

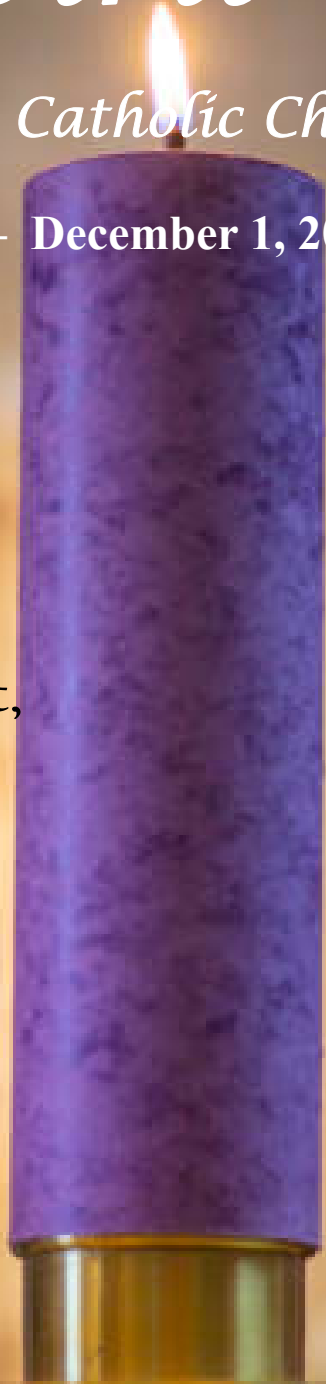
The Spirit

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent — December 1, 2019

“You... must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MT 24:44



Monday, December 2

6:30 a.m. — Spec. Int. Frank Oliva
 8:15 a.m. — John & Mary Zarembski

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 a.m. — Purgatorial Society
 8:15 a.m. — Bobby Canong; Helen LaPierre; Spec. Int.
 Regina Kwiek; John Colletti; Mary Coyne

Wednesday, Dec. 4 (*St. John Damascene, Priest/Doctor*)

6:30 a.m. — Mary E. Gustafson
 8:15 a.m. — Biagio Gattuso

Thursday, December 5

6:30 a.m. — Dec. Members Francisco Dindia Family
 8:15 a.m. — Fr. Gerard Christianson

Friday, December 6 (*St. Nicholas, Bishop*)

6:30 a.m. — James Maranda
 8:15 a.m. — Spec. Int. Tim Benka

Saturday, December 7 (*St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor*)

8:15 a.m. — Spec. Int. Marie & Tony DeCecco; Agatha
 Faehnrich; Marion Lang; Gerardo Alfano;
 Spec. Int. Magdalena & Tomasz Wojtowicz;
 Babby Nadu; Spec. Int. Jerzy Kapalka; Souls
 in Purgatory; Adriana Ruffolo;
 Notole Mammona

5:00 p.m. — Patrick Jennings

Sunday, December 8 (*Second Sunday of Advent*)

7:30 a.m. — John Sweeney
 9:00 a.m. — Michael Gullo
 10:45 a.m. — For the People of OLR
 12:15 p.m. — Armando & Pia Mei
 5:00 p.m. — Dec. Members Benedetto Oliva Family

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 pm (Saturday)
 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 am, 12:15, 5:00pm
 Weekday: 6:30 & 8:15 am; Saturday 8:15 am
 Holy Day: 6:30, 8:15 am, 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 11:00 am - 12 noon
 and individually as requested.

HOPELINE: For Pregnant Women 847-823-HOPE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: "Let the children come to me..."
Lk 18:16 Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated on the 2nd and 4th
 Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Church. A preparation meeting is
 required. Please call the Ministry Center to arrange.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: God's mercy is ever
 near. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to
 Noon in the Church, and by appointment.

CARING FOR THE SICK: If you or a loved one are ill and
 would like prayers or to receive the Sacrament of Anointing, Holy
 Communion, or a visit, please do not hesitate to call the Ministry
 Center. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing
 follows the 8:15 a.m. Mass on the second Saturday of the month.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Congratulations! Weddings are
 ordinarily celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please
 be sure to consult a priest before setting the date for your wedding.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place
 throughout the day, ending with Holy Hour and Benediction from
 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

BULLETINS: Please note that notices or announcements to be
 placed in the bulletin need to be delivered to the Ministry Center two
 weeks in advance of requested publication date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to the Parish! We are glad you
 are here. Please come to or call the Ministry Center to register.



