

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



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WEEKDAYS:

8:00 am (Monday-Friday)

SATURDAYS: 4:00 pm

SUNDAY: 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY FROM

3:15-3:45 pm

BAPTISMS:

First Sunday of Each Month

By Appointment with Pastor

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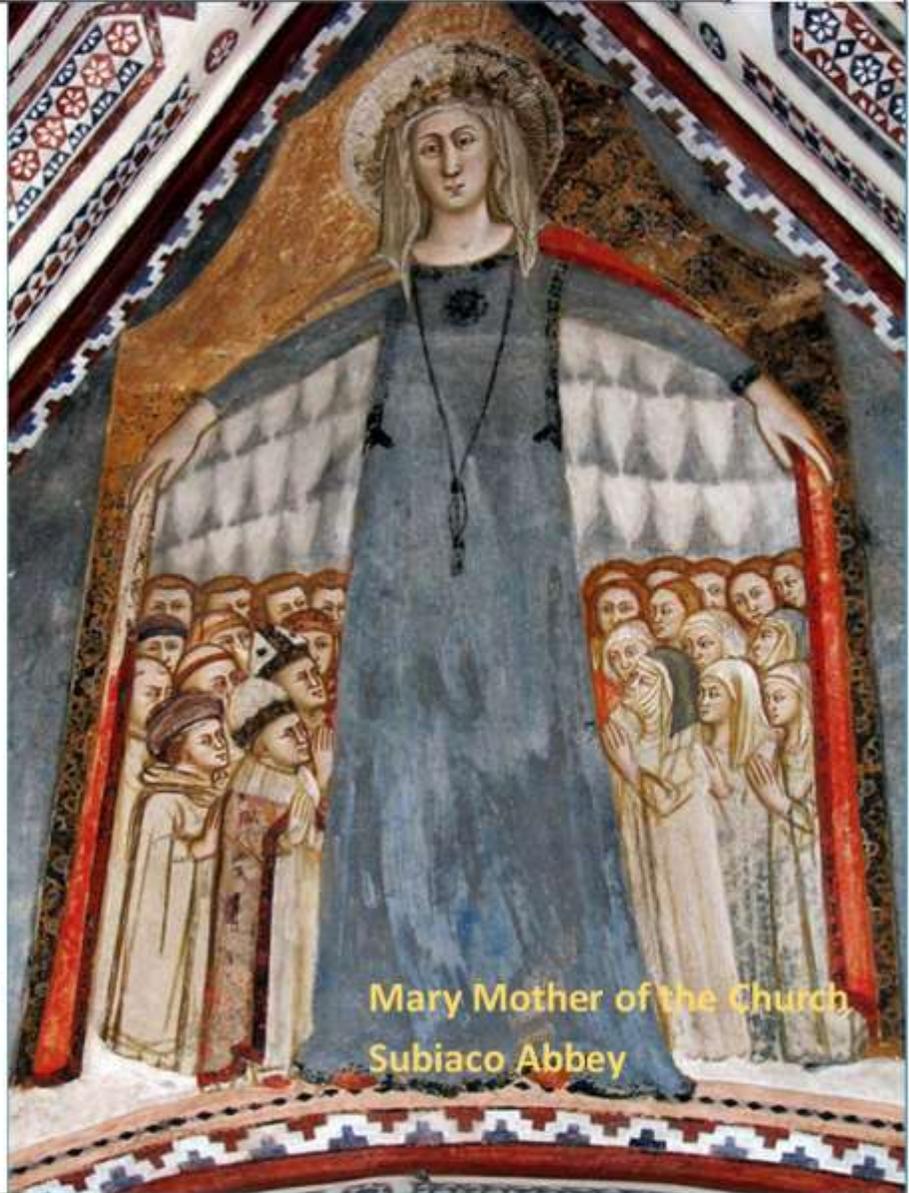
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with the Pastor 6 Months

Prior to Proposed Marriage

Food Pantry:

Mondays & Fridays 9-11 am



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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:00 am

Reconciliation: Before Mass

Organist: Jim Wagner



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	14	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Tues.	15	8:00 a.m.	Marie Szymcek
Wed.	16	8:00 a.m.	Buck Bourisaw
Thur.	17	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Byington
Fri.	18	8:00 a.m.	Louise Muzzey
Sat.	19	4:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Families
Sun.	20	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Craig Wibbenmeyer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH

SATURDAY VIGIL - 4:00 PM *December 19, 2020*

Lector	Sharon Gifford
Altar Servers	Landon Stotler
Ushers	M/M Jacob Stotler

ST. JOSEPH

SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM *December 20, 2020*

Lector	Mike Lukachick
Altar Servers	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers	J. Pace, T. Willette

ST. ANNE

SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM *December 20, 2020*

Lector	Mickey Bange
Altar Servers	Richard Broome
Ushers	Jerry Rokan Steve Folle

Christmas Morning Communion 9-9:30



Christmas is a challenge on many levels. So many of our members have made the decision to stay home on Sunday, but are watching it on television or cable. This of course is proper. I know some though will want some

connection to Church and the Sacraments on Christmas. That being the case, the Deacon and myself will distribute communion at 9 am – 9:30 am Christmas morning at the flag pole on the school lot (weather permitting). Simply pull up, and we will distribute communion Christmas morning as you **remain** in the automobile. I don't want to trivialize the sacrament, but I think that is the best we can do during the pandemic to shepherd the flock as well as help to feed them on this special day of the Word becoming flesh for us.

Fr. Steve



The Jesse Tree

An ancient tradition that traces back to Medieval times, the Jesse Tree tells the story of the Bible from creation to Christmas. The Jesse Tree connects the custom of decorating the Christmas tree to the events that lead to Christ's birth. Jesse was the father of King David and considered the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. In Isaiah 11:1, it says, "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Some consider the tree a symbol of Jesus' family tree. To make a Jesse Tree, you'll need a Bible, a small Christmas tree and ornaments that represent the people, places and prophecies leading to the birth of Christ.

The **Abbey of Saint Scholastica**, also known as **Subiaco Abbey** (Italian: *Abbazia di Santa Scolastica*), is located just outside the town of Subiaco in the Province of Rome, Region of Lazio, Italy; and is still an active Benedictine order, territorial abbey, first founded in the 6th century AD by Saint Benedict of Nursia. It was in one of the Subiaco caves (or grotto) that Benedict made his first hermitage. The monastery today gives its name to the Subiaco Congregation, a grouping of monasteries worldwide that makes up part of the Order of Saint Benedict. St. Scholastica's Abbey today is part of the Subiaco Congregation, a grouping of 64 male Benedictine monasteries on five continents, to which 54 female monasteries also belong, within the larger Benedictine Confederation.

Your Gift to God

December 12 & 13, 2020

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$4,557.00	\$1,611.00
St. Vincent de Paul	438.00	225.00
Immac. Conception	252.00	
Christmas Flowers	281.00	
Church Restoration	1,273.00	

2019-20 Budgeted Amounts

Envelopes/Loose
St. Joseph \$3,644 St. Anne \$750
for 52 weeks

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St. Anne Ladies Raffle Drawing

- 1st Prize – Quilt – Jim Eaton, Bonne Terre
2nd Prize – Lottery Tickets – Lawrence Krodinger, DeSoto
3rd Prize – \$100 Gas Card – Michael Koenig, Florissant
4th Prize – Wine Basket – James Laurent, Wood River, IL

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets or made a donation! The Ladies of St. Anne's appreciate it!

Church Cleaning Team #1 – Anne Folle & Jean Hejlek

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! –

Rejoice! On Gaudete Sunday we remember the joy that is coming soon to the world: Jesus Christ. Where do we find our joy in life? If we seek it in anything but Christ, we are missing out because true joy comes from the knowledge that God loves us and has come to save us from sin and death. As John the Baptist preached, true joy comes by way of repentance. Our desire for holiness and pursuit of genuine freedom from sin and death inspire us to renounce evil and to open a place for Christ to enter our hearts, minds, and souls. When we are open to experiencing the grace of Christ, we can receive mercy, forgiveness, healing, consolation, and peace along with joy. (CCC 523-524, 719-720) archstl.org/dynamic



St. Herman of Alaska

Orthodox Monk (ca. 1750–1836)

Russian fur hunters first colonized Alaska in the 1740s. In response to a plea for priests, the Orthodox Church sent a mission of monks, including St. Herman, who arrived in 1794. Appalled by the primitive conditions of the colony, the

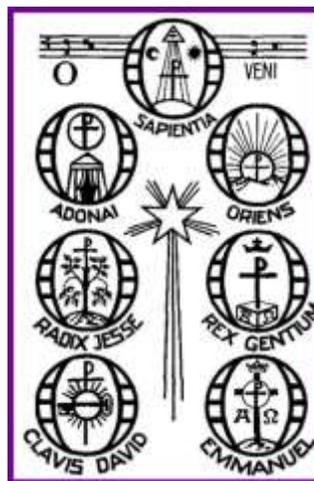
monks set themselves to raising moral standards and restoring order. Herman was particularly aggrieved by the exploitation and harsh treatment of the native peoples. For his prophetic preaching and his intercession with authorities in Russia he has been compared to Bartolomé de Las Casas, defender of the Indians in Latin America. When epidemics struck the natives, Herman cared for their sick and dying. As a result of his efforts, thousands were baptized.

Eventually, wishing to adopt a more solitary life, Herman retired to a hermitage on Spruce Island and devoted himself to ceaseless prayer. Like the early desert fathers, he was tormented by demons, which appeared in various guises—sometimes as spirits, at other times as fearsome animals. Nevertheless, when someone asked him whether he minded being alone he replied, “I am not alone. God is here, as God is everywhere.” Eventually disciples moved to be closer to him, and Herman agreed to offer spiritual instruction. In time his hermitage was joined by a chapel, a school, and an orphanage. He died in November 1836 and was canonized by the Orthodox Church in 1970 with a feast on December 13: the first Orthodox saint of the “Americas.”

The Pastor's Workshop

'O' Antiphons

Some of you may be familiar with the 'O' Antiphons. Beginning December 17-23, the universal church has celebrated the special descriptions of the coming Messiah for 7 successive nights. I'm sure you're familiar with the last one, **O come O come Emmanuel**.....but the other ones are distinctive too.



O Wisdom, O Adonai (Lord), O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O Key of the nations, O Emmanuel are the first words prior to the Magnificat that is prayed at evening prayer, the week before Christmas by the Catholic Church. It has been part of the church's liturgy since the 8th century! These

titles describe well our hopes during Advent. Maybe each night before dinner you can pray the proper prayer as an intro to your meal prayer.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and
in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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