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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

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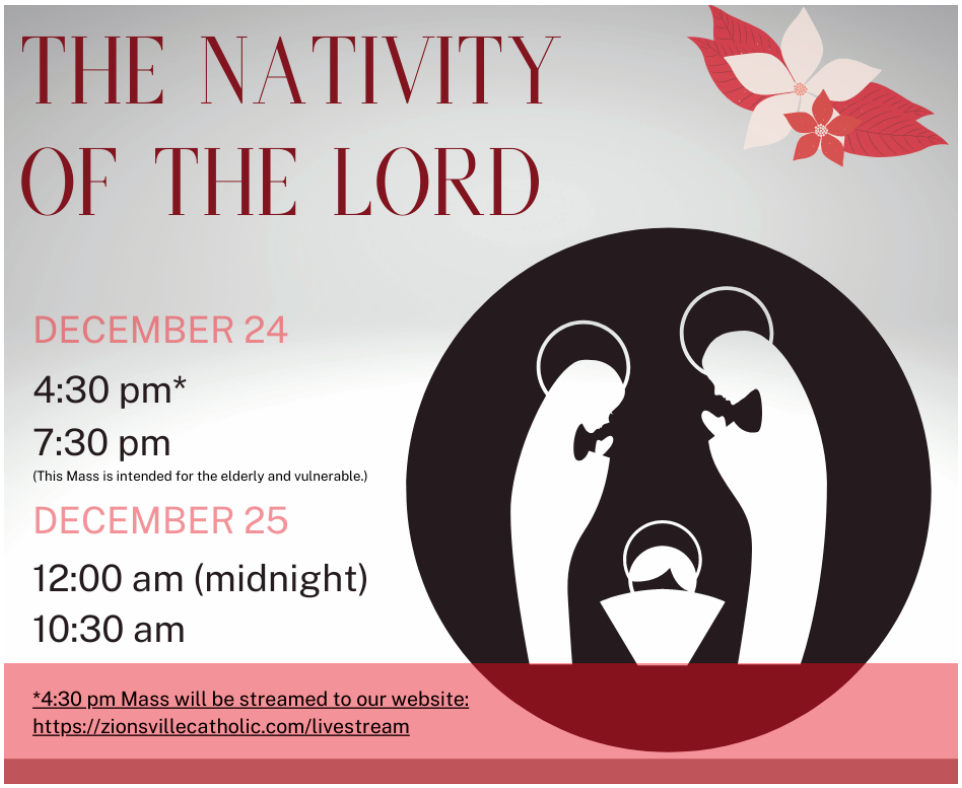
WEEKLY READINGS

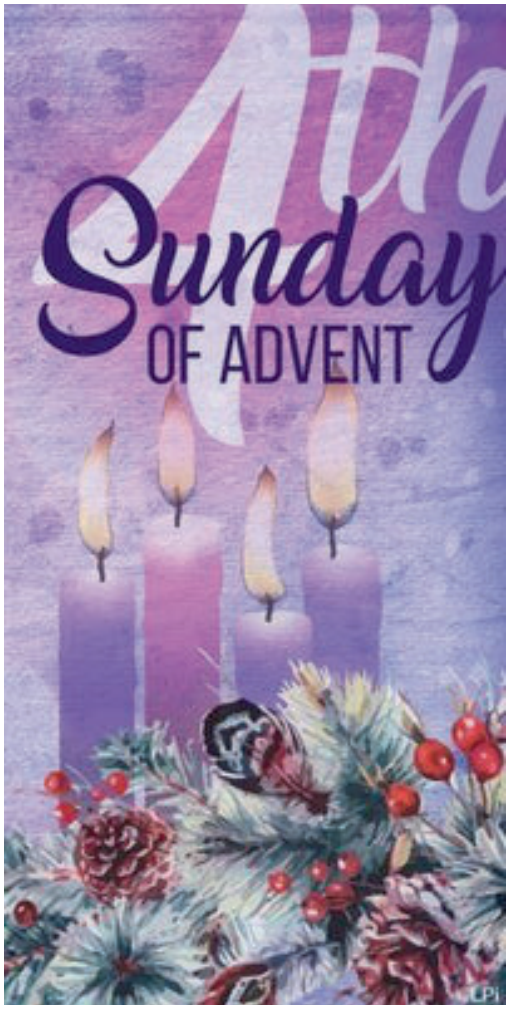
December 20 - 27		
Sun	12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Mon	12/21	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Tue	12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wed	12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thr	12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Fri	12/25	(Vigil) Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 (Night) Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (Dawn) Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (Day) Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Sat	12/26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Sun	12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

LITURGY & WORSHIP



Attending Christmas Mass

- The 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve is typically our most crowded.
- The 7:30 pm Mass is earmarked for the elderly and vulnerable.
- Midnight Mass is the least crowded.
- Masks are required at all Masses.



Penance Service

The following service is at 7 pm.