PRAYING IT FORWARD...

“God invites us to lift up the needs of our parish and the world as one of the ways we participate in Jesus’ mission to the world.” (DKS)

SUCH a great experience training with our very own Deacon Keith Strohm! Over the last 2 weeks — OVER 30 people stepped forward from our community to

learn more about, be trained in, and practice intercessory prayer specifically for increased positive fruitfulness in our parish from the many positive things here. We were especially grateful to see many come forward from our Faith Formation Team, our Charismatic Prayer Team, as well as many other members of lots of parish ministries and leadership. If you missed this — talk to someone who was there — and let us know — we’d love to prepare another team!



One of the most significant movements in any parish renewal is the ability to discern and awaken our own God-given gifts — whether we know them or not — and begin to encounter the person of Jesus by using these gifts — given at baptism — in a new way. Even if I am already doing this — or think I am already doing this — there is always more I can know about my gifts from God, my relationship with the person of Jesus — and about my relationship between myself — those gifts — and the world!

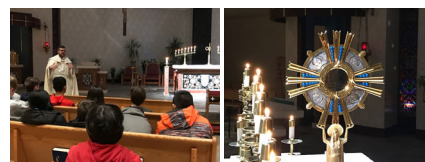
Intercessory prayer is more than you think — but across Scripture and Tradition — we know it connects us to the very heart of God the Father through Jesus His Son. And that’s awesome! So — if you were one of the #Thirsty30 who were here over the last 2 weeks — keep practicing — and you will hear from us soon about next steps. If you miss this and want to find out more — please contact Deacon Keith at deaconkeith@olransom.org.

FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES AND PRAYER!

Also of significance 2 weeks ago was some really great work on behalf of our 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates, their Faith Formation Team, Fr. Matt, and all of our families and children.

One of the small additions to our Tuesday night sessions for children and young people has been the addition of a family opportunity for a brief wrap up and Closing Prayer for the evening together. We do this for a few reasons:

- 1.) Parking the car and coming in helps with safer pick up/parking lot
- 2.) It helps families to move towards returning home and preparing for homework, bedtime, or other end-of-day movements
- 3.) It gives our team a chance to regularly encounter parents for good follow up and ongoing relationship, and gives our parents a chance to ask questions voice concerns, and mostly communicate affirmations back and forth!
- 4.) It gives our children and young people a chance to immediately assess what they have prepared to celebrate Mass that following Sunday and answer questions about that gospel reading — together with their parents.
- 5.) It gives our community: team, parents, other adults, children, and young people a chance to practice reverence, learn about the cool stuff in our church, and most importantly — to pray together with each other and our families.



But this week was SUPER COOL — upon request of our 8th Graders and their team to learn about different styles of prayer — Fr. Matt came and explained Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration and gave them time to pray — and THEN those 8th Graders got to model that style of prayer for everyone! We didn’t get a picture — but there were over 300 parents, children, young people and team praying in Adoration for about 5 minutes! We thirst for silence — we hunger to hear God’s Voice. We want to be cooperative in His plan for our lives — and we learn these things by learning to encounter silence. God reveals Himself to us in silence. And He also reveals ourselves to us in silence. This Advent — set aside a few minutes of daily silence — and see what God says to you!

Queen of Peace Guild's 47th Annual Holiday Craft & Bake Sale

Thanks again to all who generously donated the special bakery items and came to shop at our annual Craft and Bake Sale. Many enjoyed the fun games and socializing with friends at this parish activity. We could not have done it without our wonderful volunteers and the parish personnel.

Raffle Winners

Pat Warzecha	Samsung 55" UHD HDR Smart TV
Maria Eichstaedt	2 Blackhawks Tickets, Parking and a Blackhawks Patrick Kane Jersey
Gloria Rossi	\$300 Cash
Angela Scott	Gift Card Basket and Accessories; value \$400
Donna Sobczak	Turkey Dinner

Additional thanks to our Guild members who worked on crafts, baskets, etc. from January through November. Thanks to extra help in the bakery: Kathy Lopez; also helpers who manned the turkey booth: Joe Lysy, George Lopez, and Tony Del Medico; and for Christmas light decor on pillars: John Imber and Norm Stranczek. They were all a big help. Big thanks to Brad for table setup and takedown.

A special Thank You to Embers School, Lisa Hanretty and Terri Thursby, teachers and parents who came to shop. Time was set aside for first through grade five children who enjoyed buying items for their parents. It was special to have them shop at our sale. They all want to come back next year.

