

Saint Paul the Apostle

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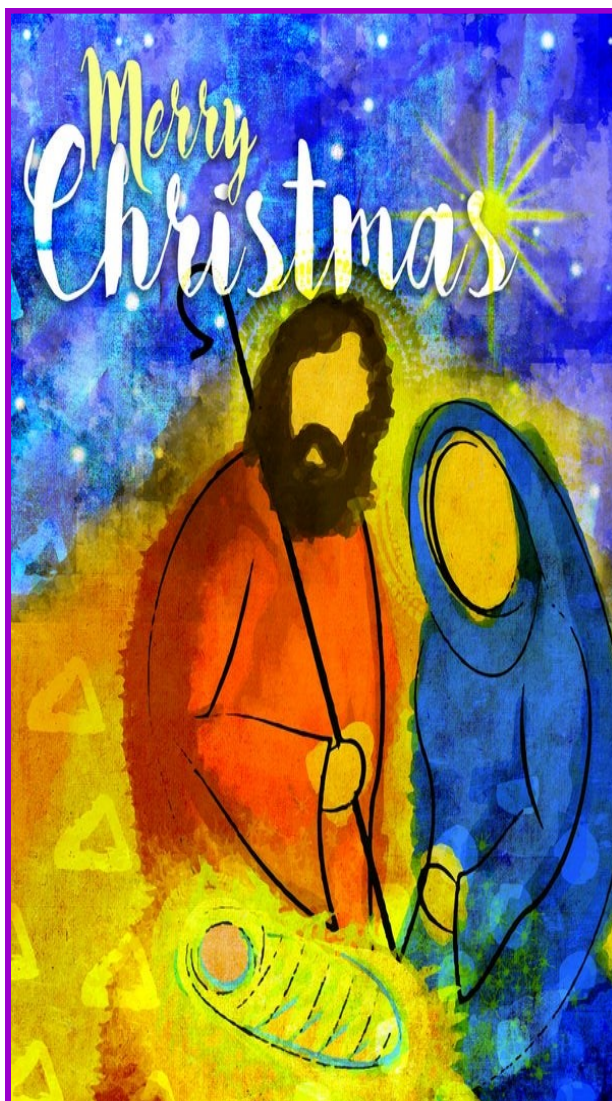
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December 24, 2023 The Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas



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 24, 2023

Saturday December 23rd

4pm Mass

+Leroy Mascarenaz by Aggie Lopez & Mabel

+Sabino Lontine by The Lontine Family

+Dora Lontine by The Lontine Family

+Joe Cardenas by The Lontine Family

The Health of Christine Stevens by Joe & Mary Lou 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

Monday December 25th

10:30 am Mass

+Deceased Legion of Mary Members

+Bill Sprouse by Liz Sprouse

+Salvador Herrera by Robin Faricy

Tuesday December 26th

NO Mass

Wednesday December 27th

9 am Mass

Thursday December 28th

9 am Mass

Sean Johnson by the Fisher Family

+George Deahl by Herb & Connie Smith

Friday December 29th

9 am Mass

Saturday December 30th

4 pm Mass

+Grandma Louise Doran by Juanita Kitchen

+George Deahl by Connie & Herb Smith

+Emma Martinez by Julian Lontine

Sunday December 31st

7:30 am Mass

+Louie & MaryAnn Torres by Bob & Johnye Nielson

+Larry Borrego by Bob & Johnye Nielson

+Salvador Herrera by Robin Faricy

10:30 am Mass

+Bill Sprouse by Liz Sprouse



Rosary

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

Religious Education

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

Women's Guild

Ladies of the parish, you are welcome to join the Women's Guild. Our next meeting is Jan 9th at 10 in Room A/B of the church, with a pre meeting rosary at 9:15 in the chapel. Hope to see you there.

Extra Offerings for December

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

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

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 weekend 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.

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.



Gospel Mediation for December 24, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in – especially in – troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."

– Father John Muir

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Adoration/New Year's Resolution

Have you made your New Year's Resolution yet? Ditch the diet! Make a lasting resolution and commit to do what really counts, being present with Our Lord for one hour visiting Him in Adoration. Every Wednesday any time from 4-6:00 pm is an opportunity or on First Fridays from 9:00 am- 10:00 pm at an hour of your choosing. I urge you to "take the plunge" and devote time to be with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Graces abound!



Thank you to all the Priests, Advent Penance Service Decorators, and Cooks for all your help making our Advent Penance Service a successful one.

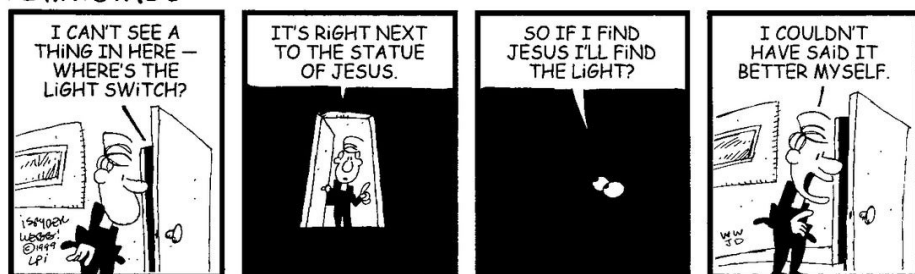
Thank You

Father would also like to thank everyone for all the present donations, cards, and food donations everyone has sent in.

Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Connie Billinger	Frank Palacio
Patricia Cordova	John O'Day
Cortese Family	Jack Mattingly
Janet Cruz	Linda Wilson
Olga Dick	Linda Welte
Char Finch	James Derr
Robert Hayman	Claudia Schopf
Lloyd Jacquez	Any Huth
Mary Lontine	Alejandra
Isiah Maez	Escheveste
Cameron Martin	Gordon Messer
Dorothy Orr	Jason Bilberry
Kirsten Pachek	Gina Hedquist
Kai Pedersen	Marvin Odefey
Shirley Palacio	Candice Taravella
Christine Dickson	Claude Hayward
Tony Torres Jr.	Sophia Doran
Judy Howard	Joe Ortega
Martha Archuleta	Don Carlson
Steve Olsen	Charles
Kathy Krueger	Marmolejo
Angela Vigil	
Mary Jo	
McDermott	
Renee Hadad	
Cichon	
James Hiner	
Carol Edgeworth	
Norman Kuhns	
Carol Kuhns	
Cheryl Salay	

CHRISTMAS



Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

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Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4