



SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CENTER

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Sunday, December 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We welcome you to join our congregation of Saint Paul! Registration forms are available at the back of the church, near the entrance or contact Rae Crozier for more information.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Today is the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. Sunday Advent is the season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Reading, prayer, and reflection are ways we can cultivate a sense of holy anticipation this Advent. The fourth Sunday of Advent we meditate on the **peace** that Jesus brings our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season!

This week we focus our hearts on the "Lord of peace" who came down from heaven in the form of a baby. God knows that we are in a constant battle against fear! Fear wants to cripple us, to push us to react rather than carefully respond, and fear steals our joy. God has given us the gift of peace so we can live joy-filled lives!

Over this Advent, would you pray that *God's unexplainable peace* would be evident in your heart and home. This year we all have faced so much chaos and uncertainty. God's peace is something we need to hold tightly onto *more than ever*. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time to joyfully await our King!

LECTORS SCHEDULE

December 18	Mary LeBaron
Christmas Eve	Toni Foran
Christmas Day	Patty Simmerman
New Year's Day	Charlotte Green
January 8	Suzie Bledsoe
January 15	Sylvia Borowiak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Only when Deacon Dan is not present

December 18	Patty Simmerman
Christmas Eve	Lynn Spencer
Christmas Day	Rae Crozier
New Year's Day	Mickie Bond
January 8	Rae Crozier
January 15	Patty Simmerman

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for our Armed Forces and their families

Bob Carter	Marlan Olds
Jim Scarth	Mickie Bond
Joseph Padilla (RIP)	Richard McAfee
Kyle Hanson	Susie Bledsoe
Mark Borowiak	Tim Greene (RIP)

CONTACT A PRIEST

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• Reverend David Bittmenn, Pastor
• Reverend Tristan Dillon
• Deacon Dan Weber

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 12:00 p.m.

ROSARY: Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

CHARISMATIC SERVICE: Postponed until January

ADORATION: Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30 a.m.

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CENTER ADMINISTRATOR

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DON'T FORGET TO

Please Silence Your Cell Phone

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MEANING AND SYMBOLISM

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming." Advent in the 4th and 5th century was a time of preparation for the baptism of new Christians. Christians would spend 40 days in prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration that accompanied the baptism of new believers.

Over time, advent was connected to the coming of Christ. Originally, Christians used this term to reference Christ's second coming, but by the Middle Ages, Advent was connected to Christ's first coming that we celebrate at Christmas. Today, each year we celebrate Advent over the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

The fourth candle of Advent is called the "**Angel Candle**" and **symbolizes peace**. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week, we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

BIDEN SIGNS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL INTO LAW AMID CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONCERNS

Catholic News Agency
Washington, D.C. Newsroom, Dec 13, 2022 / 17:15 pm

President Joe Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act (RFMA) into law Tuesday during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House.

"Today America takes a final step toward equality, for liberty and justice, not just for some, but for everyone," he began, "toward creating a nation where decency, dignity, and love are recognized, honored, and protected."

The bill, which would repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and recognize same-sex marriages on a federal level, has drawn criticism from *Catholic leaders* for not providing strong enough protections for those who believe marriage is between one man and one woman — a belief in line with Church teaching.

In his remarks, Biden, a Catholic, noted that he had expressed support for same-sex marriage during a 2012 Meet the Press interview, even before President Barack Obama did.

REMEMBER, SEATING IS A LIMITED ASSET AT SAINT PAUL

Please remember to place your personal belongings underneath your chair. Thank you!

Please sign up and volunteer to HELP provide snacks or treats for after mass. The sign-up sheet is available in the kitchen. Thank you!!

Happy Birthday!

Melia Guglielmetti – Dec 17th!

DECEMBER 2022
SAINT PAUL SCHEDULE
Mass will be Celebrated at Saint Paul

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Saturday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25th at 12:30 p.m.

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CENTER THRIFT STORE WILL BE CLOSED

Friday December 23rd and Saturday 24th
Wednesday, December 28th thru
Saturday, January 1st
The Store will Reopen
Wednesday, January 4th, 2023

A LITTLE SUNDAY HUMOR! Provided by: Steve



★ Sin is like a credit card. Use it now, pay for it later!
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Our local Knights of Columbus council is collecting for its Coats for Kids program. If you can help, a box for contributions is at the back of the church.