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*El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,
Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres.*

Ministerial Assignments	Date/Fecha	8:30 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
Director of Worship	Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29	Dan VanIngen Dan VanIngen Dan VanIngen	Roman Roman Roman
Altar Server/Acolyte/Acólitos	Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29	Grant & Marian Kaden & Marian Kaden & Grant	Edwin y Andres Janet y Tania Cristian y Santiago
Audio/Visual	Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29	Geneva Dominic Ryan	Angely Eric Angel
Lector	Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29	Gary Drummond Gary Drummond Gary Drummond	Angelica y Rosa Janissa y Eliza Roman y Lety
Palabra de Dios por los niños	Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29	Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia	Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia
Hospitality / Accommodadores	Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29	Nick G & Dennis Ryan Nick G & Dennis Ryan Nick G & Dennis Ryan	Victoria y Nadia Blanca y Martin Consuelo y Tereza
Communion Minister	Dec 15 Dec 22 Dec 29	Kathleen Hauser Kathleen Hauser Kathleen Hauser	Ana Josefina Blanca

We lift up to the Lord Pope Francis on his 50th anniversary of priesthood; and all who have died. We pray for those who struggle with aging, disease, illness, grief or addiction, especially **Joe Koenen and Jan Scobee**. We are grateful for those who feed, house and clothe the world, and those who labor selflessly for our safety, growth and well being, including our **catechists, first responders and military**. May we always honor the needs of our brothers and sisters this Advent and throughout the year.

Happy Birthday/Feliz Cumpleanos...December/Diciembre 9, Cody Weter; 10, Mary Bohle; 11, Jazelle Bahena; 12, Maira Gomez, Daniel Perales; 14, Jessica Perez, Lesli Bahena; 17, Maria Casteneda; 19, Daniel Hatcher; 23, Xavier Bahena, Paula May; 25, Rodrigo Martinez; 28, Jennifer Bahena.
Anniversaries/Aniversarios...December/Diciembre 1, Felipe y Consuelo Bahena, 28 años; 5, Efren y Teresa Carrillo, 27 años; 7, Benjamin y Veronica Ochoa, 17 años.

Weekly Readings

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Dec. 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Is 35:1-6a, 10
Jas/Sant 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Dec. 16, Monday-Lunes

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Dec. 17, Tuesday-Martes

Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Dec. 18, Wednesday-Miércoles

Jer/Jr 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Dec. 19, Thursday-Jueves

Jgs/Ju 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk/Lc 1:5-25

Dec. 20, Friday-Viernes

Is 7:10-14
Lk/Lc 1:26-38

Dec. 21, Saturday-Sábado

Sg/Can 2:8-14
Lk/Lc 1:39-45

Dec. 22, 4th Sunday of Advent Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

Mass Intentions

Sat, December 14, 4:30 p.m.

†Jim Bonifazi

Sun, December 15, 8:30 a.m.

Parish

Sun, December 15, 11:00 a.m.

Pope Francis

Sat, December 21, 4:30 p.m.

†Kadie Campbell

Sun, December 22, 8:30 a.m.

†David Watt

Sun, December 22, 11:00 a.m.

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year A, Tercer Domingo de Adviento, el año A del evangelio de San Mateo December-Diciembre 15, 2019

From Deacon John...

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Juan le envía un mensaje a Jesús desde la prisión, preguntándole si Jesús es el Mesías a quien ha estado esperando. Jesús responde señalando los milagros que ha realizado e invita a John y a los demás oyentes a tomar su propia determinación. Entonces Jesús elogia a Juan por su papel en la preparación del camino para Jesús, y dice que todos los que trabajan para el Reino de Dios serán tan grandes como Juan e incluso mayores. Este es un recordatorio de que el comienzo de la salvación ya está misteriosamente presente para nosotros, pero también aún no se ha cumplido. La salvación se manifiesta en las obras milagrosas de Jesús y en la Iglesia y se cumplirá en el reinado venidero de Dios. Podemos ayudar a preparar el camino para el reino de Dios con nuestras palabras y nuestros hechos, de hecho, un motivo de alegría.

Weekly Schedule of Services

Holy Mass in English,
Saturday, Unionville, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday Milan, 8:30 a.m.
La Santa Misa Domingo en Español, Milan 11:00 a.m.
Evening Vespers with Communion: Wed, 5:30 p.m.
Reconciliation, Sun., 8-8:20 a.m. and by appointment.

