



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

dear Padre

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Why doesn't the word immaculate also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, immaculate comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin in anticipation of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection. —Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR



Masses for the Week

December 17th - 23rd

Mon	8:00 am	Rosemary Hinton
Tues	1:00 pm	Walter & Dorothy Manning (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Louise Kennedy
Thur	9:30 am	Colin Whitfill (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	George Greenwell
Sat	5:00 pm	St. Romuald Parishioners
Sun	7:00 am	Jamie Bland (SB)
	10:00 am	Frank & Clara Sulpa (MW)

Stewardship of Finance

December 8th & 9th

Sunday Collection.....	\$12,628.57
Building Fund.....	\$25.00
Retired Religious	\$215.00

REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)

Amount needed Weekly.....\$9,500.00

Year to date Totals thru November 30, 2018

Total All Income.....\$180,720.36

Total All Expenses.....(175,290.97)

Net Income\$5,429.39

Worship and Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

Confession/Reconciliation: Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

Membership in the Parish: Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

Ministers of the Liturgy - December 22nd & 23rd

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Julie Jarboe Jerry Jarboe	Jenny Pile Dayle Riley	C-Paul Shalosky* C-Tony Critchelow S-Mark Rhodes S-Carroll Whitfill	Sam Weise Haley Weise	Brenda Wheatley	Pippa
7:00 am	Cathy Lewis Faye Glasscock	Tom Aull	C-Kenny Glasscock* C-Bryce Glasscock S-D.J. Glasscock S-Tim Glasscock	Andrew Carwile Luke Carwile	Raymond Wethington	Pippa
10:00 am	Rhonda Walz Tabetha Walz Rosa Hockenberry Kathryn Ables	Alvin Mattingly Betsy Anthony	C-Joey Walz* C-Jim Sills S-Noah Matthews S-Griffin Moore	Luke Walz Logan Walz	Kathryn Ables	P.J./Choir Cantor: George

Radio Minister: Laura Skillman

Parish News and Events



RCIA Schedule Changes/ Reminders:

RCIA Refreshment Team for Dec. 19:

Pam Pollock, Jessica Phillips,
Tammy Mattingly, Kim Brumfield

Thanks to Lisa Kennedy, Judy Dowell, Rita Greenwell and Jessie Lewis for providing refreshments for RCIA this past week!

Thanks to all willing to help with this ministry! If you are willing to serve on a **RCIA refreshment team *one time*** between March - May 2019, please call Marie Rose at 756-2356 or 270-617-0538 to be placed on the schedule. Thank you for volunteering for this ministry!

No RCIA session on December 26th!
Sessions resume January 2.

The Gathering: As you see we have decided on a new name for our monthly get togethers. We are no longer recognized as Senior Day, but as the Gathering in reference to Matthew 18:20... "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." So, when you see this you will know all are invited to come! Our Christmas gathering will take place on Tuesday, December 18th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. At this gathering we will also be discussing a time change possibly from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, so do some thinking about that. We will continue with our crafts, and do a little gift giving and in general enjoy our time together. I will again be cooking turkey with all the fixings and ask that you bring a dish to pass. Bring a neighbor, a friend or a family member all are invited to the Gathering here at St. Romuald Church!

Hardinsburg Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, December 18, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Hardinsburg Baptist Church.

Need Your Help

We are getting ready to schedule Liturgical Ministers for Christmas and upcoming Holy Days. If you know you can minister (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Gift Bearer) for any of these day please call the office at 270-756-2356 and let us know.

Christmas Masses, 4 & 8:00 pm, Dec 24
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am, Dec 25
Mary, the Mother of God, 6:00 PM, Dec 31
9:00 AM, Jan 1

Thank you in advance!

Advent Giving Tree:

Gifts are due back on December 16th.

This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	Mass
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	10:00 am	Senior Day
	1:00 pm	MASS at Extended Care
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	6:00 pm	Penance Service - St. Mary's
Wed	5:00 pm	Mass
	6:00 pm	RCIA
	6:00 pm	Penance Service - St. Anthony's
Thur	9:30 am	MASS at Medco
	6:00 pm	Penance Service - St. Romuald
Fri	9:00 am	Mass
Sat	6:15 pm	Family Movie Night
Sun	11:15 am	Decorate Church for Christmas
Upcoming		
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
	8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass

Around and About

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Music Ministers
Dec 24 4:00 pm	Jean Oelze Lori Carwile Tiffany Davenport Sandy Horsley Jerry Jarboe Julie Jarboe	Jenny Pile Alex Bertschman	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	John Bertschman Cole Anthony	Pippa
Dec 24 8:00 pm	Dolores Mattingly Karen Huddleston Volunteer Volunteer	Rosa Hockenberry Joellen McGary	Chuck McGary Jamie Barr Evan Barr Eric Barr	Ava Phillips Benjamin Barr	P.J./Choir Cantor: Alison
Dec 25 9:00 am	Janet O'Reilly Pat O'Reilly	Alvin Mattingly Dolores Mattingly	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Pippa
Dec 31 6:00 pm	Karen Huddleston Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	P.J.
Jan 1 9:00 am	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer

If you can volunteer for any of these position please call the office at 270-756-2356

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

Abortion Update: Last week 64 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

Readings for the Week

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Men's Discernment Retreat

The Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office invites you to participate in *The Men's Discernment Retreat*, a retreat for men ages 18-30 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life, receive guidance for the discernment process, learn the tools of discernment, and sharpen your discerning skills.

