

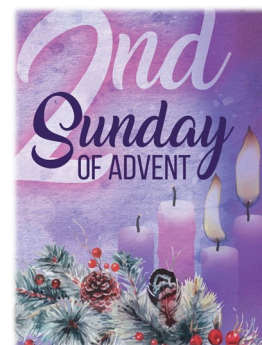
CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

Rev. William B. Leone: Pastor
Rev. William Endres: In Residence
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December 10, 2023



Christmas Masses

This year, Christmas lands on a Monday, the day immediately after the fourth Sunday of Advent. We are asked to attend one Mass to satisfy our Sunday obligation, and another, separate Mass to satisfy our obligation for Christmas. The schedule for Masses is below:

Saturday, December 23

- 4:30 p.m. Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent
- 10:00 a.m. Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 p.m. Mass for Christmas Eve
- 10:00 p.m. Mass for Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25

- 8:00 a.m. Mass for Christmas Day
- 10:00 a.m. Mass for Christmas Day

Christmas Gift Cards

Reminder! We ask that \$25 gift cards for Wegmans, Tops, Dollar General, Target and Walmart be placed in the white basket on the altar or dropped at the rectory by **Wednesday, December 13th.**



There will be no coffee hour in December. We look forward to gathering with you in January!



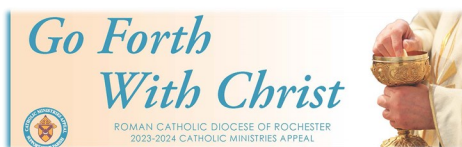
Lectors:

If you will be away or unavailable during the next schedule (January-February-March), please contact Nicole in the parish office at 586-3231 or nicole.fantauzzo@dor.org no later than December 18th. Thank you!



Altar Servers:

If you will be away or unavailable during the next schedule (January-February-March), please contact Altar Server Coordinator Michael at mfantauzzo4@gmail.com, no later than December 18th.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal! We are trying to increase parishioner participation this year, and while we have achieved 50% of our goal, only 14% of parishioners have participated. Every gift helps! Visit dor.org/cma to learn more.

CMA Update

Goal: \$94,000.00
Pledged to date: \$47,085.00
Number of Donors: 129
Parishioners Participating: 14.67%
Accomplished 50.09% of our goal.



Knights of St. John Ladies' Auxiliary

The annual Christmas party will be on **Sunday December 17th.** Gather at noon in the church hall, a catered buffet by Lucca's Northside will be served at 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$23 per member. **Reservations and payments are due by December 14th.**

Please make checks payable to St. John's Ladies' Auxiliary, and mail payment to: Judy Lenzi at 10 Harleston Lane in East Rochester.



ER Resource Center Pantry Needs for December

- Mashed Potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Broth
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Saltine Crackers
- Graham Crackers
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo
- Vegetable oil
- Sugar
- Hot Cocoa mix
- Cookies and Snacks
- Coffee – regular
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Disinfectant wipes
- Cleaning Spray (Fantastic, Lysol for example)

If you donate a whole ham, you are eligible to enter a raffle for a \$75 gift certificate to an ER Restaurant.



Saturday, December 9, 2023

Advent Weekday; Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

4:30 p.m. Carmela DiCesare, by son and daughter

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. Rosa & Luigi Antenucci, by children and grandchildren

10:00 a.m. For the people of the parish

Monday, December 11, 2023

Advent Weekday; St Damasus I, Pope

7:30 a.m. Ned, Marcella, & Marisa Ballatori, by sister and family

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m. Tim Duffy, birthday remembrance, by wife, Kimmy

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 a.m. Robert Myers, by family

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Sheryl Klick, anniversary remembrance, by Bea & Wayne Crysel

Friday, December 15, 2023

Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. Armand and Maria Engasser, by granddaughter

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Advent Weekday

4:30 p.m. For the people of the parish

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. Frank and Theresa Santucci, by children

10:00 a.m. Mary Alfieri, anniversary remembrance, by family



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 11, 2023

3:30 p.m.—Legion of Mary

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

6-7:00 p.m.—Faith Formation K-5

7:15-8:15 p.m.—Faith Formation 6-7

7:15-8:30 p.m.—Confirmation Prep

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:00-7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14, 2023

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Bible Study

Sunday, December 17, 2023

12:00 p.m.—Knights of St. John

Advent Word Study

Yakhal: "Hope"



This Week on Formed Advent Word Studies Yakhal: "Hope"

In the Bible, people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

You can watch this video and many more like it for free with the parish's Formed subscription! Go to formed.org and click "Sign Up", then select "Sign up as a parishioner" and enter the church zip code: 14445



MASS+ INTENTIONS

As of December 4th, we still have Mass intentions available in February, as well as March! There are Masses open on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as on weekdays.