The Holiday Craft Sale will be available during the Cookie Walk on December 14-15 after Masses. Many items will be available for last minute gifts or great stocking stuffers. Come shop!

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week's Liturgies

Date/Time	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers
Saturday, December 7 5:00 p.m.	Mark Brzozowski Reneda Mittman	Ken Seske, Susan Dolan, Steve Dolan, Mike Merchut, Joan Del Medico, Maria Eichstaedt, Patricia Lawlor	Renee Pantaleon Mary Rigoni
Sunday, December 8 7:30 a.m.	Daniel Ramirez Wayne Sliwa	Terry Uselmann, Rosanne Dulski, Joan Karwoski, Pat Lucas, Phyllis Ranalli, 2 subs needed	Daniel Keefe Server needed
9:00 a.m.	Isabel DuPont	Joey Randazzo, Filomena Randazzo, Fred Batliner Gerry Batliner, Geraldine Gargano, Joseph Nemanic Maria Gullo	2 Servers needed
10:45 a.m.	Bob Bell George Kedra	Maureen Bell, Marilyn Schuler, Josephine Bax, Joel Sacris, Nancy Dooghe, Nancy Hedrick, Jerry Merkel	Almus Uzquiano
12:15 p.m.	Jonelle Castillo Chris Paoellelli	Ben Paoellelli, Joe Paoellelli, Gloria Scardino, Judy Vee, Angelita DePaz, Eduardo DePaz, Matilde Yates	2 Servers needed
5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Deveau 1 Lector Needed	Lydia LaScola, R. Scott Flick, James Croteau, 2 subs needed	2 Servers needed

DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 1st Sunday Advent Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, 12:15, 5:00pm CLOW 10:45am CH</p>	<p>2 Baptismal Prep 7:00pm DR RCIA 7:00pm AR KC-Hill 7:00pm DR Men's Club 7:00pm PH</p>	<p>3 REP 5:30 & 7:00pm SCH CWC Board 7:00pm DR</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 L of M 6:00pm DR FCC Choir 7:00pm SW15</p>	<p>6 Mass 6:30, 8:15am Adoration all day Holy Hour 7:00pm CH</p>	<p>7 Coffee w/Men 7:00a m AR Mass 8:15am CH Confessions 11:00am Mass 5:00pm CH 2nd Coll. Retirement Relig.</p>
<p>8 2nd Sunday Advent Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, 12:15, 5:00pm CLOW 10:45am CH Baptisms 1:00pm CH Donut Sunday 2nd Coll. Retirement Relig.</p>	<p>9 PPC 7:00pm DR KC-Hill Christmas Party 7:00pm PH</p>	<p>10 REP 5:30 & 7:00pm SCH Advent Service CH CWC 6:30pm PH SVdP 7:00pm AR</p>	<p>11 Choir 7:00pm SW15 FCC 7:00pm DR SOUL 7:30pm NW1</p>	<p>12 L of M 6:00pm DR FCC Choir 7:00pm SW15</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Mass 8:15am CH Anointing/Sick 8:45am Confessions 11:00am Mass 5:00pm CH</p>
<p>15 3rd Sunday Advent Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, 12:15, 5:00pm CLOW 10:45am CH Giving Tree Return Cookie Walk PH</p>	<p>16 Comm. Reconciliation (Eng/Pol) 7:00pm CH RCIA 7:00pm AR KC-MT 7:00-pm NW5</p>	<p>17 Nite Ministry 10:00am PH Youth Choir 6:00pm SW15</p>	<p>18 Choir 7:00pm SW15 KC-MT 7:30pm NW5 SOUL 7:30pm NW1</p>	<p>19 L of M 6:00pm DR FCC Choir 7:00pm SW15 FCC Rhsl. Simbang Gabi 7:00pm CH</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Coffee w/Men 7:00am AR Mass 8:15am CH Confessions 11:00am Mass Simbang Gabi 5:00pm CH</p>
<p>22 4th Sunday Advent Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, 12:15, 5:00pm CLOW 10:45am CH Baptisms 1:30pm CH</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00, 10:30pm CH</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, 12:15pm CH</p>	<p>26 Offices Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Mass 8:15am CH Confessions 11:00am Mass 5:00pm CH</p>
<p>29 Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45, 12:15, 5:00pm KC-MT Rosary 10:00am</p>	<p>30 DAA 6:45pm DR</p>	<p>31 Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 5:00pm CH</p>	<p>1 Mary, Mother of God Mass 9:00am, 11:00am CH</p>			
<p>KEY: CH = Church SCH = School PH = Paluch Hall (Downstairs below church) GS = Gathering Space (Church) AR = Antioch Room (Ministry Center) DR = Dining Room (Ministry Center)</p>						
<p>WR = Workroom (Ministry Center) MC = Ministry Center 10, 11, 12, 15 = Rooms in School CLOW = Children's Liturgy of the Word CWC = Catholic Women's Club DAA = Domestic Abuse Awareness FCC = Filipino Christian Community</p>						
<p>KC-Hill = Knights of Columbus KofC-MT Mother Teresa Council L of M = Legion of Mary MofC = Ministry of Care MHM = Moms Helping Moms NW 1, 3, 5, 8 Rooms in School PPC = Parish Pastoral Council</p>						
<p>Q of P = Queen of Peace Guild REP = Religious Education Program SOUL = Prayer Group SVdP = St. Vincent de Paul YA = Young Adults YG = Youth Group</p>						