December 21

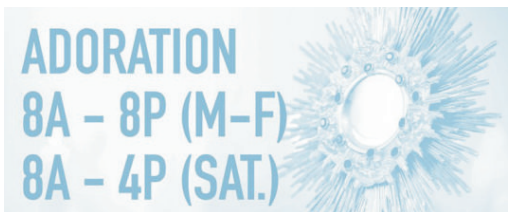
Monday
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carmel

Confession Times

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Saturdays @ 3:30 pm

By Appointment



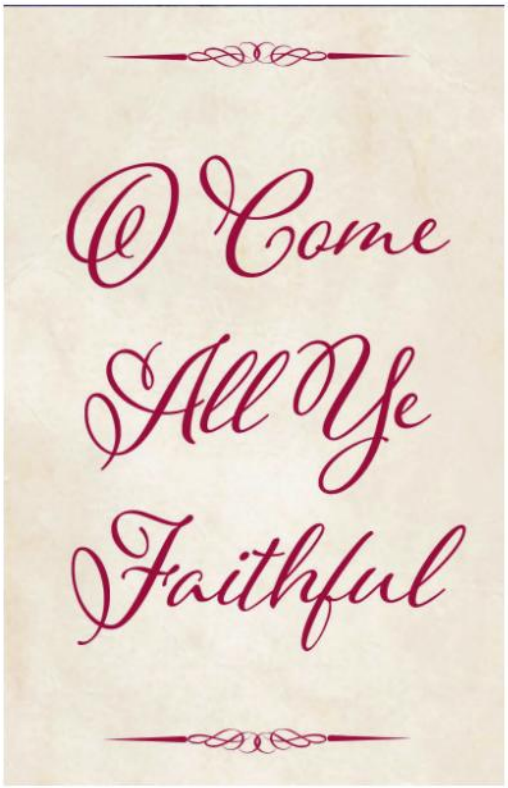
Incense and Rosary Before Mass

Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 5:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 25 @ Midnight

Sunday, Dec. 27 @ 8:00 am

Friday, Jan. 1 @ 7:00 pm



And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

– Lk 1:35

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STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?' I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember it is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2,000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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- **Solemnity of Mary:** Text your dollar amount and the word MARY to 317.593.8366.

YEAR-END GIVING

2020 Guidelines

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish is incredibly thankful for the gifts we receive throughout the year. All donations truly make a difference.

Charitable contributions to the Church must be postmarked by Thursday, Dec. 31 in order to be processed as a 2020 donation.

**Remember, the parish office is closed the last week of December. If you wish to drop off your contribution, please do so by Wednesday, Dec. 23.*

Gifts of stock: Please contact our business manager to acknowledge a transaction is forthcoming.

Credit card donations or on-line contributions: visit www.zionsvillecatholic.com and click on Stewardship and Finance at the top of the page. Then look for the "Click Here to Give" link.

2020 contribution statements for tax purposes will be mailed to registered parishioners by January 31, 2021.

Give+ donors can pull their own statements:

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account
2. Go to "transaction history"
3. Set your date range from 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020
4. Click the search button
5. Right click your mouse to open menu options
6. Click "Print"

Thank you for supporting St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church and the ministries and programs that are offered.

If you have any questions, please contact Jolaine Hill: jhill@zionsvillecatholic.com or 317.873.2885 x102.

HONORING LIVES LOST

Rose Procession

Sunday, January 24 | 10:30 am

This annual event honors the children whose lives have been taken, as well as the men and women who have suffered from the effects of abortion over the last 47 years.

One person represents each year between 1973 and 2021 by placing a small white cross and a rose on the altar during Mass. It is a very touching ceremony.

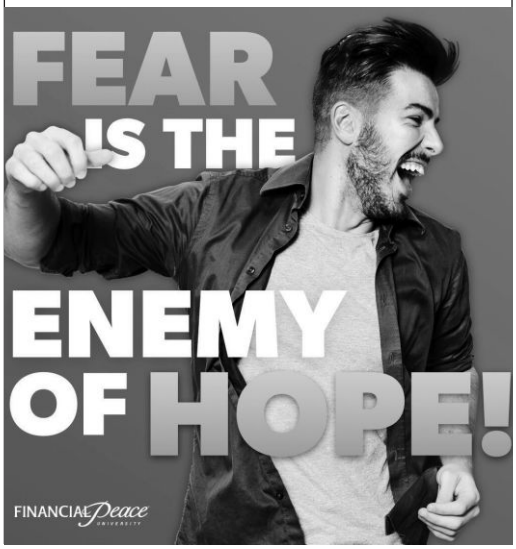
Sign up to participate at bit.ly/SALRoseProcession2021.

Financial Peace

Struggling with your finances?

Find some peace by attending Financial Peace University starting in June, 2021.

More information to follow!



Looking to Volunteer?

There are many ongoing volunteer opportunities at our parish, from taking a timeslot at Advent Adoration to preparing meals or manning the Welcome Desk in the narthex. To view them all, go to www.bit.ly/AvailableSignUps.

