

Saint Paul the Apostle

Catholic Church

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December 17, 2023 The Third Sunday of Advent

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

**BEAR
WITNESS
TO THE
LIGHT**

Schedule for Parish Liturgical Celebrations and Events

December 23rd
4pm Mass

December 24th
NO 7:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass Fourth Sunday
of
Advent

4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve
Mass

December 25th
12:00 AM Midnight Christmas
Mass

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
Christmas Season

Saturday, December 30th Mass
of the Holy Family
4:00 PM

Sunday, December 31st Mass of
the Holy Family
7:30 AM and 10:30 AM



Mass Intentions December 17, 2023

Saturday December 16th

4 pm Mass

- + Bill Sprouse by Joe & Susie Rimsky
- + Ryan Walters by Connie & Herb
- + Lawrence Medina by The Medina Family
- + Bert & Marie Diersman by Mike & Stana Grant

Sunday December 17th

7:30 am Mass

- +Espiridon (Pete) Vegas by Paige Chavez
- +Teresa Murphy by Paul & Carol Cochran

10:30 am Mass

- +Conrad KOK Chi-mun by The KOK Family
- +Richard Patten by Sam & Kathy Cozzolino
- Health & Well Being Lupe Hernandez by Dan & Rosemary
- +Rudy Finn by The Finn Family

Monday December 18th & Tuesday December 19th

No Mass

Wednesday December 20th

9 am Mass

4 pm Divine Mercy, Adoration & Confession until 6 pm

Thursday December 21st

9 am Mass

- +John & Daphne Simony by Therese Simony

Friday December 22nd

9 am Mass

- +Johnnie Velasquez by MaryLou Adame

Saturday December 23rd

4 pm Mass

- +Leroy Mascarenaz by Aggie Lopez & Mabel
- Health of Christine Stevens by Joe & MaryLou Adame
- Healing of Joe Adame by his Family
- +Arlene Spera by Carol & Jim Ozzelo

Sunday December 24th

NO 7:30 MASS

10:30 am Mass

- +Marty Barta by Jim & Lindy Coursey
- +Fred Vigil by Finn & Vigil Family
- +Fermin Trujillo by Finn & Vigil Family

4 pm Mass

- +Deceased Legion of Mary Members
- +Ann Abeyta Birthday by Val Borrego

12 Midnight Mass

- +Harry Nachtigall by Carol N.
- +Deceased Legion of Mary Members

Extra Offerings for December

All month long there will be a Christmas offering & Christmas flower offering.

Rosary

Come join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary for Life **BEFORE** the weekend Masses



K of C Membership Drive

Your Knights of Columbus Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya council 12020 will be holding a membership drive during the month of December. After each week-end Mass, a Knight will be telling you about what the St. Paul Knights have accomplished during the last year and inviting parish men to join us in serving God and our parish. Please consider joining us in this Catholic brotherhood.

Religious Education

We will NOT have RE classes on the 24th or 31st. We will resume on January 7th. Have a Merry Christmas!!

Bingo

The Knights have Bingo @12:30 every Friday & St. Paul's has Bingo every Wednesday @12:30 pm. Bingo is also held the first Sunday every month at 5 pm & the 4th Friday of every month at 7pm. All are located at the Bingo Casino 4109 Club Manor Drive, Pueblo, CO 81008.

Announcements

Ministry Schedule

Please send in your availability for November and check the Oct. schedule in the Narthex or online. If you are unable to serve, please call Paige in the office 719-647-1500 ASAP. Thank you!

Sacraments

Please call the office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or in need of any sacraments. 719-647-1500

We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers PLEASE contact the office if interested.

Legion of Mary... Mary undoer of knots presidium

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 5:30 in classroom C. If you know any Catholic living in Pueblo West who is homebound and wants to receive Holy Communion, please contact Carla Begel at 904-655-7501.

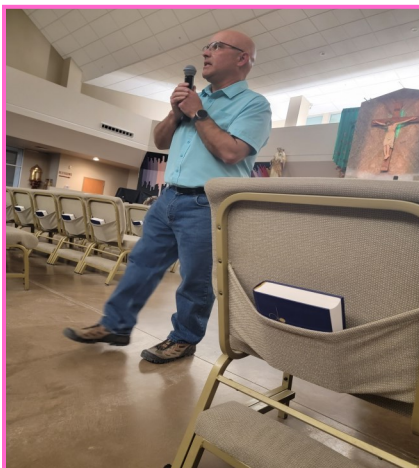
If you wish more information about the LOM contact Carla or Robert Begel at 904-866-5065

December Service Projects

The Giving Tree will start on December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent. Please choose a tag from the tree, purchase a gift, and return the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the Narthex by December 17th.

The youth of our parish will be making holiday food baskets. Our greatest needs will be turkeys/hams.

If you need or know of someone in need of a food basket or a gift from the Giving Tree please contact the office at 719-647-1500.



Gospel Mediation for December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

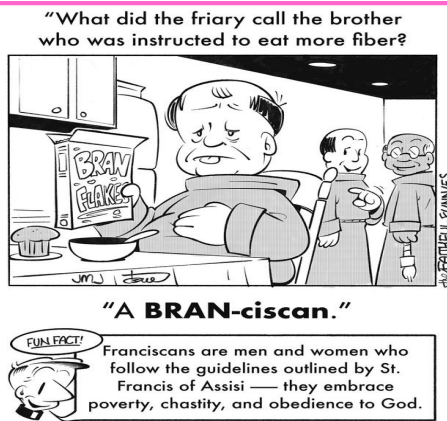
OLPI

Chris Racine, MaryAnn Miles, and Mike Garcia giving presentations at Adult Bible Study. Please join us for our last class January 3rd @ 6 pm.

Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Connie Billinger
Patricia Cordova
Cortese Family
Janet Cruz
Olga Dick
Char Finch
Robert Hayman
Lloyd Jacquez
Mary Lontine
Isiah Maez
Cameron Martin
Dorothy Orr
Kirsten Pachek
Kai Pedersen
Shirley Palacio
Christine Dickson
Tony Torres Jr.
Judy Howard
Martha Archuleta
Steve Olsen
Kathy Krueger
Angela Vigil
Mary Jo
McDermott
Renee Hadad
Cichon
James Hiner
Carol Edgeworth
Norman Kuhns
Carol Kuhns
Cheryl Salay

Frank Palacio
John O'Day
Katie Fisher
Jack Mattingly
Linda Wilson
Linda Welte
James Derr
Claudia Schopf
Any Huth
Alejandra
Escheveste
Gordon Messer
Jason Bilberry
Gina Hedquist
Marvin Odefey
Candice Taravella
Claude Hayward
Sophia Doran
Joe Ortega
Don Carlson
Charles
Marmolejo



Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

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Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom
16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3