

Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish

SECOND SUNDAY

OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



DECEMBER 6, 2020

We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.
We trust that the message today will uplift you
and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know our doors and our hearts are always open to you.
May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish

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November 23, 2020

Dear Christ Our Savior Family,

As we approach the season of thanksgiving and the advent of our Lord, I bid you Peace! I want you to know that I am extremely grateful for you and your sharing.

On behalf of the people we were able to help in Louisiana, I would like to thank you for your generous gift that we recently received. Your gift afforded us the privilege to help the hurricane victims in their recovery efforts in Louisiana. We are happy to call you our partners in this work of mercy. Many are still not able to move back in their homes because the rebuild is slow and demanding. Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers displaced and in temporary housing. The news media has moved on to the next news cycle, yet the work down South continues.

It is charity like yours that allows our mission to be a reality and affords us the opportunity to thrive. We will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers, especially in these difficult days. Your thoughtfulness is a blessing to so many locally and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Canon, A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm – Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading – Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel – I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

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

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

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

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

ADVENT BLESSINGS

During this Advent season, consider all your blessings. You may not have everything you would like to have, but do you have what you need? Take a good look at what you do have. Now consider how you share your blessings with others. Whether you have a lot or a little there are ways to share with others. Donating to worthy cause is one way but it does not involve you personally. Consider some ways you could share your time with others. This Advent find something you can do to share and care for others. Be an Advent blessing for others. Remember God sent His Son Jesus from Heaven to share His love with us!

Deacon Jim

Be a Blessing

FEAST OF FAITH

Watching for Christ's Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by doing, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

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December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary said "yes" to God. She prayed, believed without doubt, and obeyed God in all that was asked of her.

Probably nothing we have ever faced has been as difficult as the things she encountered in her life. But by her example we are given courage to face the trials of our own lives.



December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, my Queen and my Mother, I thank you for your first apparition to Blessed Juan Diego when you revealed that you are the Most Pure Virgin, Mary, Mother of the True God and Mother of all mankind. I thank you for requesting a temple to be built where you stood, to bear witness to your love, your compassion, your aid and your protection for all who would love you, trust you, and invoke your help.



WEEKLY OFFERING

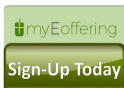


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NEWLY BAPTIZED

We rejoice at the Baptism of
Jaxon Williams.
May God bless this child
as we welcome him into our church family
and lead him in your light.



WINE & HOST DONATIONS



The wine used at Mass for the Eucharist
for the month of **December** is in memory of
Kim Lau
From The Krolo Family

The host used at Mass for the Eucharist
for the month of **December** is a gift
From Mary & John Turton

Contact the rectory office if you would like to be a donor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 5

4:00 PM † Tim Ziolkowski (8 year anniversary)

Sunday December 6

8:30 AM † Bonnie Ostarello

10:30 AM † Kim Lau
Joan Vorpal

Friday December 11

8:30 AM † Samantha Ziolkowski (1st anniversary)

Saturday December 12

4:00 PM Carol Cowser

Sunday December 13

8:30 AM For Our Faith Community

10:30 AM For Our Faith Community

If you would like to have a Mass offered, contact the Rectory office by phone, email or in the collection basket. Masses can be offered in remembrance for someone who is deceased, for a birthday, anniversary, or in thanksgiving. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass request.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kathleen Bauer	Joan Metzger
Angelique Carter	Mable Moore
Dolores Cox	Marian Peters
Franklin Crevier	Linda Powell
Trieva Dewitt	John Roberts
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Ann Herman	Martrell Smith
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Mary Kmak	Anna Szuts
Walter Komanski	Duane Taylor
Eason Lynch	Dolores Vanco
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Please contact the office when the name can be removed.

