

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19-27, 2020

Weekend Masses are at St. Frances Cabrini Church

Weekend:

Saturday Dec 19 **VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
SFC 4:30pm *Weekend Mass Intentions*

Sunday Dec 20 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Weekend Mass Intentions
SFC 11am **Mass will be Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube**

Weekdays:

Monday Dec 21 Late Advent Weekday
 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
SFC 8am *Larry Moore* by Janis Robison

Tuesday Dec 22 Late Advent Weekday
SFC 8am *People of the Parish*

Wednesday Dec 23 Late Advent Weekday
 St. John Kanty, Priest
SFC 8am *Ann Seline* by Family

Thursday Dec 24 **VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS**

SFC 4pm *Christmas Flower Memorial Intentions*
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Friday Dec 25 **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS**
SFC 10am *Christmas Flower Memorial Intentions*

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Weekend:

Saturday Dec 26 **VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH**

SFC 4:30pm *Weekend Mass Intentions*

Sunday Dec 27 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH**

Weekend Mass Intentions
SFC 11am **Mass will be Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube**

Mass Intentions for December 19/20: *Ann Seline* by Family; *Stephen Kanack* by wife, Pat & granddaughters, Claire & Danielle Glotzbecker; *Larry Moore* by Marie & Ron Richards.

Mass Intentions for December 26/27: *Edward Bittner 'Birthday Memorial'* by Marcella & Family; *Lester Tharp* by Leslie, Steve, Nancy & Families; *Benjamin Tharp* by Leslie, Steve, Nancy & Families; *Ann Seline* by Family; *Elizabeth Todaro* by Nick & Lisa Iarocci; *John Morris* by Anthony & Renee Scardino.



Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Stephen Kanack
 by Pat Kanack

Special Intention
 by Susan Kananen

For the Safety & Welfare of Children
 by Marie Richards

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

December 19 3:30pm

December 20 10:00am

December 23 4-6pm

All confessions will be held at
 St. Frances Cabrini Church
 Confessions anytime by appointment
 call 599-8570

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



I believe that You are present in
 the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 And desire to receive You into my
 soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
 Receive You sacramentally,
 Come at least spiritually into my
 heart.

I embrace You as if You were
 already there
 And unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated
 from You.



Stewardship Update

Sunday \$4,797.61 84 Envelopes 5 On-Line

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Stewardship: We are about to receive one of the most mysterious gifts: the gift of God's Son in the form of a baby. God could have come to us in any other way, but he chose to become human. Recalling the struggles in Jesus' life as a human, he could have easily stopped preaching and setting an example of the Father's will, but he persisted. He did this for us simply because he loves us. Jesus is the ultimate steward because he recognized the gifts from his Father and shared them freely with others. How do we live our lives in this way?

PLEASE NOTE:

COVID cases in our community have spiked to dangerous levels and we want to caution you if you are considering attending Mass in person.

Seating will be limited due to COVID restrictions. If the church is at capacity, overflow will be sent to the Parish Center to watch live-streaming of the Mass.

***If you fall into any of the high risk categories**, we recommend you worship with us from the safety of your home.

***If you exhibit any symptoms of COVID** or have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with the virus **DO NOT attend Mass in person.**

Remember Christmas Masses will be live-streamed and the obligation to attend is still suspended.

Bethlehem has experienced devastating effects from COVID-19 on their economy and the tourism sector across the Holy Land has been destroyed. Bethlehem has had little or no economy since March, 2020 and it is predicted tourism will not recover before Easter 2022.

For many families, tourism is their main source of income it has completely vanished. The Christian families in Bethlehem need our help. If you would like to help support these families, you can do so by visiting this website: <https://www.bethlehemnativitysouvenirs.com> to make a purchase.

They sell such items as Stations of the Cross, Nativity sets, and Old Icons. The items they sell are authentic olivewood masterpieces that are fully hand carved in Bethlehem.

Our 'Featured Advertiser' this week is:

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Reflecting on the Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12, 14a,16

Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27,29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-28

Readings can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122020.cfm>

In his book, *Seeds of Hope*, the beloved spiritual guide, Henri Nouwen, writes, "Waiting is active. Most of us think of waiting as something very passive, a hopeless state determined by events totally out of our hands". What if we thought of Advent's waiting as watching for the ways, places, and people through whom God is "Writing the divine word of hope in the midst of our dark world"? (Nouwen). Isaiah invites us to consider how we might participate in the ushering in of good news to the oppressed, mournful, brokenhearted, and imprisoned. Even as God's people awaited a Messiah, God was active in the life of Mary, whom God had chosen to participate in the gift of salvation. Perhaps in our Advent waiting, we, too, can be changed – becoming more loving, more caring, more patient, more hopeful. Let us remember, though, that it is Christ who comes as the agent of hope and of change, even as we wait and watch. He is the one for whom we truly wait and hope. Come, Lord Jesus.

-As I wait for life to return to "normal", post COVID-19, how can I shine the light of Christ's love in the lives of those who wait in despair?

-How is hope already being shared in the darkness and uncertainty that seems to define our current state of affairs?

-What enables me to "give thanks in all circumstances", in places and lives where Christ is continually at work?