There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on **December 14-16** at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to participate in this retreat but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is December 10th. You may register online at www.owensborovocations.com
<https://owensborovocations.com/vocationsevents/mens-discernment-retreat/>

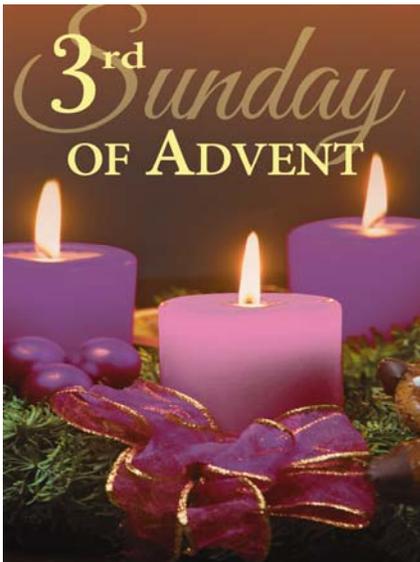
For more information and to register, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org,

Disciples Response Fund Update:

550 Families in Parish

100 Families Donated

Target Amount	\$13,070.77
Total Pledged	\$11,002.00
Total Paid	\$ 8,059.50
Total Due	\$ 3,182.50



Children's Practice for the 4:00 pm Christmas

Eve Mass will be Thursday, December 13th & 20th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For more information contact Patti Curran at 270-945-8155 or Pippa at 270-668-8021.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 11, 2019 call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Advent Penance Services

December 18 6:00 pm	St. Mary's of the Woods
December 19 6:00 pm	St. Anthony
December 20 6:00 pm	St. Romuald

College Students: We need the names and addresses of all the college students that belong to St. Romuald Parish. Please call the church office, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm or drop the information in an envelope in the collection basket.

Thank you.

Family Movie Night: Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship as we settle into watching not one but two movies for Christmas. The first movie is a Hallmark favorite "Mrs. Miracle". It's about family, faith, and forgiveness. A widower hires a housekeeper named Mrs. Merkle to help him with his twin sons, when the boys meet her, they can't pronounce her name, so they call her Mrs. Miracle. She soon becomes nanny, chef, friend and matchmaker. Our second movie is called "A Christmas Eve Miracle", a mother with an all-consuming job, wishes she could go back when it was just her and her husband. The next day she wakes up and the wish has come true, no children, no worries. But soon it all becomes very obvious this isn't the life when wanted, but how does she get her old life back? Join us on Saturday, December 22nd at 6:15 pm for a night of popcorn and Christmas treats, both movies together are over in less than three hours. Hope to see you there.

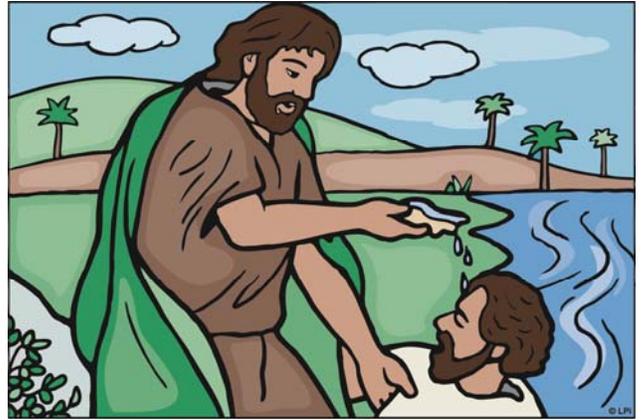
PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:



Bobbie Adcox, Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, Glenn Basham, Gene Bennett, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Elias R. Carter, Ashley Carwile, Robert Chambliss, Donnie Claycomb, H.L. DeJarnette, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Lee Ann Flener, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, **Sara Hignite**, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, Mark Masterson, Baby Danica Mattingly, Jim Mattingly, Jude Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, **Jimmy Payne**, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Kimberly Rolen, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Carressa Smith, Mark Sterett, Deborah Sue Stevens, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Donnie Vessels, Pat Watkins, Greg Weise, Raymond Wethington, Charles Whitehead, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Madelyn Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, David Williams, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe, Brandy Young **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

