



Glory to God
in the Highest



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Christmas 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I send my warmest and most sincere greetings at this holy time of the year to all of you, and to all your families and loved ones!

This past year has been a challenging time for everyone. It has also been a year of great grace. We have witnessed the love and concern of people for one another. So many have been willing to make tremendous sacrifices to keep people safe, and try and curb this global health crisis. We have much to be grateful for as we move a step closer to the end of the pandemic. 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.

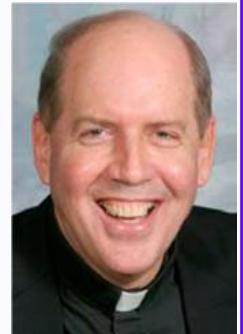
I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. How wonderful it is to have the faithful back in church to celebrate Christ's birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

FROM OUR PASTOR...

WELCOME TO ALL!



To all visiting Family and Friends

To new Parishioners

To all Visitors

To all our Parish Family...

**a warm and loving welcome
to the Celebration of Christmas!**

**We hope everyone will feel at home,
as together, in song and praise,
we thank God for all our
many blessings!**



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Friday, December 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY
7:00. 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on
Saturday, December 25th.)

Saturday, January 1st, NEW YEARS DAY
7:00 and 10:00 a.m.
(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on
Saturday, January 1st.)

NOTE: January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is NOT
a Holy Day of Obligation.



Wishing you and
your family
Peace, Joy & Love
in this Blessed Season!

Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal

Our Lady of Grace, Cause of Our Joy

On Wednesday we celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the miraculous gift of our Blessed Mother conceived without the stain of original sin. The first reading at Mass was Gen 3: 15-19, 20. This portion follows the disobedience of Adam and Eve after eating the forbidden fruit at the temptation of the evil one:



15 Then the LORD God said to the serpent:
“Because you have done this, you shall be banned
from all the animals
and from all the wild creatures;
on your belly shall you crawl,
and dirt shall you eat
all the days of your life.
16 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike at your head,
while you strike at his heel.”

I love this passage, because it brings to mind the image of Mary as Our Lady of Grace. Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830, her head slants sweetly to the side, her hands outstretched as if she wants to hug us. Rays of light extend from her jeweled hands: “These rays symbolize the graces I shed upon those who ask for them. The jewels which give no rays symbolize the graces that are not given because they are not asked for,” she told St. Catherine. Though she is gentle, notice how she stands on a globe and crushes the serpent under her feet. Conceived without sin, she has complete power over evil—she literally crushes it!

During Advent, we are reminded that God found favor with Mary, a fully human woman, “full of grace.” He chose her to be the Mother of His Son, Jesus, whom he sent to save us from our sins. There is great power in grace. God gives us grace freely, but sin closes off the channel through which we receive it. I love the image of Our Lady of Grace, because it reminds me to ask for her intercession and receive the joy that the grace of God’s mercy can bring.

8th Grade Families, mark your calendars! The Confirmation Commitment Ceremony will take place during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 16th. The Parent/Student Confirmation Orientation will immediately follow in Faris Hall (the lower level of Church).

Christmas break is Sunday, December 26th and Sunday, January 2nd. Classes resume on Sunday, January, 9th.

Have a Blessed Christmas Holiday.



PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

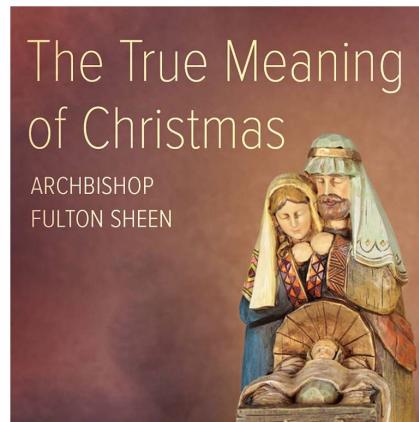
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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Annunziata Giving Tree

SPECIAL THANKS

to all who have so generously contributed to the Annunziata Giving Tree!

Because of your generosity, we have been able to provide Christmas gifts for the children of Annunziata Learning Center, the people of St. Patrick Center, the families of Midtown Community Services; and the clients of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



*Please pray
for all who have served or are
serving in the U.S. Military,*

***First Responders, Health Care Workers
and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.***

Cadet William Boldt ,USMA, West Point

Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army

Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army

Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army

Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army

LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy

Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army

2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S.
Army

Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army

William Donovan, U.S. Airforce

Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps

John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy

Soosan Good, U.S. Army

Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce

1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army

Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army

James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps

GSGt. 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 let us know if there has been a change of rank or active military service, so we can keep this prayer list up-to-date. Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34;
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5;
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12;
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6;
Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

From Death to New Life

Jean Cronk Andrews	December 19, 2012
Clarann Pollnow Budke	December 19, 2010
Carolyn DeArmand Laime	December 19, 1998
Robert Harroll Mooney	December 20, 2002
Dr. Harry Raybuck, Jr.	December 22, 1985
Lutwin C. Rotter	December 22, 1992
Gene V. Peterman	December 23, 2007
Robert Osterholt	December 24, 1974

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

- 7:00 a.m. C. James Good
5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. William Francis, Sr.
and Family, Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 19

- 7:00 a.m. John Tines
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 20

- 7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Genovese
& Family

Tuesday, December 21

- 7:00 a.m. Behan & Smith Families
Living and Deceased

Wednesday, December 22

- 7:00 a.m. Virginia Beardslee

Thursday, December 23

- 7:00 a.m. Margot Schenk

Friday, December 24

- 7:00 a.m. Zoe Buckley

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
10:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention**

Saturday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention**

Sunday, December 26

- 7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. Nancy M. Hereford
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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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
