

# FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2019

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## ST PATRICK (Main Office)

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## ST PETER THE APOSTLE

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LaVonne Dalton Christian Outreach

--If you know someone that should have a card sent to them or is in the hospital or experiencing illness, give LaVonne a call at 970.854.5125

**Young Adults—Going to Denver for a day or two?**  
**Get event updates by texting DCYA to 84576 to see what's going on for YOU!**

**Bulletin messages:** Fr Jerry 720.339.1472 or [jerryrohr@gmail.com](mailto:jerryrohr@gmail.com) by Noon, Wednesdays

### *Sacrament Information:*

**BAPTISM/MARRIAGE:** Contact Fr Jerry

**RECONCILIATION:** St Patrick, Sat. 3:00-4:00pm

Christ the King Sat. 4:30pm

St Peter before Sunday Mass *Or by appointment—*



**Connect** with your parish by joining FlockNote.

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**St Patrick Hall reservations—must be a current registered member of one of our Parishes.**

**Contact Fr Jerry.**



"A Hundred Thousand Welcomes"

# ST PATRICK

**Sunday Mass at 8:00am**

**Communion Service—Monday at 7:30am**

**Mass—Tues at 7:30am**

**Christmas Eve—4:00pm**

**Christmas Day—8:00am**

**Confessions—Saturday 3:00 to 4:00pm**

## CHRIST THE KING

**Saturday Mass, 5:00pm, December 28**

**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 8:30pm**

**Anticipated Mass for Sunday**

**Confessions before Mass 4:30pm to 4:50pm OR by appointment**

## ST PETER THE APOSTLE

**Sunday Mass, December 29, 10:30am**

**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 6:30pm**

**Confessions before Mass OR by appointment**

### **Pray for the Sick of our Parishes...**

Saul Aviña, Carole Blomme, Frances Boerner, Kathleen & Tom Bornhoft, Raymond Brekel, Marie Bricknell, Kim Clock, Caroline Daise, Mark Dalton, Lucy Dominguez, Grant Ferguson, Ken Fowler, Ruth Guthrie, Dolores Haskell, Karen Hoefler, Joe Kinnie, Deb Kropp, Lonnie Krueger, Dewey Lindgren, Joanne Lousberg, Shawn Maloney, Carl Morgan, Eliza Morten, Mary Orr, Frank Paloucek, Betty Paquette, Brenda Pauley, Adrianna Pridemore, Leah Pridemore, William Pridemore, Angela Conde Purdy, Maria Rojo, Rob Russell, Josh Schroetlin, John Sonnenberg, Larry Stein, Bev Susman, Marty Tindera, Lenore Troelstrup, Ruby Trujillo, Frank Unrein, Ivan Venezuela, Mary Lou Waruszewski, Derek Weingardt, Kathy Wolff. Changes? Tell Father. God bless.



Need a wheelchair at St Patrick's? You'll find one you can use for transport into and out of the building by the votive candle stand in the church. Please return when finished with its use so others may use it.

SACRISTANS:

Jason Depperschmidt—José Leon—Thom Elliott—  
Raymond Brekel—Vince Hoefler

**MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 28 & 29**

**Christ the King Saturday 5:00pm**

**Music:** Carolyn Davis & Marie Swan

**Lector:** Bev Lock

CHRISTMAS EVE: Stacy Wagoner

**Eucharist:** Jerry Wagoner & Kathy Wernsman

CHRISTMAS EVE: Barb Wernsman & Bev Lock

Confessions Before Mass 4:30-4:50pm

**St Patrick Sunday 8:00am**

**Hospitality:** Tina Krogmeier

**Ushers:** Harold Blomme & Jerry Lauer

**Servers:** Maggie Kleve & Evan T

CHRISTMAS EVE: Claire H & Lauren B

**Lector:** Kathleen Fowler

CHRISTMAS DAY: Jim Austin

**Eucharist to sick:** Karin Kramer

**St Peter the Apostle Sunday 10:30am**

**Ushers:** David Boerner & Marty Bornhoft

**Servers:** Jack Bornhoft

CHRISTMAS EVE: Natali Boerner

**Lector:** Marvin Brekel

CHRISTMAS EVE: Peg Hershfeldt

**Eucharist:** Vicki Horton & Raymond Brekel

CHRISTMAS EVE: Phyllis Helgoth & Rick Vanderheiden

**Offertory:** David Boerner

CHRISTMAS EVE: Rocky & Vicki Horton

Confessions Before Mass by Request

--St Raphael Counseling 720.377.1359

*Clinical counseling for individuals, children, teens, couples & families. Outpatient substance abuse counseling. Post-abortive counseling. Tele & Electronic counseling also available.*

**WE HAVE** set up an Evening Meal schedule for folks who would like to help with meals at the Blomme house.

Contact Connie Ferguson at [connirferg@gmail.com](mailto:connirferg@gmail.com) or text at 970.520.7345. Sign Up Link at <https://mealtrain.com/ze4e7y>



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday**

8:00am

**Monday**

7:30am

**Tuesday**

7:30am

4:00pm

6:30pm

8:30pm

**Wednesday**

8:00am

**Thursday**

7:30am

**Friday**

7:30am

**Saturday**

7:30pm

**December 22**

+Gus & Ruth Dubbert by family

**December 23**

Communion Service

**December 24**

+Jesse Ruiz, Sr by family

Deceased of St Patrick

Deceased of St Peter the Apostle

Deceased of Christ the King

**December 25**

Deceased of St Patrick

**December 26**

+Marco Martinez by family

**December 27**

+Minnie Ruiz by Ruiz family  
For LaVonne & +George Dalton on the anniversary of their wedding

**December 28**

Neo-Catechumenal Mass



Christmas Flowers—In Memory of Gloria Beckius, Wilma Gribben, Pat Kain, Genevieve & Wil Tomky

Baptism class for parents and godparents is January 26. Call Fr Jerry to register. Cost is \$20.



Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Program for Religious Education. It was a great success. Thanks to Karin Kramer and her team for the costumes, Kathleen Fowler for her narration and to the Knights of Columbus for the great meal. Be sure to thank your child's teacher. Without these wonderful volunteers, all of this would never happen.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Well, we are full-tilt back in Matthew's gospel, and we'll stay here, (except for three Sundays in Lent) through the three Sundays of the Christmas season and most of the Sundays of Easter, right up to the Feast of Christ the King next November. That's thirty-eight weeks of the gospel that begins with Advent and Christmas stories painted in charcoal and grey, and written, as if a piece of music, in the gloomy key of B-flat minor.

That's a dramatic change from the gospel we just completed, which begins with Luke's Advent and Christmas stories using a palette of bright primary colors of reds, yellows and blues, and sung, I imagine, in A major. Luke loves to tell stories about Mary, and he knows far more about her than any of the other gospel writers. But it's only Matthew who tells us about St. Joseph. He's the only one, for example, who knows what Joseph was thinking when his betrothed "was found with child," a child certainly not his.

He was going to divorce her quietly, even though Moses had said that when a man had relations with another man's wife--- which is how "betrothed" was understood---both the woman and man should be stoned (Lev. 20:10). But Joseph wasn't going to do that, and this was BEFORE the angel came to him and announced that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit! He was willing to go against Moses himself in order to do the merciful thing.

And there it is. That's the glorious aria of Matthew's gospel. Over and over, we will learn that mercy outbids justice every time. *Go and learn the meaning of mercy*, says Jesus.

Maybe he learned that at home, from Joseph.

*How will you show mercy to someone in your life this Advent?*

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## Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Vaya, estamos justo de vuelta en el evangelio de Mateo, y ahí seguiremos, excepto por tres domingos de la estación de Navidad, tres domingos de Cuaresma, y casi todos los Domingos de Pascua, directamente hasta la fiesta de Cristo Rey en noviembre. Son treinta y ocho semanas del evangelio que comienza con historias de Adviento y Navidad pintadas de carbón y de gris, y escritas en el melancólico tono Si-bemol menor.