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Cards for Chaplains

Please remember Fr. Joshua Janko and Fr. Raymond Akeriwe when writing Christmas cards this year. They both proudly serve our country in the armed forces.

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Captain Raymond Akeriwe, USA
1509 Indian Camp Trl.
Copperas Cove, TX 76522

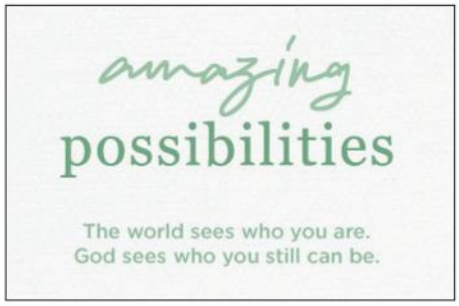
Blood Drive

Sunday, January 10

Let us continue our efforts to enhance the lives of others as we enter a new year. Did you know that every *three seconds* someone needs blood? Just think of the gifts you could give to our local community and beyond!

Sign up to donate: bit.ly/SALBloodDriveJan2021.

AMAZING POSSIBILITIES REBROADCAST



"It was so wonderful! Highly recommend."
—Tiffany Dunbar, parishioner

Join Matthew Kelly on Dec. 29 at 8:00 pm for this virtual event.

See details and purchase tickets at www.dynamiccatholic.com/amazing-possibilities-rebroadcast.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20	**4th Sunday in Advent**	
8:00 AM	Parish	
10:30 AM	† 1st Ann. of Death Richard Goss	Parish
5:00 PM	Sp. Int. of Corazon Galasan	Thompson
Monday, December 21	**St. Peter Canisius**	
9:00 AM	Sp. Int. of Gene & Gayle Wagner	Wagner
Tuesday, December 22	**St. Chaeromon**	
9:00 AM	† Constance Gilliam	Hardebeck
Wednesday, December 23	**St. John of Kanty**	
6:00 PM	† Marguerite Gondol	Weber
Thursday, December 24	**St. Adele**	
4:30 PM	† David Stephens	Parish
7:30 PM	† Tim Click	Parish
Friday, December 25	**Christmas**	
12:00 AM	† Bill Stephens	Parish
10:30 AM	Parish	
Saturday, December 26	**St. Stephen**	
4:30 PM	† 1st Ann. of Death Mary Della Canada	Parish
Sunday, December 27	**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**	
8:00 AM	Parish	
10:30 AM	† 1st Ann. of Death Esther Endejan	Parish
5:00 PM	† Michael Wulfekuhle	Green

E-News

Our parish e-news is sent weekly to your inbox to help keep you informed of news and events happening in our church and beyond. It includes an electronic copy of the bulletin along with links to articles, videos, gatherings, and more. In addition, participate in our weekly poll just for fun! Sign up at: flocknote.com/zionsvillecatholic2.

Facebook

Like and follow our FB page: facebook.com/ZionsvilleCatholic.

Submit Photos

We welcome your group/family photos of recent church-related events to share with the parish in the bulletin and/or social media.

Submit items to Geri Neita communications@zionsvillecatholic,com.

ADVENT

The Sick

Nicki Baltz, Tracy Britt, Michelle Burns, Noreen Dreher, Len Dreher, Dean Dreher, Rene Dreher Julie Frechin, Frechin Family, Ann Galvin, Ben Hall, Delia Melton, Holly Melton, Mike Naspinski, Rosemary Parks, Larry Shiller, Gordon Van Marter, Mary Ann Van Note, Shea Weidner, and all the ill of our parish and community.

Please pray for...

- All the poor souls in purgatory
- **Our homebound parishioners & those in nursing homes**
- **Parishioners Discerning Religious Life:** Brother Thomas (Jared Bankert), Tyler Kreipke, Andrew Morand

Military

Our armed forces serving abroad and at home, including: **Chaplain Akeriwe**, US Army**; Captain Willis Brown**, USAF; **IT2 Luke Derocher,** US Navy**; MAJ Nicholas Gibson**, USMC; **LT David Hamlin,** US Navy; **1LT Kyle Hatton,** US Army; **Chaplain Janko**, USAF**; 1st LT Mark Kite**, USAF; **Captain Brent Lasher**, **LTJG Joseph Lupinski,** US Navy; **PO William Lupinski**, US Navy; USAF; **Staff SGT Christopher Meyers**, USMC; **SGT Alex Niksch**, US Army; **PO1 Nicholas Parsley**, USCG; **Major Matthew Read**, USAF; **PO1 Blake Reel**, US Navy; **CPL David Soderstrom**, USMC, **WO1 Zachary J. Stillions**, US Army.

Names of the sick will remain in the bulletin for eight weeks. At that time, you may call the office to resubmit a request: 317.873.2885.

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Members at Large: Jennifer Dolack, Larry Gibson, , Bill Leonardi, Diane Michael, Lisa Sheridan, Scott Wagner

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