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***Second Sunday of Advent | December 10, 2023***

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## ***Daily Masses***

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

## ***Clergy***

Rev. Sean W. Kenney, OFS, Pastor

## ***Parish Office Hours***

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

## ***Join Us For Mass***

Sunday Masses | Saturday Vigil— 5:00 PM Church

Sunday— 8:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 AM Church

Confessions— Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

Holy Days— 9:15 AM | 7:30 PM Church

## Daily Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 10** *Second Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00 AM** Donna Barshatzky  
r/o The Wasserstein Family
- 10:00 AM** Charles Joseph Thomas  
r/o Sellinger Family
- 11:30 AM** For the Protection of Babies in the Womb & their Families  
r/o Steve & Doreen Gliebe

**Monday, December 11** *St. Damasus I, Pope*

- 9:15 AM** John Stein *6th Anniversary*  
r/o Linda Stein

**Tuesday, December 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

- 9:15 AM** For the Intentions of Nancy Mathison  
r/o Steve and Doreen Gliebe

**Wednesday, December 13** *St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

- 9:15 AM** Maria Weigel  
r/o Maria Cordileone

**Thursday, December 14** *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

- 9:15 AM** For the Intentions of Adele DiPerma  
r/o Marta Petrino

**Friday, December 15**

- 9:15 AM** Dennis Kardos *1st Anniversary*  
r/o The Family

**Saturday, December 16**

- 9:15 AM** Gaetano Sasso  
r/o Stephanie Sasso
- 5:00 PM** Jesse Sheffield  
r/o Family

**Sunday, December 17** *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00 AM** Donna Bartshatzky  
r/o Soled Family
- 10:00 AM** Anne Marie & Nick Saccente  
r/o Amanda & Otto Schmalz
- 11:30 AM** Frank & Joseph Betro  
r/o Frank Betro

*Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.*



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel  
burns this week in loving memory of

**Martina Schmalz Palmer**

at the request of  
**Mom & Dad**



## In Loving Memory

*Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:*

**Arthur G. Petty**

*Husband of Patty*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*



**We offer our prayerful congratulations  
to the following couple  
married at Our Lady of the Mount  
last weekend:**

**Maryalice Hauer & Evan Gourlay**



**We Welcome Our Newly Baptized**



**James Thomas Kennedy**

*Son of James and Francesca*



**Welcome to  
Our Lady of the Mount  
Bishop Checchio!**



# Christmas Schedule 2023

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 9  
3:45-4:45 P.M. Church

Monday, December 18  
7:30 P.M. Church

## MASSES

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23  
5:00 P.M. Church

Sunday, December 24  
8:00 A.M. Church

10:00 A.M. Church  
**NO 11:30 A.M. Mass**

## MASSES

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24  
4:00 P.M. Chapel

4:00 P.M. Church

7:00 P.M. Church

Midnight Church

## MASSES

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25  
10:00 A.M. Church

12:00 P.M. Church

## MASSES

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30  
5:00 P.M. Church

Sunday, December 31  
8:00 A.M. Church

10:00 A.M. Church  
11:30 A.M. Church

## MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
(not a holyday of obligation this year)

Sunday, December 31  
5:00 P.M. Chapel

Monday, January 1  
9:15 A.M. Chapel

## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of December 10, 2023

#### Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8

#### Monday

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

#### Tuesday | Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

#### Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday | Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

#### Friday

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

#### Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### Sunday | Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