Es un cambio dramático del evangelio que acabamos de terminar, el cual comienza con el Adviento de Lucas y las historias de Navidad que utilizan colores primarios vivos de rojos, amarillos y azules, y cantadas, me imagino, en tono La mayor. A Lucas le encantan las historias de María, y él sabe mucho más de ella que cualquier otro de los escritores de los Evangelios. Pero solamente Mateo nos habla de San José. Es el único, por ejemplo, quien sabe lo que le pasó por la mente a José cuando su prometida "quedó en cinta," de un niño que no era suyo.

Iba a divorciarse de ella en secreto, a pesar de que Moisés había dicho que cuando un hombre tuviera relaciones con la esposa de otro hombre—lo que incluía estar comprometidos—ambos, la mujer y el hombre debían ser apedreados (Lev. 20:10). Pero José no iba a hacer eso, ¡y eso fue ANTES de que se le apareciera el Ángel para anunciarle que María había concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo! Él estaba dispuesto a ir en contra de Moisés mismo para poder hacer lo que era misericordioso.

Y aquí lo tenemos. Esa gloriosa melodía del evangelio de Mateo. Una y otra vez, aprenderemos que la misericordia siempre le gana a la justicia. *Vayan y aprendan el significado de la misericordia*, nos dice Jesús.

Tal vez él lo aprendió en casa, de José.

*¿Cómo le vas a mostrar la misericordia a alguien en tu vida durante este Adviento?*

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## ***Upcoming Events !!!***

- December 24      4:00pm Mass at St Patrick, Holyoke.  
                         6:30pm Mass at St Peter the Apostle, Fleming.  
                         8:30pm Mass at Christ the King, Haxtun.
- December 25      8:00am at St Patrick, Holyoke.
- December 31      Anticipated Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:  
                         5:00pm at St Peter the Apostle, Fleming  
                         7:00pm at Christ the King, Haxtun
- January 1      Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 8:00am at St Patrick, Holyoke.
- January 3      First Friday Adoration & Benediction, 6:00pm, St Patrick, Holyoke.
- January 4      First Saturday Mass, 8:30am, Christ the King, Haxtun.  
                         First Saturday Adoration & Benediction, 9:00am, Christ the King, Haxtun.
- January 6      Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:00pm, St Patrick Church basement.
- January 8      Religious Education Classes start again.
- January 9      Fresh Bread, 9:00am, Parish House, Holyoke.
- January 11      March for Life, 1:00pm, West Steps of State Capitol, Denver.
- January 12      First Reconciliation for Students & Parents Meeting, 1:00pm, St Patrick, Holyoke.
- January 12      Priesthood Discernment for High School Boys, Grade 9-12. 9:00am to 4:00pm,  
                         St John Vianney Seminary, Denver. Register at [www.denverseminarians.org](http://www.denverseminarians.org)
- January 13      Holy Family Circle meeting, 9:00am, St Patrick Hall, Holyoke.
- January 17      Father Bill Jungmann will be here to celebrate Masses while Fr Jerry is on vacation.  
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- January 25      Caring Pregnancy Resource Center Annual Banquet, 6:00pm,  
                         Phillips County Events Center, Holyoke.  
                         Sign-Up seats for tables already purchased by the parish.
- February 16      Priesthood Discernment Retreat, 9:30am to 5:00pm, St John Vianney Seminary,  
                         Denver. Register at [www.denverseminarians.org](http://www.denverseminarians.org)
- February 29      Women's Religious Life Discernment, 9:00am to 5:00pm, Spirit of Christ Parish,  
                         7400 W 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Arvada, CO 80003. Hosted by Vocations Director,  
                         Fr Ryan O'Neill & Sisters of the Archdiocese of Denver. Register at  
                         [www.archden.org/vocations](http://www.archden.org/vocations)