



# Saint Anthony Church

15 Church Street

White River Jct. Vermont 05001

Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2019

Father Charles R. Danielson, Pastor

Deacon John P. Guarino

Bishop of Burlington: Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

## Parish Office

### Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Closed on Wednesday

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## Mass Schedule

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

**Weekday:** Monday & Friday 9:00 AM

**Holy Days:** Consult the parish bulletin

## Rectory Chapel

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## Religious Education

Coordinator: Mrs. Julie Hamilton, 295-3989, [juliehamilton130@comcast.net](mailto:juliehamilton130@comcast.net)

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 PM

**Baptism:** Parents must come to the rectory to get the necessary forms at least one month in advance.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, December 14</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Debra McCarthy</b> by Diane Usher
Monday, December 16	9:00 A.M.	<b>Maxine Charette</b> by Gerald & Maxine Charette
Friday, December 20	9:00 A.M.	<b>Christian Thompson and Keanan Thompson</b> by Chris Thompson
<b>Saturday, December 21</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Lena Romano</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> anniversary by Herb & Patty Castellini
<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>The People of Saint Anthony Parish</b>



Liz Wheeler  
Frank Klymn  
Martha Brock  
Catherine McKenney  
Patrick Kendall  
Theresa Lund  
Dianne Hopkins

Please also remember others who are in need of our prayers.

Names will be published in our bulletin for one month. If you would like to renew your prayer request after one month, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Lamps  
will burn for:

"Aunt" Maggie Scelza  
and  
Ernie Gour



## Sacrificial Giving Report

To meet our expenses we need:	\$ 3,700.00
Offertory collection December 7-8:	\$ 3,704.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 1,115.00

**Thank You for Your Support  
of Saint Anthony Church!**

**Low Gluten Altar Bread:** If you require a low gluten host for communion, come to the altar with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The celebrant will give you the consecrated low gluten host from a separate paten.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Randy Hurlbert**, son of a parishioner, who recently died. May his family find solace in their faith and in the promise of eternal life with our heavenly Father.

*As we near the celebration of joy at the birth of our Savior, let us keep in our prayers all those who grieve for deceased family members, especially those who mourn the loss of children.*

**Advent Reflections:** Take a moment each day to visit our website where you will find Bishop Barron's daily Advent Reflections. Every-day meditations, right there at your fingertips. Check it out!

Message from Fr. Rick:

### Third Sunday of Advent - "Gaudete Sunday"

"Gaudete," meaning "Rejoice" sets the tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and second coming. The rose colored candle on the Advent Wreath is lit this weekend and rose colored vestments may be worn at Mass.

"Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return ...." A fascinating aspect of our salvation is to acknowledge the fact that we have been ransomed. Satan, the evil one, had, in effect stolen, kidnapped, us. We belong to God our creator and Satan tried to take us away from our creator. But Christ our redeemer came and paid our ransom, laying down His life for us in order to win us back to God. If you ever find yourself doubting what God must think of you .... remember the price He was willing to pay to win you back for Himself!

Make plans to attend our Christmas Concert this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Windsor. The concert is free. A free will offering will be taken up.

Fr. Rick

**Christmas Flowers:** Envelopes for Christmas Flowers are available on the table at the entrance of the church. If you wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope and drop it into the basket. Our Christmas Masses will be offered for those in whose memory Christmas flower donations have been made.

**PINS Tree:** All PINS tree gifts should be dropped off at the church no later than **this Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to be distributed in time for Christmas. ***It is important that every gift have the gift tag securely attached, as this is the only way to identify the recipient.*** Please call Linda James at (802) 295-7127 if you have questions.

**Second Collection Last Weekend:** Religious give thanks. "Thank you" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

**Christmas Mass Schedule:** Christmas Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Church on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 25 at 8:30 a.m.

**Meeting:** The Knights of Columbus will meet Sunday, December 15, 2019 in the rectory basement at 7 PM. Items of business to be discussed include Coats for Kids, and Keep Christ in Christmas."

