

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



Read just one chapter each day of advent, and by Christmas Eve you will have read Jesus' full story and know just who we are celebrating!

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE THIS DECEMBER!
You are challenged, but more importantly ENCOURAGED, to read through the book of Luke during the season of advent, reading one chapter a day from December first until Christmas Eve. You will read the entire story of Jesus and complete it just in time for his birth.

Today is December 6th, not to late to catch up! What have you learned about Jesus in the first six days of reading?

Did you know that you can enable the EWTN skill on your Alexa device? Then create an EWTN account, link it to the EWTN skill, and say the command:

Alexa ask EWTN to Read {Book Name} {Chapter #}

Religious Education for the children of our parish has resumed following the *Safe and Sound: Guidelines and Procedures for Holding On-Site Parish Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs* set forth by the Archdiocese of New York. Classes are held Sunday mornings at both St. George and St. Francis churches. **Reminder, if Sullivan West Elementary School closes due to COVID-19 exposure, Religious Education classes will be canceled for the duration of their closure.**

Please pray for the following Military Personnel who are currently in active duty service:

SrA Sean Graham, USAF

Lt Kyle Daugherty, USMC

SSgt Francis J Reddy, USAF

SrA William F Reddy, USAF

Capt Sean Muth, USN

SrA Patrick Graham, USAF Reserves

Parish families who have an active military member, please email the parish office and provide their name, rank and which branch of service.



2021 Mass Book Now Open

A Church tradition invites people to offer a Mass for a deceased loved one, a special intention for healing, in thanksgiving for a special blessing, or an occasion such as a wedding anniversary or birthday. The 2021 Mass Book is now opened so you may come in and request a Mass for your special date. Or you may email or call the parish office, 482-4640, to make a request.

Customary donation, \$10 without card, \$15 with a special Mass card. Cards are available for various occasions.



Visit our [parish website](#) for more information.

Members of our parish, together with their friends and neighbors from the United Reform Church, are preparing **baskets to be distributed this Christmas season.** Your help assembling baskets, and/or financial support is gratefully appreciated. Checks should be clearly labeled '**thinking of you/Christmas baskets.**' **Thursday, December 10th, 6:30PM:** Thinking Of You Baskets will be assembled, St. Francis Church **Sunday, December 13th, 11:30AM:** Deliver food donations from URC to St. Francis. Donations of canned/boxed food items that will add to a Christmas Dinner will be appreciated and may be dropped off at this time. Please, no homemade cookies this year, and don't forget your mask!. Call Glenn Spielmann at 845-701-2271

St. George ~ St. Francis

Roman Catholic in our Faith;
Franciscan in our Tradition



*"I have baptized you with water,
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

Sacraments

Baptism - Fourth Sunday - Private preparation two weeks in advance.

Marriages - Initial contact with Pastor six months before marriage date.

Confessions - Thirty minutes before each weekend Mass.

Pastoral Visitations

If you, or someone known to you is in an area Nursing Home, Hospital, or would just appreciate a home visit from the Pastor or a Pastoral Visitor, please notify the office.

Parish Registration

If you are moving into or out of the parish, please notify the office.

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays	8:00 AM	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Chapel in St. George rectory
Saturday Vigil	4:00 PM	St. George
Sunday	7:30 AM & 11:00 AM	St. George
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Francis

Sunday December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

Serving the Catholic community in Jeffersonville and Youngsville, NY

St. George Church, Rectory, & Parish Office:

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St. Francis Church

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Youth Group Coordinator:

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Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Requests for prayers will be published for four weeks, unless the requests are renewed from time to time. Please phone Roseann 482-4640.



Aldona Harder, Regina Wagner, Carmen Crawford, Christina Hubert, Isabell Sander, Sr. Dolores, Joe Nosek, John O'Toole, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Terence Connolly, John Tardibuono, Yvonne Schmidt, Gerri Keane, Sam Cuda, Lilli Black, Maureen Whipple, Elizabeth Gieger, Deacon Larry Knack, Walter Madden, Thomas Boxberger, Carlolyn McGuire, and for all those suffering with coronavirus.

Daily Mass Intentions

- Saturday December 5**
4:00 PM - William Buddenhagen
By Edward & Marilyn Chellis
- Sunday December 6**
7:30 - for the Children of
St. George - St. Francis Parish
- 9:00 - for the Children of
St. George - St. Francis Parish
- 11:00 - Frank, Eila, & Patrick
Moloney by William Moloney
- Monday December 7**
8:00 AM - Anna and Ina Xu
By Mr. & Mrs. Tuong
- Tuesday December 8**
8:00 AM - for the people of
St. George - St. Francis Parish
- Wednesday December 9**
8:00 AM - Dang family
- Thursday December 10**
8:00 AM - Michael Kubenik
By Henry & Anna Kubenik
- Friday December 11**
8:00 AM - Anna Giancaspro
By Anna McKinney
- Saturday December 12**
4:00 PM - William Buddenhagen
By the Graham family
- Sunday December 13**
7:30 - Anna and Ina Xu
By Mr. & Mrs. Dien & Ms. Don
- 9:00 - Fritz Baker
- 11:00 - Anna and Ina Xu
By Son Nhung

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. Loyola Press

OFFERTORY REPORT

November 29, 2020

Collections will be reported next week. Parish office closed for vacation 11/26—12/13. Fr. Vu will be here, please leave message.

Next Week's Readings

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent (2nd collection for Christmas flowers)
- December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patronal feast day in the United States, a holy day of obligation.
- December 10 - 6:30PM: Thinking Of You Baskets will be assembled, St. Francis Church
- December 13 - 3rd Sunday of Advent (2nd collection Retirement Fund For Religious). All families are invited to bring to mass the Christ Child figurine from the family nativity scene for a special blessing.

Gaudete Sunday - December 13, 2020

At all masses on the weekend of December 13th, we will bring to our parish a tradition started by St. Pope John Paul II, **the Blessing of the Christ Child Figurine**. Every family is invited to bring to mass the Baby Jesus figurine from their family's nativity scene for this very special blessing.

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

World Marriage Day, February 14, 2021

The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York..

CHILD PROTECTION

Required Announcement

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949. Mrs. Mulcahy may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Financial Wrongdoing Hotline

The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>.

Reminder: Donations to the Parish Made by Check: Please remember that all contributions made to the parish by check should be made payable to the Parish in the church's name. Contributions to be made to a Parish by check should **NOT** be made payable to the Pastor, Administrator, or any Parish employee.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain - that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. This doctrine was formally proclaimed December 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX in his papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*. There he proclaimed that the Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the Catholic Church maintaining that from the moment when she was conceived the Blessed Virgin Mary was kept free of original sin and was filled with the sanctifying grace normally conferred during baptism.

St. George ~ St. Francis Parish is now on

Facebook

Look for *Saint George & Saint Francis*

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GIFT SHOPS

St. George - Danielle Corcillo, Saturday Mass
Mon - Wed, see office staff
St. Francis - before & after 9:00 AM Mass
Mary Nosek (482-4292) Susan Busing (701-0907)

Use of Parish Spaces: Anyone having an event involving the use of St. George ~ St. Francis Parish must contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance.