

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am - St. John – Priest Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm - St. John – George Maistros by Sue Maurice

Sunday, December 13th Third Sunday Of Advent

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:00 am - St. John – Mass for the people
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – All Souls
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Hap & Betty Hutchins
 by their children (Wedding Anniversary)
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, December 14th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Special Intention by Marilyn Hughes

Tuesday, December 15th

8:30am – St. John – Kenneth Budd by Bill & Sally Young

Wednesday, December 16th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15pm - St. John – Jane Corrette by her husband Bruce

Thursday, December 17th

8:30 am - St. John – Andrew & Claire Tanych by the family

Friday, December 18th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Danny Farrai by Amy Marcinko

Saturday, December 19th

8:30 am - St. John
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm - St. John – Sherry Boivin by Isabelle Handy

Sunday, December 20th Fourth Sunday Of Advent

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:00 am - St. John – Virginia Fortin by St. Anne Mortuary Fund
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Dot Fay & Ken Weymouth by Joanne
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the people
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor

Dec. 20 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm Michelle Noyes 8:00am Helen Robertson	9:35am Bob Gessner	11:30am Doris Rivard

Please remember to have one person from each family 'sign in' when attending Mass (including Daily Masses) by recording the family name and number attending. This is used to contact families in case of a covid outbreak in the community. We're reminded also of the Bishop's instruction to please wear a mask in the Church.

Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Openings are available. Call 751-8223

DECEMBER 13, 2020

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Dec 13th 6:00-7:30 pm Confirmation Class/Center
 Tues. Dec. 15th 6:45pm St.V.de Paul/St E.
 Thurs. Dec. 17th K of C. Mtg/St. E.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$61,882.74+ **On-Line:** \$34,554.55
Collections & Receipts: December, 2020 Reg .Offeratory:\$3246.00

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129
 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Queen of Peace Giving Tree

This year we will be helping a family of 8 with fuel, gifts, gas, etc. This grandmother is raising her grandchildren. A Monumental task to be sure. Please take an envelope off the tree with a dollar amount listed on it and put the amount in it. Thank you for your support.

Proposed Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – Christmas Eve
 4pm St. John
 7pm Queen of Peace
December 25th – Christmas
 12am Midnight St. John
 8am St. John
 10am St. Elizabeth



To our *Christ Our Hope* campaign supporters, we offer a sincere thanks during this giving season. We cannot carry out our mission and realize our dreams without your help. We are continuing our fundraising efforts as we try to

reach our campaign goals. If you are still praying over your decision and discerning how you might help, please know that soon you will receive a follow-up mailing asking to consider a gift. You can return your completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a gift. Your donation of any size will help address our needs at Corpus Christi Parish and also support fellow Catholics across the state.

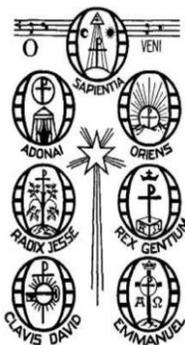
The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

Recommended on FORMED:

"FORMED Now! The Manger and the Cross"

"The Road to Bethlehem: Advent Reflections"



The O Antiphons, Beginning December 17th

The seven "O Antiphons" (also called the "Greater Antiphons" or "Major Antiphons") are prayers that come from the Breviary's Vespers during the Octave before Christmas Eve, beginning December 17th, a time which is called the "Golden Nights." The O Antiphons are the source of the lyrics of the Advent song "Veni, veni Emmanuel" ("Come, O come Emmanuel").

Each Antiphon begins with "O" and addresses Jesus with a unique title which may be found in the prophecies of Isaias, and whose initials, when read backwards, form an acrostic for the Latin "Ero Cras" which means "Tomorrow I come." Those titles for Christ are:

Sapientia: "Wisdom," from Isaias 11:2-3 *And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom, etc.*

Adonai: "Lord of Israel," from Isaias 28:29 *This also is come forth from the Lord God of hosts, to make his counsel wonderful, and magnify justice.*

Radix Jesse: "Root of Jesse," from Isaias 11:1 *And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root.*

Clavis David: "Key of David," from Isaias 22:22 *And I will lay the key of the house of David upon his shoulder: and he shall open, and none shall shut: and he shall shut, and none shall open.*

Oriens: "Radiant Dawn," "Dayspring," from Isaias 9:2 *The people that walked in darkness, have seen a great light: to them that dwelt in the region of the shadow of death, light is risen.*

Rex Gentium: "King of all Nations," from Isaias 9:7 *His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace: he shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom ... from henceforth and for ever.*

Emmanuel: "God with us," from Isaias 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel.*

December 14th: Feast of St. John of the Cross

Saint John of the Cross, O.C.D. (1542-1591), a priest and Doctor of the Church, is considered to be the Doctor of Mystical Theology, and was a reformer of the Carmelite Order, along with Saint Teresa of Avila, who founded the Discalced Carmelites ... and who talked him into remaining a Carmelite instead of becoming a Carthusian. He was very familiar with both Holy Scripture and with Saint Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica*. Known as the Doctor of Mystical Theology, he is also known for his writings (especially his poetry), including: *The Ascent of Mount Carmel, Counsels to a Religious, Dark Night of the Soul, Living Flame of Love, Precautions (Cautions), Spiritual Canticle, Spiritual Maxims: Words of Light, Points of Love and Other Counsels*. He was canonized in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1926 by Pope Pius XI.

"Our most important task consists in remaining silent before this great God, silent with our desires as well as with our tongue. He understands only one language, that of silent love."

- St. John of the Cross

Why God Became Man

When the Son of God became man for our sake, He could have come on earth as an adult man from the first moment of His human existence, as Adam did when he was created. But since the sight of little children draws us with an especial attraction to love them, Jesus chose to make His first appearance on earth as a little infant, and indeed as the poorest and most pitiful infant that was ever born. "God wished to be born as a little babe," wrote Saint Peter Chrysologus, "in order that He might teach us to love and not to fear Him." The prophet Isaias had long before foretold that the Son of God was to be born as an infant and thus give Himself to us on account of the love He bore us: "A child is born to us, a son is given to us."

My Jesus, supreme and true God! What has drawn Thee from heaven to be born in a cold stable, if not the love which Thou bearest us men? What has allured Thee from the bosom of Thy Father, to place Thee in a hard manger? What has brought Thee from Thy throne above the stars, to lay Thee down on a little straw? What has led Thee from the midst of the nine choirs of angels, to set Thee between two animals? Thou, who inflamest the seraphim with holy fire, art now shivering with cold in this stable! Thou, who settest the stars in the sky in motion, canst not now move unless others carry Thee in their arms! Thou, who givest men and beasts their food, has need now a little milk to sustain Thy life! Thou, who art the joy of heaven, dost now whimper and cry in suffering! Tell me, who has reduced Thee to such misery? "Love has done it," says Saint Bernard. The love which Thou bearest us men has brought all this on Thee.



The Adoration of St. Joseph

"At Nazareth Joseph's days were filled with work which necessarily took him away at times from his Infant God. During these hours Mary replaced him, but when evening brought him home again, he would pass the entire night in adoration, never tiring, only too happy for the chance to contemplate the hidden riches of Jesus' divinity. For he pierced the rough garments the Child wore, until his faith touched the Sacred Heart. In profound adoration he

united himself to the special grace of each one of the events in the life of Jesus. He adored our Lord in His hidden life and in His Passion and Death; he adored in advance the Eucharistic Christ in His tabernacles: there was nothing that our Lord could hide from Saint Joseph. Among the graces which Jesus gave to His foster-father -- and He flooded him with the graces attached to every one of His mysteries -- is that special to an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament. That is the one we must ask of St. Joseph. Have confidence, strong confidence in him. Take him as the patron and the model of your life of adoration."

- St.

Peter Julian Eymard

"We have close to us as much as Joseph had at Nazareth; we have our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, but our poor eyes fail to see Him. Let us once become interior souls and we shall immediately see. In no better way can we enter into the Heart of our Lord than through Saint Joseph. Jesus and Mary are eager to pay the debts which they owe him for his devoted care of them, and their greatest pleasure is to fulfill his least desire. Let him, then, lead you by hand into the interior sanctuary of Jesus Eucharistic."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

The Pope has announced a Year of St. Joseph: Dec. 8, 2020 – Dec. 8, 2021