**Christmas Festival of Lights:** Visit the display of Christmas Lights at La Salette Shrine, Route 4A, Enfield every evening through December 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:00 PM until 9 PM. Free admission; offerings gratefully accepted. ***Reconciliation opportunities*** Saturdays, 5:45-6:15 PM or upon request. ***Mass*** Saturdays at 6:30 PM. ***Religious Articles & Book Store*** open until 8:30 PM each night that the lights are on (closed December 25). Refreshments available in the cafeteria nightly until 8:30 PM (closed December 25). ***Nativity display***, over 450 creches, open daily 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM. ***The Cog Railroad*** is sponsoring a model train display for children and adults alike, set up on the upper level of the cafeteria by ***The Connecticut Valley Model Railroad Club***.

**Respect Life:** "Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"*

**Haven:** Needed items this week are canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, shelf-stable milk, cream cheese, cheese and tuna. Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you!

St. Anthony Parish would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us this weekend.

Ty Beanie Babies  
 Dream Gift Box of Aroma Therapy  
 Travel Basket  
 Kitchen Basket  
 Teddy Bear Basket  
 Cat and Mouse Basket  
 Soldering Tool  
 New England Village Series Studio  
 Z Series Drone from JAS Auto  
 Large Green Mascoma Bank Umbrella  
 Bagallini Purse and Vera Bradley Eye Glass Case  
 Toilet Golf Game  
 Coby Widescreen Digital Photo Frame  
 Paper Hockey Kit  
 Heart Dish with Candy  
 Black and White Basket with Picture Frame and More!  
 Handblown Candle Holders by Michael Egan  
 Tea Basket  
 Summertime Basket  
 Baby Keepsake Box and Giraffe  
 Original Gabbe Schneider Water Color Painting  
 Lenox Candle Holder  
 Dog Basket  
 Large Glass Dish with Candy  
 Night Before Christmas Basket  
 Lighthouse and Cottage Framed Picture  
 Nubble Lighthouse Framed Picture  
 Rudolph Car Decorating Set  
 Christmas Theme Basket  
 Set of 6 Napkin Ring Vases  
 NutriSlicer  
 Hand-painted Decorative Saw  
 Lladro Young Girl Figurine  
 Nifty Solution Appliance Stand  
 Large Blue Ceramic Bowl  
 Ceramic Picture Frame  
 Set of 2 Tealight Lanterns  
 Set of 2 Candle Lanterns  
 Presto Microwave Multi Cooker  
 Set of 2 Grey Loaf Pans  
 Vera Bradley "Modern Medley" design Lunch Tote  
 Easter Basket of Items!  
 This, That & Everything Game  
 Chili's Restaurant \$25 Gift Card  
 Cuisinart Soft Serve Ice Cream Maker  
 Glass with Metal Straw from Juel  
 \$50 Gift Certificate from King Arthur  
 Clinique Bag with Clinique Items!  
 Nighthawks Season Passes for 4, Shirts, Hats & More!  
 Krups Vita Mini Compact Juice Extractor  
 Unique Venetian Glass Vase & Candy Dish  
 Gingerbread Basket of Items!

Bonnie Mohla  
 Norma Jean Simon  
 Laura Cooney  
 Jim Grigel  
 Chris Willey  
 Dottie Hamel  
 Jim Grigel  
 Keisha Desnoyers  
 Erin Nichols  
 Craig Lane  
 Bonnie Mohla  
 Ceal GiConte  
 Hayden Thibodeau  
 Amy Lane  
 Oscar Duncan  
 Denise Peters  
 Ceal GiConte  
 Judith Peters  
 Reta Hornbrook  
 Rose  
 Sean Hamilton  
 Ceal GiConte  
 Bonnie Mohla  
 Erin Nichols  
 Paula Sumner  
 Dottie Hamel  
 A. Hayes  
 Thebado  
 Sharron  
 Ceal GiConte  
 Jim Grigel  
 Charlotte LeClair  
 Ceal GiConte  
 Mark Roux  
 Erin Marcotte  
 Lorraine Prior  
 Karen Powell  
 Tim Nunn  
 Jim Grigel  
 Patti Shaw  
 Betty Plante  
 Paula Sumner  
 Ann Kerrigan  
 A. Hayes  
 Andrea Morancey  
 Tracey Kapuscinski  
 Denise Peters  
 Petrina Pollari  
 Jim Grigel  
 Tim Nunn  
 Tracey Kapuscinski  
 Sharron

