

Advent Prayer

Lord God,

Only you can see into our hearts and know that under all the busy-ness of our lives, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life.

Our heart desires the warmth of your love and our minds searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness.

Help us to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special Love to those who disagree with us.

Give us the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt us.

Help us to free our hearts from the prison of my anger and hurt.

Amen

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8, 2017—this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

8:00a.m. Mass-English

7:00p.m. Mass-Bilingual

SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

“Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

DONNA CORI GIBSON CONCERT APRIL 8, 2018

The Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor her concert on *April 8, 2018, here in the church at St. Patrick’s*. Donna will sing two songs at each of the masses on Saturday and Sunday and then put on a great concert on Sunday afternoon, starting at 3:30 pm. The concert will be free, but we will be asking for a free will offering to help offset some of the costs to fly her in from St. Louis. In addition, the Knights will be putting on a fabulous Spaghetti Dinner after the concert, with advance tickets costing \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. More to come on this in early 2018.

Donna has been singing for more than 18 years, sharing her music via Golden Arrow Catholic Music and Media. She has performed at several churches in the Portland area, The Rosary Bowl in Salem and KBVM radio. She has a unique gift inspired by our Blessed Mother and will provide those attending a beautiful spiritual experience. You can listen to her videos on video-sharing website YouTube. If you have questions, please call Duane Kloser at 503-913-2895.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

We are plunged into the First Sunday of Advent with a reading from Mark 13. Jesus speaks about the coming end time, encouraging Peter, James, John, and Andrew to be watchful, to be prepared, and to recognize the signs of the times. The passage concludes this ominous chapter with the key word “watch” that occurs in each but one verse. “Watch” is an appropriate word with which to begin our Advent season. We are to be prepared for the Lord’s coming, not knowing precisely when that will be. We, like the gatekeeper, keep watch in the evening, at midnight, at dawn, and in the morning. Like the early disciples, we know not when he comes, but that he is coming. Many novelists have written books using this chapter to discern precisely when the end time will be. Today we read



this passage from Mark 13 not as a code book to discern the exact “when” of the end time, while wondering what the “desolating abomination standing” is and when that might occur. Rather, we recognize that Mark wrote at a time when the early Christians expected Jesus’ imminent return. The four apostles in the story were likely dead by the time of this writing. It might have seemed that Jesus was not coming back as he had promised. So the readers of Mark’s gospel are given a new promise, “this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.” These early Christians saw in the events of their time “nation...rising again nation,” “earth quakes,” and “famines,” as the “beginnings of the labor pains” signifying the end was near. But unfortunately, we know these kinds of cataclysmic events happen with some regularity. That generation did in fact pass away. The early Christians did not imagine we would be reading this gospel two thousand years hence. Still, we can discern the signs of our own times and recognize the Lord’s coming, perhaps into in an apocalyptic sense, but in the Christmas incarnation. That is, Jesus, the Word of God, comes to us in flesh and blood. Jesus is the incarnation of God, and he comes to us sacramentally in the Eucharist. Each generation seems to say the end is near. While we are looking to be the sky for signs of the end time, the Lord is in our midst in weakness and vulnerability. Do we see Jesus present in that disguise? Or is it easier and “more fun” to be caught up with a code book, discerning the end time and seeking the “abomination standing”? Instead, we see that God is in our midst. The key word for this Sunday is “watch.” But we may also say, “recognize.” Living Liturgy—Year B

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2018 CRAB DINNER AND AUCTION TICKET SALES

The 21st annual Knights of Columbus Crab Dinner and Charity Auction will be held February 3, 2018 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. This fundraiser enables the Knights to support many local programs. Tickets are \$40. You can reserve a table for 8 people with no additional charge. Tickets are being sold at the weekend Masses or you can contact Duane Kloser at 503-913-2895. We are always looking for additional auction items. If you have something that you would like to donate, please contact Mike Schmader at 503-266-1331.

WE NEED ALL BABY BOTTLES RETURNED THIS MONTH

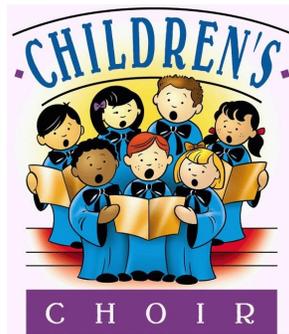
Thank you to all who returned money filled bottles to help support the Canby Pregnancy Care Center. However many bottles have not been returned. If you still have a bottle at home, filled OR UNFILLED, please return it THIS MONTH so that the bottle can be used again. Place the bottle in the basket in the back of the church.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Buy and send religious Christmas cards to spread the TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS to family and friends. The parish Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards at reasonable prices at each weekend Mass through Dec. 17. All funds raised will go to support Christian refugees in the Middle East.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE-December 11 @ 6:30p.m. in the Parish Center

Bring a minimum of 2 1/2 dozen cookies to share. Plate 2 dozen and bring 6 cookies for tasting. This evening is a social time to enjoy the joy of the season. Fun will include a gift exchange. Bring a gift wrapped white elephant valued at maximum \$10. Minimum \$5. If you need more information please call Laura 503-266-3999.



2017 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR: VERY IMPORTANT

Parents, where are your children? We need them, if there is going to be a Children's Christmas Choir! Our second rehearsal is **today, Dec. 3, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass--app. 12:05 until 1:00 p.m.** Parents, please accompany your child/children to the auditorium of the Parish Center. We must have enough children for the choir to be a success. Thank you

for supporting your children in leading the worship of our church community! For more information, please contact Lora Heli at:

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, December 3, 2017

- 9:45a.m. Religious Education
- 9:45a.m. Adult Education class
- 11:00a.m. Dismissal
- 11:00a.m. Choir practice [Spanish]
- 12:00p.m. Sacramental Prep
- 12:05p.m. Children's choir practice

Monday, December 4, 2017

- 9:15am Bible Study
- 6:00p.m. Choir practice -Spanish
- 6:30p.m. Hispanic Prayer
- 7:00p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant pr.
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study-Spanish
- 7:00p.m. First Reconciliation mtg
- 7:00p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 6:30p.m. RCIA [Spanish]
- 7:00p.m. Mass
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study—Spanish
- 7:00p.m. Knights of Columbus
- 7:45p.m. Spanish Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6 2017

- 8:00a.m. Daily Mass
- 1:30p.m. Food Bank meeting
- 6:30p.m. Sacramental prep
- 6:30p.m. Choir practice [English]
- 7:00p.m. Junior High, Youth Group, Confirmation prep

Thursday, December 7, 2017

- 8:00a.m. Daily Mass
- 12:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30p.m. Spanish Religious Education
- 7:00p.m. Bible Study
- 8:15p.m. Rosary in Spanish
- 9:00p.m. Benediction

Friday, December 8, 2017

- 7:00a.m. Marian Prayer Group
- 8:00a.m. Mass [Imm. Conception]
- 7:00p.m. Mass [Imm. Cont. Spanish]

Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 8:00a.m. Spanish Marriage Encounter

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

“Let all you do be done in Love.” 1Cor 16:14
St. Patrick volunteers demonstrate this verse continually as they participate in the many ministries available to all. Please consider participating in one or more ministries as an outlet for expressing your love to God and each other. A new Ministry Directory is available in the vestibule of the church or at www.stpatrickscanby.com.



YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Needed for Weekly Budget Goal	\$	8,719.81
Offertory-November 25/26	\$	<u>8,165.43</u>
Over/(Under)	\$	(554.38)

Building Fund Collection	\$60.00
Unemployment	\$
Cemetery	\$
Camp. Human Development	\$50.00

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL

Meet a local board game designer and his quest to give people a real-life board game. Catch up on the progress and mystery surrounding Alzheimer's disease. Get some tips on how teens can better balance busy lives. Find details for Christmas Masses around the Archdiocese.

LOST AND FOUND

We have accumulated a large number of items that have left behind after the Masses. If you are missing a piece of clothing, books, toys, etc., please take a few minutes after the Masses to look thru the basket located in the shelf in the vestibule of the church. All items still remaining after the first of the year will be donated.

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Intention for the Parishioners

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Intention for the Parishioners

Thursday, December 7, 2017

+Fred Kahut by Hannan family

Friday, December 8, 2017 (Immaculate Conception)

8:00a.m. Intention for the parishioners

7:00p.m. Intention for the parishioners

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:30p.m. Intention for the parishioners

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:30a.m. +Joy Happy Hostetler by Gail Miller

11:00a.m. Intention for the parishioners

1:30p.m. Special Intention for Juan Bahena by Norma Sanchez

ST. PATRICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Council 3484



Monthly meetings held first
& third Tuesdays of the
month in the Multipurpose
Room of the Parish Center
at 7:00pm.



St. Patrick Religious Education Programs



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There will be a parent/child meeting for all students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 4th at 7:00p.m. in Room 7/8 of the

Parish Center. We would like to thank our presenter for the evening, Deacon Jerry. If you have any questions about the sacraments, write them down and Deacon Jerry would be happy to answer them. For those who cannot attend the Monday evening class, there will be a second class given on Wednesday, December 6th in Room 9 beginning at 7:00p.m. Please have your child bring his/her book complete through Session 5.

STUDENTS HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

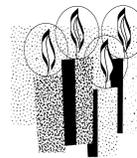
The Sunday Elementary Program will be collecting hygiene items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and for our Giving Tree families during the Season of Advent. In addition to hygiene items, we will be joining the Knights of Columbus in collecting new toys for those who had to evacuate their homes in Northern California due to the wild fires. Beginning Sunday, December 3rd, children are encouraged to take a tag from the Christmas tree that is on the bulletin board in the R.E. hallway, and bring in items such as: new toys, toilet paper, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo, soap, lotion, feminine hygiene items, diapers etc. There will be boxes in each of the classrooms and in the vestibule of the church. **Any donations from our students and parishioners are greatly appreciated!**

2017 GIVING TREE

We would like to thank you for your continued participation in The Giving Tree. We still have just a few tags left on our tree if you would like to help. If you have taken a tag and find that you cannot complete the request, please return your tag to the tree or the parish office. Red tags indicate gift items and the green tags indicate food items for the families. **Please return your wrapped gift or unwrapped food item by December 11th.**

ADVENT PROJECT FOR OUR WEDNESDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH

It's the most wonderful time of the year, but it can also be the most challenging time of year for those that struggle financially. We are asking our Wednesday religious education youth to participate in our Advent Project. We are collecting items for our Giving Tree families and the families that visit the Food Bank. **Suggested items for the collection: Favorite Breakfast Cereal, Instant Oatmeal, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Hot Chocolate Packets, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Lotion, Laundry Soap, and Toilet Paper.** Please help us to help others.



The Season of Advent
lights our way to the LORD

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EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER

PRESENTS:

THE SECOND MANGER-AN ADVENT QUIET DAY

A day to prepare for Christmas by spiritually centering in silence, story, art, prayer and community sharing.

Date: Wednesday, December 6th

Time: 9:30a.m.- 3:00p.m.

Cost: 55-85 (sliding scale)

Facilitator: Larry Peacock

2512 SE Monroe St, Milwaukie, OR

503-794-8542

ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Join us this advent season for this contemplative experience of Taize prayer where musical phrases are repeated over and over to quiet the mind and heart in order that the song may become prayer

Date: Friday, December 15th

Time: 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

Facilitators: Srs. Mary Jo Chaves & Celeste Clavel

Cost: Donation