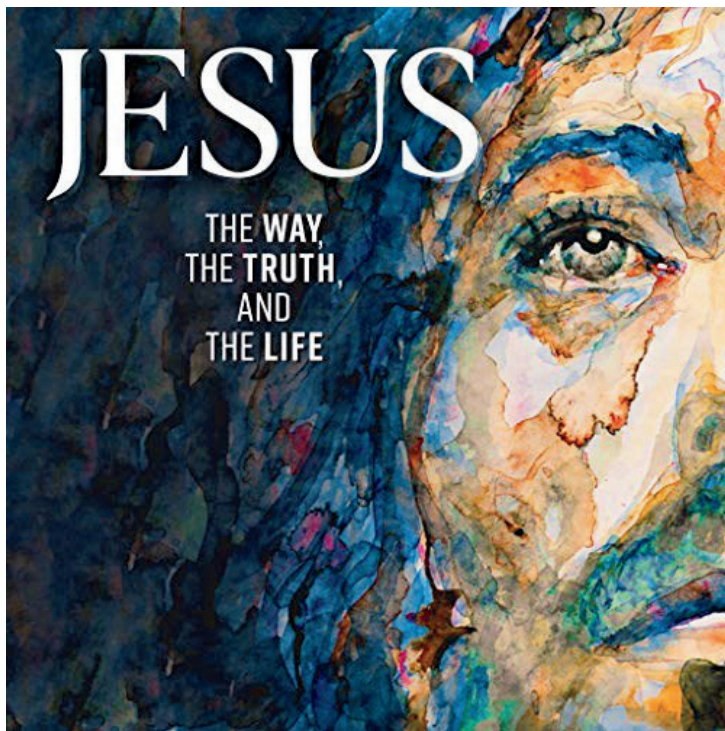
### December 10, 2023 | Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Who is Jesus for you? Is he a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? The OLM Women's Ministry invites you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life. This 10-week video study program is anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. We'll explore the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

The study is presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri and was filmed in the Holy Land so you can experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught—the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land—and see where the most significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension.

We will learn how Jesus is God Incarnate, fully divine and fully human. We'll experience his intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the Father's love, and his gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us. Most importantly, our encounter with Christ will empower us to know and love him in a new and life-changing way.

Participants will meet every other Tuesday to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. We will begin the Jesus study on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Father Peter Room**. For more information or to register for the study, see OUR PARISH BULLETIN or OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [www.olmwarren.org/womens-ministry](http://www.olmwarren.org/womens-ministry)  
We hope you can join us!

*Saint of the Day | Sunday, December 10, 2023*

## **Blessed Adolph Kolping**

The rise of the factory system in 19th-century Germany brought many single men into cities where they faced new challenges to their faith. Father Adolph Kolping began a ministry to them, hoping that they would not be lost to the Catholic faith, as was happening to workers elsewhere in industrialized Europe.

Born in the village of Kerpen, Adolph became a shoemaker at an early age because of his family's economic situation. Ordained in 1845, he ministered to young workers in Cologne, establishing a choir, which by 1849 had grown into the Young Workmen's Society. A branch of this began in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1856. Nine years later there were over 400 Gesellenvereine—workman's societies—around the world. Today this group has over 450,000 members in 54 countries across the globe.

More commonly called the Kolping Society, it emphasizes the sanctification of family life and the dignity of labor. Father Kolping worked to improve conditions for workers and greatly assisted those in need. He and St. John Bosco in Turin had similar interests in working with young men in big cities. He told his followers, "The needs of the times will teach you what to do." Father Kolping once said, "The first thing that a person finds in life and the last to which he holds out his hand, and the most precious that he possesses, even if he does not realize it, is family life."

Blessed Adolph Kolping and Blessed John Duns Scotus are buried in Cologne's Minoritenkirche, originally served by the Conventual Franciscans. The Kolping Society's international headquarters are located across from this church.

Kolping members journeyed to Rome from Europe, America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania, for Father Kolping's beatification in 1991, the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's revolutionary encyclical "Rerum Novarum"—"On the Social Order." Father Kolping's personal witness and apostolate helped prepare for that encyclical. His liturgical feast is celebrated on December 4.

## **Reflection**

Some people thought that Father Kolping was wasting his time and talents on young working men in industrialized cities. In some countries, the Catholic Church was seen by many workers as the ally of owners and the enemy of workers. Men like Adolph Kolping showed that was not true.

*Source: [www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org)*



## *Bringing Us Closer to Bethlehem and Awaiting the Birth of Our Savior*

Last Saturday, the Women's Ministry held its 6th annual Advent Retreat Day with over 65 attendees from many local parishes joining us for three inspirational talks centered on the theme, "*Journey to Bethlehem*".

Our keynote speaker was singer, songwriter and author Rosanda Grau, joined by Christine Roberts leading us in song and performing two original songs written for our retreat.

Attendees commented, "It was refreshing to connect with our parish women over coffee and lunch" and "What a peaceful and joyful day, the most perfect way to begin the Advent season."

Join us in January for our Women's Study of *Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life*.







## *Our Lady of the Mount* Annual Giving Tree

Please choose an ornament and return  
new **unwrapped gifts** to the tree by  
**Sunday December 17, 2023**


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