertainty about the coming weeks and months. Because of the pandemic, there are many challenges ahead. But I am sure of one thing, Christ will be with us in the midst of our difficulties. Now is the time for Catholics to step forward, giving generously to help those in need.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2,000 years ago to future generations.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I am blessed to be celebrating my first Christmas with the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis! I am grateful for the warm welcome I have already received. What a gift it is to be part of this community! Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

**All Masses are streamed at
www.Annunziata.org**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.

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OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

Name _____

Cell/Phone Number _____

Address/Zip _____

Email _____

Please make the above changes to my parish record.

I would like our Church Family to pray for:

I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.

I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12

7:00 a.m. William Stock

5:00 p.m. Ed O'Brien

Sunday, December 13

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

11:00 a.m. William & Lydia Lackland

Monday, December 14

7:00 a.m. Albert Peine

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 a.m. Ivel Reed

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Jim & Elizabeth Good

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 a.m. The Hebron Family

Friday, December 18

7:00 a.m. C. James Good

Saturday, December 19

7:00 a.m. John Ahearn

5:00 p.m. John Tines

Sunday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Margaret Schenk

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention



Parish School of Religion to continue online classes 2nd Semester

Our online PSR classes have progressed wonderfully throughout the first semester, thanks to our wonderful teachers and their generous enthusiasm in rising to the challenge of virtual classes. They have made faith formation fun and engaging for our parish children.

Perhaps the best part of this new format has been parent involvement in sharing faith in new ways, fostering a love and security like no other. Parents, we could not do this work without you and thank you for your great commitment. Imparting our beautiful faith to your children is the greatest gift you will ever give them.

As COVID-19 numbers continue to rise, so does the concern for the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and families. It is for this reason that we have decided to continue with online classes for the 2nd semester.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding in this matter.

God's Blessings,
Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal

FORMED

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Go to Annunziata.org for details and an opportunity to have a great selection of inspiring films for the Advent Season!