Pastoral Council

Gary Drummond, *councilPresident@stmarymilan.com*
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 Edwin Pacheco, Roman Bahena, *San Juan Bautista*

Saint Mary Advent Communal Penance Service Today, December 15, 1:00 pm

We the people of Saint Mary gather in the dark of winter. We live in a world plagued by terrorism and war. We live in a society divided by rancorous debate. We are often blinded by our own ambitions, pettiness and concerns. Indeed, we live in the darkness of our sinfulness.

Yet in the midst of all this, we are invited by God to this moment of grace. We celebrate a sacrament instituted by Christ. It is a sign of his presence among us: Christ, whose birth was heralded by a star; Christ, the Light of Lights; Christ, the Sun of Justice; Christ, the Daystar; Christ, O Radiant Light; Christ, who is the Light of the world.

In this season of Advent, then, let us recall our baptism in which we were made children of the light. Let us examine those things which prevent us from living as children of light ought to live. And let us approach our Father in a spirit of true repentance.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came.

It is by his gift that we already rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he might find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise...

Preface II of Advent The twofold expectation of Christ

Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith.



Intención del mes de diciembre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Al celebrar el misterio de la Sagrada Familia, que nuestras Iglesias y escuelas puedan apoyar a los padres y madres de familia en la tarea de criar a sus hijos e hijas en la fe.

Calendar of Events

Sun, Dec 15 9:30 am	Parish Coffee and Doughnuts Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 15 9:45 am	Parish School of Religion for all age groups, Milan Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 15 10:00 am	Youth Confirmation Group Milan Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 15 11:00 am	Palabra de Dios por los niños, Milan Iglesia
Sun, Dec 15 1:00 pm	Advent Communal Penance Milan Church
Mon, Dec 16 9-10:00 am	Aerobics, Milan Parish Hall
Mon, Dec 16 6:00 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Salón Parroquial
Tue, Dec 17 6:00 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Salón Parroquial
Tue, Dec 17 6:00 pm	Práctica de los músicos del grupo de oracion, Milan Iglesia
Wed, Dec 18 9-10:00 am	Aerobics, Milan Parish Hall
Wed, Dec 18 6:00 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Salón Parroquial
Wed, Dec 18 6:15 pm	RCIA Program for Adults Milan Church
Wed, Dec 18 8-10:00 pm	AA-Al Anon, Milan Parish Hall
Thu, Dec 19 6:00 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Salón Parroquial
Fri, Dec 20 9-10:00 am	Aerobics, Milan Parish Hall
Fri, Dec 20 6:00 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Salón Parroquial

Giving and Spending	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Collections	\$7,260	\$36,113
Bills Paid	\$7,412	\$42,548
Balance	\$152	-\$6,435

Question of the Week

3rd Sunday of Advent – Matthew 11:2-11

Key Passage:

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Question for adults:

Identify two or three things about yourself others might recognize as you living your baptismal call.

Question for children:

How do you show others that you try to follow the example of Jesus?

Pregunta de la Semana

3º Domingo de Adviento--Mateo 11, 2-11

Pasaje Crucial:

Jesús les respondió: “Vayan a contar a Juan lo que están viendo y oyendo: los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de la lepra, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio.”

Pregunta para los adultos:

Identificar dos o tres cosas acerca de los demás se podría reconocer como vivir su llamado bautismal.

Pregunta para los niños:

¿Cómo se puede mostrar a otros que tratan de seguir el ejemplo de Jesús?

Events Continued...

Sat, Dec 21 6:00 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Salón Parroquial
Sun, Dec 22 9:45 am	Parish School of Religion for all age groups, Milan Parish Hall
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Tue, Dec 24 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass Milan Church
Wed, Dec 25 9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass Unionville Church

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Birthdays: December 13, Richard Savage; 24, Jenna Knowles.
Wedding Anniversaries: December 16, Martin & Janet Schmidt, 54 years.

