



# PRINCE of PEACE

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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### MEETINGS

#### Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

#### Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick that we may keep them in prayer. We would also like to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church.

#### Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

#### Marriage

Interviews, instruction and Pre-Cana are required. Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

#### Programs

- Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

- Reconciliation/Confession

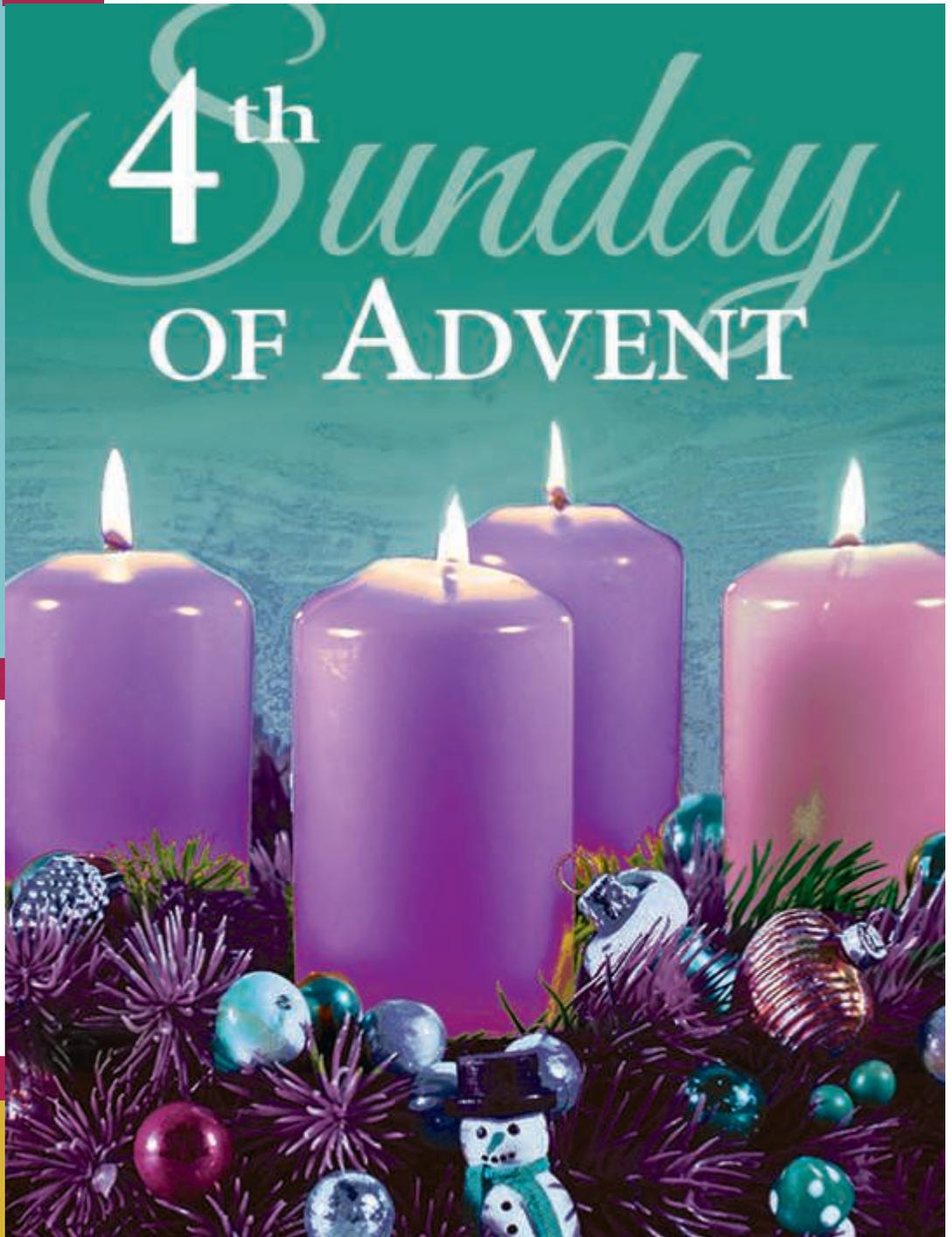
Saturday 3:45 pm at the church, or by appointment.

### Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

#### STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee  
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Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

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(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee  
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Evangelization & Outreach Committee  
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### SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Friday ..... 8:30 am

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



Saturday, December 18th  
 3:45 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Leslie & Jim Greeley, requested by their Family

Sunday, December 19th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, December 20th  
 8:30 AM Alice Bradley, living, special intention

Tuesday, December 21st  
 8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 22nd  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Thursday, December 23rd  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**  
 4:00 PM **Children's Christmas Liturgy**  
 6:00 PM **Adult Choir & Christmas Liturgy**

Saturday, December 25th **Christmas Day**  
 8:30 AM **Christmas Day Liturgy**

Sunday, December 26th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM Unrequested



**BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE**

*My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: His birth brings joy to our hearts and minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us: may its lights guide us to the perfect light.*

*Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.*

*Lord God, let your blessings come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Fourth Sunday Of Advent  
December 19, 2021

Dear Friends,

*In the gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year from Luke, it describes the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth. These verses taken from the First Chapter of the Gospel of Luke state, "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb and Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how does this happen to me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leapt for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.'" (Luke 1:39-45)*

*As we reflect upon the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth, which is the Second Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary, let us remember that Mary left to see Elizabeth after receiving the greeting from the angel Gabriel. Often in life when people receive special news they wish to share it with other folks. This was also true for this fourteen-year-old girl, who would become the Mother of God's Son and the Mother of all humanity. Elizabeth was overjoyed to see Mary wondering why "the mother of my Lord would come to me." John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb overjoyed at the presence of the Son of God in the womb of Mary.*

*Mary's life would not be easy, but by accepting to be the handmaid of the Lord, her work of bringing souls to her Son had begun.*

*Soon we will begin another Christmas Season. Let us continue to give our hearts to our loving God. May we be grateful to the Eternal Father for the gift of Jesus. In prayer, may we thank Jesus for His willingness to become man, to live in this world, and to suffer, die, and rise from the dead. Be well and be safe!*

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*God's love and prayers always,  
 Fr. Ed*

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
4:00 pm	<b>Children's choir and Liturgy</b>
6:00 pm	<b>Adult Choir and Liturgy</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	
8:30 am	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>

In order to insure proper distancing due to Covid, a sign-up sheet is available through the Flocknote email **for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass only**. If you do not have email, please contact the rectory to reserve a seat.

# Good News!

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-o-ong ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imaged: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?"

By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit, the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, "When are you due? When is he coming?"

The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Traditionally, funds for Christmas Flowers have been donated as a memorial for friends and relatives, or as a family gift. If anyone wishes to make an offering in memory of a loved one or as a gift, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it in.

Name/s of those remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your name (if you wish): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



If you would like to contribute to the Nazareth Home for Boys, please have your donation to the rectory by noon this Sunday, December 19th. We will be donating 3 gift cards for each of the boys, as we did last year.

Thank you again for your generosity.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious, which provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Our parish raised \$450.00 in the collection last weekend



The collection for the weekend of December 4-5, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 850.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 225.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Energy costs	\$ 80.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 25.00
Yearly donation	\$ 300.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 170.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00
Nazareth Home	\$1,205.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Regular collection	\$1,007.00
Total Collection:	\$3,917.00

The finance report for the weekend of December 11-12, will be printed in a future bulletin.