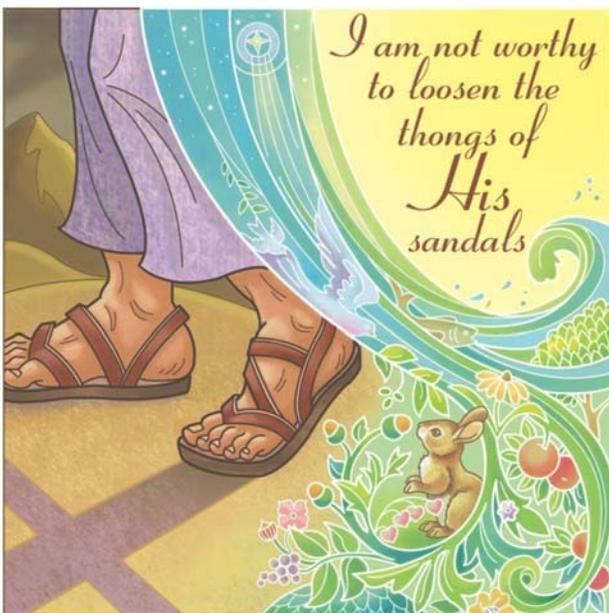
The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

Celebration

BIRTHDAYS:

Bill Monin, December 20th

Mary Rita Neff, December 20th



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Sunday, Dec 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The forgotten wrong

In an affluent society, the sin rarely referred to is avarice. We redefine it as ambition, upward mobility, or simply “doing well.” But the clutch of personal possessions is still the spiritual stranglehold it always was. The needle’s eye isn’t getting any bigger, and our modern camels still won’t pass through. John the Baptist offers several key remedies. First, share what you have with those who don’t have. Second, don’t cheat, ever. Third, don’t keep striving for more. Finally, be humble. These remedies for avarice are countercultural. They also prepare the way of the One who is coming.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18 (9)*. “*The crowds asked John the Baptist: ‘What should we do?’*”

Monday, Dec 17, 2018

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Trace your holy family tree

The internet has given a boost to the widespread fascination with genealogy. Any number of websites will do the research for people who want to find out more about their ancestors. Folks in the ancient world also took a keen interest in their forebears. For them, where you came from and who came before you had a lot to do with your social standing. It’s not surprising, then, that Jesus got the ancestry.com treatment not once but twice in the gospels: in Matthew and Luke. While Matthew’s version had some unexpected characters, it also traced Jesus back to David and Abraham and therefore made him worthy of great esteem. Advent is a good time to renew your acquaintance with Christian tradition. Read a good history of the church, like Paul Johnson’s now classic *A History of Christianity* (1976).

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193)*. “*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*”

Tuesday, Dec 18, 2018

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Give measure for measure

Joseph, Mary’s betrothed, is called a *righteous* man. That is an antique word best explained in terms of weights. A righteous weight is truthful in its measure. Joseph weighed the situation—pregnant fiancée, not his child—and originally determined the most generous measure of his response: to get out of the deal and protect Mary without causing scandal. God, however, asked for more from this good man: to marry the woman and raise the child as his own. This baker’s-dozen measure of what justice requires is still in force today. Pray that the Lord of justice will help you imitate Joseph’s brand of benevolent giving.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194)*. “*This is the name they give him: ‘The Lord our justice.’*”

Wednesday, Dec 19, 2018

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Turn your heart toward children

After hearing of a newborn king in Bethlehem, King Herod ordered the slaughter of all young male children in the village. Truth be told, it has never been easy to be a child. Historian John Boswell reveals in *The Kindness of Strangers* that child abandonment was a common and often accepted practice from

antiquity until the Renaissance. Although strides have been made in child welfare, abuse, neglect, and exploitation are still alarmingly widespread. A society that puts children first has a great future to look forward to. Be a voice for those who are still learning to speak.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195)*. “*He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children.*”

Thursday, Dec 20, 2018

ADVENT WEEKDAY

The key to the mystery

With all the Advent talk of expectant waiting for new life, the reality for many families is that some of their sick and elderly are choosing this time of year to let go and go home to God. We hold these mysteries of birth and death together. If you are around death and the dying at this time of year—or any time—remember that a God who can bring life from Mary, a virgin, and Elizabeth, an elderly woman, can draw eternal life out of the bounds of death.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196)*. “*She was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.*”

Friday, Dec 21, 2018

MEMORIAL OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH OR ADVENT WEEKDAY

How to get things done

Have you noticed there are only four more shopping days left till Christmas? Better get moving or there won’t be enough time to put up the decorations, finish sending Christmas greetings, get the food prepared, and clean up the house for the guests. Maybe you need to beg the intercession of today’s saint, Peter Canisius (1521-97), who is known as the patron saint of getting things done. He said, “If you have too much to do, with God’s help you will find time to do it all.” Hey, it’s worth a try. Otherwise, you might need to call on Saint Jude, patron of hopeless causes!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197)*. “*Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.*”

Saturday, Dec 22, 2018

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Generous Christmas to you

The constant jingle-jangle of ads this time of year reminds us that it is not too late to get into the “spirit of giving.” Most of the time those words are followed by encouragement to run to the local mall for last-minute shopping, but there are many other ways to give as well. We can give of our time, lend an ear, share our table, make a donation, deliver a gift to those who are less fortunate. There are many ways to experience the special feeling that comes from an act of generosity. If there is magic to the season, that is surely it.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198)*. “*He has filled the hungry with good things.*”

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