Each family may schedule five Masses per year, with no more than three on a weekend. You may schedule additional Masses for the recently deceased.

To request a Mass intention, visit the rectory Monday through Thursday, 8:00-3:30 p.m., or call the office (585-586-3231). Please do not send Mass requests for specific dates through snail mail or through the online giving portal, as your desired day/time may not be available and we need a prompt way to communicate that to you.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Brandon Beauchamp USAF
1st LT Matthew Blejwas
Specialist Aaron Brochu
Airman Rachel Brock
BM3 Mary Carr USN
Captain Craig Carlisle
Captain Todd Cimicata USN
Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army
SPC2 Matthew Clancy USSF
1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC
AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
Captain Brian Findlay
Lt. Kurt Findlay
Sgt. Daniel Frate
CW5 Thomas C. Grove
CPT John P. Hansen 7 SFG (A)
1LT Michael X. Hansen 1-182 IN
Cpl. Kevin Harte
LCDR. Bart Hicklin USN
CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
Sgt. Ryan Jackson
HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
LCP Jaden H. Kuhn, USMC
Ryan LaFountain
HM3 Marcella Levato USN
Bryan McAuliff USN
PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
SFC. Nathaniel McAvoy
Staff Sgt. Joseph Meritt Jr.
CPT James Revekant, USMC
Brady Schroeder, USN
CPT. AJ Spacher US Army
Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Whelehan
SR Darroch Zingg USN



Joseph F. Amoroso, Bernadette Beauchamp, Barb Cancillieri, Kevin Carafos, Ron Ciolek, Jacob Clark, Nina Dezio, Sandy Hughes, Barb Kristan, Dick Kunz, Elizabeth McCarthy, Diane DeMare Nardecchia, Alice Olsefski, Jack Palvino, Patricia Beauchamp Pierce, Margaret Roesler, Steven Sutura, Sr. Kathy Weider, Joan White, Teresa Quinzi Willette, Michael Zambito, Roxanne Zambito



In your Christian charity, please pray for those who have died. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side—by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives—however it comes—we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus—not the Roman emperor—is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers—especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

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**Dear Padre**

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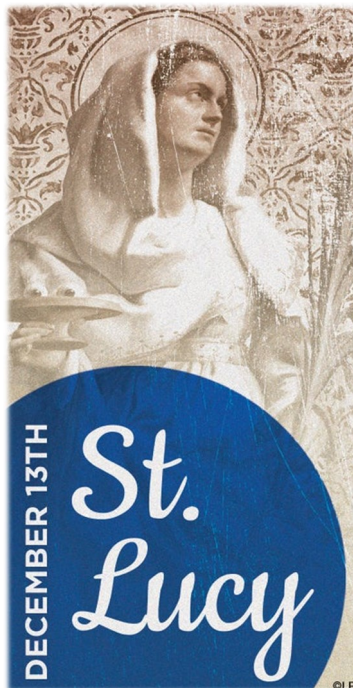
Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church.

—The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

Please consult bulletin

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Consult bulletin for changes

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory Office (585) 586-3231

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

PARISH STAFF

Judy Joslin, Faith Formation Coordinator
Nicole Fantauzzo, Secretary
Patrick Vogt, Business Manager
Alessio Giacobone, Music Director

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

John Schroth - Grand Knight, 585-202-1673, more info: www.KofC.org

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.

Collection for December 3, 2023

Total Collection Sunday	\$11,438.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$8,191.00
Sunday Loose	\$1,657.00
Candle Money	\$175.00
Catholic University	\$904.00
Christmas Flowers	\$400.00
Immaculate Conception	\$63.00
All Souls	\$15.00
All Saints	\$30.00
World Mission	\$3.00
Total Attendance	509