SIMBANG GABI

A Filipino Advent Tradition

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

SATURDAY, 21 December
at 4:30 p.m.

We, the Filipino parishioners of Our Lady of Ransom,
are happy to share our Simbang Gabi tradition
with everyone.

Followed by a small reception in Paluch Hall

CWC COOKIE WALK ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

We need your homemade cookies for the Annual CWC Cookie Walk on December 14-15.

Drop off your cookies at the table to the entrance of Paluch Hall on Saturday December 14 from 9 am-5 pm or Sunday December 15 until 10 am.

Place cookies in a shirt box, and please be sure to mark on the box if the cookies contain nuts.

All bakers are eligible for a Bakers Basket Drawing.

Cookies will be sold in Paluch Hall after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, and after the Sunday Masses until cookies are sold out. Thank you for your donation!



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 6

Adoration begins following the 8:15am Mass, with Benediction at 7:00 pm

Spend an hour with our Eucharistic Lord

A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space.

ADVENT - WEEK 1 - HOPE

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas Day. Amen.



Catholic Women's Club invites you to their Christmas Luncheon

Joy to the World

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Cocktails 11:00 AM Lunch 12 Noon
Featuring Entertainment by Antonio Duca

Manzo's Banquets
1571 S. Elmhurst Rd
Des Plaines, IL

Tickets \$40 (No Refunds)

Tickets available at the Ministry Center and after Masses
beginning the weekend of 11/9 – 11/10/ 2019

Last date tickets will be sold is 12/1/2019
No Tickets Available at the Door.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This weekend we have the opportunity to take ornaments and provide Christmas gifts for needy inner-city children, persons with disabilities, and our homebound parishioners.

The need is always great -- please consider taking an ornament (or two).

- SNOWMAN names a girl/woman from St. Mary of Providence
- ANGEL names a child from St. Malachy & Precious Blood
 - TREE names a homebound person of OLR

No donations of cash or checks, please!

Bring your wrapped gift with ornament attached during the weekend of December 14-15. Please to ensure all children receive their gifts, **please return no later than noon on December 15**. Thank you.

REST IN PEACE

Please continue to pray for the following people who have recently died:

For All the Faithful Departed

"Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed not ended."
--Rite of Christian Burial

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our response to God's command to take care of the community with the gifts, talents and resources God entrusts to us.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES**Sunday Collections**

Will be posted next week.

We are grateful.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carole Miller (4)
Emilio Di Benedetto (3)
Sophie Cichon (2)

We pray for all the sick at every Mass and in our private prayers. Persons who have a change in their health (traumatic event, surgery, critical stage of disease, etc.) will be mentioned by name (if they or a family member request) at Sunday Masses. Thereafter, for one month the name will be published in the bulletin and then placed on our website: olransom.org.

OLR MILITARY
God keep you safe!

SR Anthony A. D'Amico
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1st Lt. Timothy F. Eddy, Jr.
1st Lt. Catie LaScola, USMC
LCpl Zachary Christopher Flick USMC
SPC Liam Walsh
SPC Thomas Scott Martin

If you know of any Our Lady of Ransom parishioners who are serving in the military and would like to include them in our prayer intentions, please call the Ministry Center (847-823-2550.)

***The Magnificat (Canticle of Mary)***

*My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.*

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