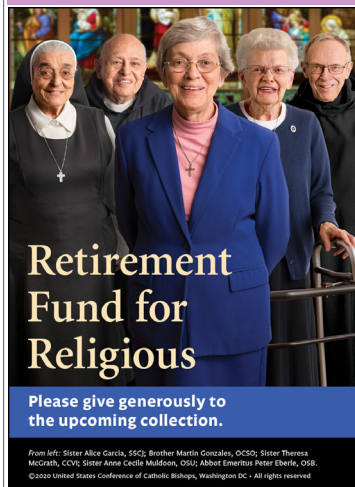
ADVENT TEEN CHALLENGE

Teens - Be sure to check our Instagram
account [christoursaviorym](https://www.instagram.com/christoursaviorym) to be a part of the
ADVENT CHALLENGE

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Frank Fry Sr.
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND



Our senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have served our Church and dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings to provide for aging members.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous on December 12th & 13th.



**Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight His paths.**

My dear friends in this season of Advent, just as we anticipate the coming of the Lord, God still presents us with another John the Baptist in various ways, to prepare us to receive Christ in our lives. John the Baptist is preparing us through the readings that call us to repentance, the homilies we hear and the spiritual exercises we undertake. In a very special way, he is always present in the ever gentle and still voices of our consciences in the 'wilderness of our hearts'. These hearts have been devastated sometimes by sin and left in a crooked form by our iniquities. Yet, this John the Baptist in the depth of our consciences continues to cry out for us to repair this crooked road, to prepare the way for the Lord. Preparing the way for the Lord means taking away every obstacle that would prevent Christ from getting to us and from getting to others through us. We are the way through which Christ gets to the world and sin is the only obstacle that can block this way. Just as John was swimming against the currents of his time, doing what was uncommon, our consciences are also urging us to move against the currents, against the evil that is in vogue. At this important moment, we can also prepare the way for the Lord by making a Sacramental Confession which is available here on Saturdays before the 4:00 pm Mass and by appointment at any time during the week. Christ is coming to us and we can't afford to welcome Him with a filthy heart. Our consciences should prick us to repent of our sins and confess them as John pricked the people to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

Beloved friends, in making the road smooth, our consciences play the role of John the Baptist in us. They tell us where there are pot-holes in our spiritual lives and how to fill them. How do you respond to the dictates of your conscience? Are you ready to stop the evil and do the good your conscience wants? Why not make out time to listen and obey your conscience. It was not long after John's cry that Jesus arrived. Perhaps He might visit you in a short while, that is why the second reading (2 Peter 3:8-14) reminds us that Christ might come at an unsuspected time. Since God is the originator of time He cannot be governed by time. Therefore, let us prepare now and not later. May the Lord bless us and keep us safe!
In the Lord,
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

SHEDSOMELIGHT **Christ Our Savior Catholic School**

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR COVID-19 UPDATE

Recently the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools conducted a survey asking families how comfortable they would feel having their child(ren) return back to face to face instruction after the Thanksgiving Holiday. When the results were tallied, the families of Christ Our Savior School felt that it would be safer for our students to all attend school remotely until the Christmas break. For the safety of our families and staff, COS will instruct remotely until December 18. After Christmas break, the entire Archdiocese of Chicago will pivot to remote learning until Tuesday, January 19. With the recent uptick of surging COVID-19 cases in the Cook County area and families gathering for the holidays, we felt, too, that we want to continue to keep the Christ Our Savior School community COVID free. We are so blessed that we did not have one single case in our building that required us to quarantine a cohort from the end of August until the Thanksgiving break. Our families and staff have followed the strict protocols that have been in place and we are so grateful for everyone being so cooperative. However, the school office will remain open every day during this remote instruction time should you require anything.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

CONGRATULATIONS to the COS alumni who achieved Honor Roll status for the first quarter at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!

**Jaden Adams, Jarell Burston
Joseph Butler II, Deana Chambers, Ariana Whyte**

ADVENT ANGEL PROJECT

As an Advent project this year, our students will participate in collecting new and unwrapped toys in conjunction with the South Holland Fire Department and Restoration Ministries. We are taking these toys to the Fire Department on Tuesday, December 8. If you would like to donate a toy, we would be happy to include your gift when we drop off the Christ Our Savior donations.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

Thank you so very much to those who purchased raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle which will be held on Thursday, December 10. We hope to be calling you this week!

In Christ's Love,
Karen Brodzik
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