

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 **BW** Michael Clauder from Patty Misrach
10:30 **EW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
12:00 **EW** Marilyn Wagner from Mary Lynn Creighton

Monday, December 21, St Peter Canasius, Priest

12:10 Robert Joseph Carle from Mom & Steve

Tuesday, December 22

12:10 Bill Earls from The Family

Wednesday, December 23, St John of Karty, Priest

12:10 Walter Meier from Annie Meier

Thursday, December 24

12:10 **BW** Tyrone Jabin from The Roeding's
3:00 **SA** Frances Cucci from Marion Weber
5:00 **BW** Leo Sensel from Michael & Margaret Ferris

7:00 **BW** Puddy Lame

10:00 **BW** Diane Zuk from The Family

Friday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas

7:30 **JW** George Thelen
9:00 **SA** Intentions of the Celebrant
10:30 **BW** Robert Rolfes Sr. from Linda & Greg Price

12:00 **BW** Kurtinitus Family

Saturday, December 26, St Stephen , 1st Martyr

12:10 **BW** Gertrude Fobiano from Carol & Larry
7:00 **BW** Sam & Lou Hamilton from The Three Daughters

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 **BW** John Bose from Georgeann & Tom Raabe
12:00 **BW** Michael Clauder from Margaret & Michael Ferris

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

To join us for mass on your computer, iPad , smart phone, or smart tv go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

Please remember to register for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass
Tickets will be required

Christmas Eve 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 are FULL
Christmas Day masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness.

For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen. -Pedro de la Cruz

HERE AT ST. ROSE

Paul Allen Neff III was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this past weekend .

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Paul Kennedy** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

From a Friend

We can celebrate Christmas this year by focusing on others, especially the “others” we encounter in our daily lives. Here are some simple, other-centered “Christmas gifts” someone once suggested: Keep a promise! Keep a secret! Let someone have the last word! Return a smile! Share dream! Let someone in line in front of you! Listen to a child! Listen to an adult! Say something nice to someone you like! What we do or don't do always affects others. This Christmas is a particularly good time to go “small” - small acts of kindness toward loved ones and strangers alike - socially distanced, as required, but personal, human interactions, nonetheless.

Last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious was \$7,845.25 Thank you for your generosity.

We have our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.
It is a good way to prepare us for Christmas

SUNDAY FUNNIES

- ~ Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.
- ~ Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little chubby.
- ~ When I was kid I wanted to be older. This is not what I expected.
- ~ If 2020 was a math word-problem: If you're going down river at 2MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?
- ~ We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to, “Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?”



A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

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Opening Prayer

Four forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Every Advent we are challenged to have the attentiveness of Mary to the flutter of Christ-life that stirs in the womb of our complacency. So often our world seems starved of stars; and so often we watch or participate in rituals of mourning for acts of terrorism, natural disaster, the local tragedies of road deaths, or other dark events. Usually in these rituals there are candles: small pieces of self-consuming wax and flame that say light has more right to exist in our world than darkness. This is the message, too, of our Advent wreath as we light the last of its four candles.

But those candles, like all ritual candles, will burn out. It is up to us, disciples of the Light of the world, to catch fire from Christ's mystery and bring something of this fire and light into our own lives and, especially, into the lives of those for whom Christmas may not be a feast of joy but a time of darkness that stirs painful memories of those with whom they can no longer celebrate because of death, separation, divorce, family quarrels. For the friendless, the homeless, the abused, Christmas may arouse bitter comparisons and regrets. The fire we catch from Christ, our readiness to be consumed like him in the flame of loving service of our sisters and brothers, may be as simple a gift as a visit, a letter, a phone call, an invitation to a meal, a present on the parish "Giving Tree." But it will mean that, together, we will truly celebrate something of a "Happy Christmas."

Closing Prayer

God who spoke creation into being, you spoke to Mary through the angel; Mary brought forth your son who recreated the whole world. Allow us a small part in helping you speak and create today; help us not to *be afraid*, that we also may find *favor with God*. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• Gabriel greets Mary, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." What is your reaction if you consider these words as directed toward you?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.



Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Readings for the week:

4th Sunday of Advent	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Christmas (Mass during the day)	Saturday St. Stephen, First Martyr	Sunday Holy Family
2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a Ps 35:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45	1 Sam 1:24-28 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ab,cd Luke 1:46-56	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-Gab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Luke 1:57-66	2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Luke 1:57-79	Isa 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Hcb 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	Acts 6:8-10 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Matt 10:17-22	Str 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 128:1-3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hcb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40