Join Catholics throughout the 38 counties of the Diocese of Jefferson City in small group faith sharing this Advent. *A Steward's Way* consists of four sessions based on the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation. Reflect on how our faith provides a foundation of gratitude from which comes deep joy and hope for our lives, our

families, our communities and our world. Your participation in these sessions will give us a common spiritual formation as Bishop McKnight leads us in a new pastoral plan for the next three to five years. Bishop McKnight's vision is that every one in our diocese can participate, so we have a common spiritual formation leading into the development of a diocesan pastoral plan.

We lift up to the Lord Joe Koenen and all the sick or suffering. May our departed loved ones enjoy the fullness of Christ and their families his peace.

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Ministers	December 2019
Lead Rosary	Ed Brockmeyer
Director of Worship	Kay Bonifazi
Acolyte	Ed, Lorelei, Corey
Lector	Janet Schmidt
Hospitality	Bill and Joy Bovy
Communion Ministers	Gene Brummer Janoah Medecce
Church Cleaning	Katie Fisher
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Supplies	Mary Greinert



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**Third Sunday of Advent,
 Year A, Sunday, December 15, 2019**

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 Rom 1:1-7
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Holy Rosary Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in English

Saturday Unionville 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Milan 8:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass Sunday, Milan 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation, Sunday following mass, or by individual appointment.

Infant Baptism, Marriage Preparation or Adult Initiation contact Deacon John.

Vatican Symposium shines spotlight on palliative care, wellbeing of elderly

By Lydia O’Kane, December 12, 2019

A Vatican symposium on Religion and Medical Ethics is focusing its attention on spirituality in two key areas: palliative care, and the mental health of the elderly.

VATICAN CITY (VNS) A two-day symposium looking at Religion and Medical Ethics is currently underway at the Augustinianum Congress Centre in Rome.

The event, which is jointly organized by the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) based in Qatar

ing, was Bishop Noël Simard, Bishop of Valleyfield, Québec, in Canada, who spoke on the mental health and wellbeing of older people.

Following his presentation, he spoke to Vatican News about the importance of improving the quality of life of elderly patients from a spiritual



and the Vatican’s Pontifical Academy for Life, is focusing on two areas of healthcare: Palliative Care, and the Mental Health of the Elderly.

The symposium, is examining the role that religion plays in providing holistic care in the context of medical ethics.

Mental health and wellbeing of older people.

One of the speakers on Thursday, the second and final day of the gather-

ing, was Bishop Noël Simard, Bishop of Valleyfield, Québec, in Canada, who spoke on the mental health and wellbeing of older people.

Spiritual accompaniment

“We need to accompany these people”, he said, “and to let them know that they are still useful; they are still part of the community; they are not useless; they are not powerless because we can offer them meaning to their life, meaning to their suffering. He went on to say that, “if we can bring light and hope to the people living with disability and with mental

(Palliative Care... continued)

disorders we are creating an environment of comfort, of peace, of love, of compassion.”

Asked about some of the practical ways in which priests, religious and people themselves can accompany older people with health issues, the Bishop said, “it is very important to create a web of relationships, and an environment where people, the elderly are not lonely.”

Many older people with mental health issues, he pointed out, can feel abandoned by society, so one way to help them is to create relationships and have members of the community come and visit them. Older people, Bishop Simard said, need to know that “they are not alone; they are part of a community”.

A symposium with an interfaith perspective

This symposium is looking at palliative care and the mental health of older people from an interfaith perspective, with Catholic, Muslim and Jewish experts taking part. Bishop Simard said it was “very interesting that exactly all religions are facing the same problems, and when we speak of faith communities it’s not only Catholic communities or Jewish, it’s all religions and we have to create ways to speak to each other; to collaborate.” He went on to say that if religions can pool resources it could provide a concrete way of accompanying older people.

Over the past two days, sessions at the symposium have included a focus on Christian, Islamic and medical perspectives on ethics and palliative care, maintaining a bridge of love between people with dementia and their carers, and suicide and life-threatening behavior among the elderly

Calendar of Events

Tue, Dec 17 7:00 pm	Parish Xmas Assembly, Parish Hall
Sat, Dec 21 4:00 pm	Holy Rosary Unionville Church
Sat, Dec 21 4:30 pm	4th Sunday Advent Unionville Church
Tue, Dec 24 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass Milan Church
Wed Dec 25 9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass Unionville Church
Sat, Dec 29 4:30 pm	Feast: Holy Family Unionville Church

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