

Saint Paul the Apostle

Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday — Thursday

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday:

8:30 am to 12:00 noon

December 5, 2021 Second Sunday in Advent



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The Rosary continues to be held after each mass except for Christmas and New Year's weekend.

Altar training will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16th @ 6:30 pm

"The Women's Guild wants to give a giant "Thank You" to our wonderful parishioners who gave so generously to our annual Craft and Bake Sale. Thank you, thank you to those who donated baked goods (every single baked good item sold), crafts (they were so wonderful) and/or attended our sale either Saturday or after mass. We could not have done it without you!"

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4th

4:00 PM Mass (Anticipatory) + Cindy Mc Cullum by Michael Grant

Sunday, December 5th

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Religious Education 1st-6th grades

10:30 AM Mass

Juanita Kitchen, (health and well being)

Joe and Mary Santoro (health and well being)

12:00 PM-1:30 PM Confirmation 1 & 2

Monday, December 6th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 7th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 8th

9:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM Adoration

6:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, December 9th

9:00 AM Mass

Friday, December 10th

9:00 AM Mass

Saturday, December 11th

4:00 PM Mass (Anticipatory)

Bob Sanchez by Juanita Kitchen

+ Cindy Mc Cullum by Michael Grant

Sunday, December 12th

7:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Religious Education 1st-6th Grades

10:30 AM Mass

12:00 PM -1:30 PM Confirmation 1 & 2

Attention all who so generously help with mass!

Please see the December schedule on our website or on the clipboard in the narthex. If you are unable to serve, please contact the office ASAP.

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Gospel Meditation December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Canni Billinger	Tony Torres Jr.
John Buglewicz	Judy Howard
Patrisia Cordova	Martha Archuleta
Cortese Family	Steve Olsen
Janet Cruz	Kathy Krueger
Olga Dick	Angela Vigil
Keith Emert	Mary Jo McDermott
Char Finch	Klara Sillpo
Butch Goddard	Renee Hadad Cichon
Robert Hayman	James Hiner
Lloyd Jacquez	Carol Edgeworth
Pat Laintz	Norman Kuhns
Jeremy Laintz	Carol Kuhns
Mary Lontine	Cheryl Salay
Isiah Maez	Frank Palacio
Cameron Martin	John O'Day
Mary Ann	Jaxon Coplen
McCloskey	Katie Fisher
Kevin McCloskey	Jack Mattingly
Fr Mike (friend of the McCloskeys)	Linda Wilson
	Linda Welte
Dorothy Orr	James Derr
Kirsten Pachek	Claudia Schopf
Kai Pedersen	Any Huth
Shirley Palacio	Alejandra
Holly McPhearson	Escheveste
Christine Dickson	Gordon Messer
Chris Pettigrew	Jason Bilberry
Peter Sorenson	

Legion of Mary



WHAT IS IT?

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parishioner visitation, prison ministry, visitation of the sick or aged, crowd contact, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.

For more information contact Carla Begel @ 904-655-7501 or Bob Begel @ 904-866-5065

The Confirmation Class raised \$305 dollars, 20 frozen turkeys, and 2 huge boxes of food. With the funds raised, we bought 11 more turkeys, 19 cans of whipped cream, and 50 boxes of stuffing to help our partner organization put together 50 Thanksgiving meal kits that included everything they needed to make a full Thanksgiving dinner. One meal kit went to the Pueblo Rescue Mission. All others were distributed to needy families throughout Pueblo West and Pueblo, to include the names that were sent to our church office. They were all so very thankful.

Special thanks to John Pickerill, Jeremy Peltier, Cliff Brown and the KOC and, most importantly, to all our in our parish for their amazing support of this project to help feed our community! Thank you!!

For their December service project, Confirmation 1 & 2 students will be coordinating our Church's Giving Tree. Please return all presents with the tag attached to the narthex by December 12th. The presents will be going to students from Minnequa Elementary School. Thank you for your generosity!



**Confessions on Wednesdays
4:15 - 5:45pm**

No appointment needed