**Congratulations!**

**Christmas Bazaar**

**Take A Chance**

**Winners!**

# Congratulations Christmas Bazaar Raffle Ticket Winners!

Knight Funeral Home	Granite Bench	John McKenney
White River Carwash	\$50 Gift Card	Margaret Culver
Bob's Service Center	20 lb Propane Tank Refill	Karen Powell
Worthy Burger Restaurant	\$50 Gift Card	John Hitchcock
Boloco Restaurant	\$25 Gift Card	Mary Brower
C&S Pizza	Large Pizza - \$15 Value	Gail Barnaby
Ronin Hair Care	\$25 Gift Certificate for Haircut	Sue Loskutoff
Bob's Service Center	\$30.00 Gasoline	Doc Simon
Bob's Service Center	20 lb Propane Tank Refill	Betty Micka
Big Fatty's BBQ Restaurant	\$25 Gift Certificate	Tim Sheldrick
Tip Top Tire	Gift Certificate for Free Oil Change	Marie McCormick
Upper Valley Aquatic Center	Guest Passes for 2 Adults & 2 Children	Gary McKenney
Koto Japanese Steak House	\$25 Gift Certificate	Anthony Scelza
Dazzle Cupcakes	One Dozen Cupcakes - \$33 Value	Franklin George
King Arthur Flour	\$50 Gift Certificate	Charles Devine
Moe's Restaurant	\$25 Gift Certificate	Ronald Bebeau
Porter Sugar House	Half Gallon Maple Syrup	Lisa O'Neil
Nugget Theater	2 Movie Tickets	Marlene Milne
Nugget Theater	2 Movie Tickets	Susan Bailey
Nugget Theater	2 Movie Tickets	Odette Denisa
Porter Sugar House	Maple Cream	Steve Milman
Skinny Pancake Restaurant	\$20 Gift Card	Peter Naulette
Oriental Wok Express	\$15 Gift Certificate	Laurette Woodward
Oriental Wok Express	\$15 Gift Certificate	Nancy Dyke
Shyrl's Diner	\$20 Gift Certificate	Thomas Pitts
China Station Restaurant	\$10 Gift Certificate	R. Thebodo
Lebanon Paint & Decorating	2 Gallons Regal Paint \$128 Value	Michael Cimis
Shaw's	\$20 Gift Card	Andrew Martin
Gusanoz Restaurant	\$20 Gift Card	Steve Milman
Gusanoz Restaurant	\$20 Gift Card	Roger Perrault
VINS	4 Day Passes	Cathleen Carroll
Quechee Pizza Chef	\$25 Gift Coins	Harley Bettis
White River Carwash	\$50 Gift Card	Charles Devine
White River Carwash	\$50 Gift Card	Denise Peters
Stern's Quality Produce	3 Lbs Cheddar Cheese	George Miller
Stern's Quality Produce	3 Lbs Cheddar Cheese	Norma Young
CO-OP Food Store	\$25 Gift Card	Martha Flanagan
Tip Top Tire	Gift Certificate for Free Oil Change	Tina Weigel
China Moon	\$20 Gift Certificate	Simone Crosby
CO-OP Food Store	\$25 Gift Card	Patsy O'Neill
Entertainment Cinemas	\$20 Gift Cards	Philomena
Dunkin Donuts	\$25 Gift Card	Hayes Family
Valley Flower Company	\$25 Gift Certificate	Jim Grigel
Post Stationary Shop	Notecards \$15 Value	Nancy Cone
Vanessa's Salon	\$35 Gift Certificate	Cynthia Mitchell
St. Anthony's Parishioner	Cabot Cheese Tote	Ricky Chapman
Coverleaf Jewlery & Gifts	\$25 Gift Certificate	Rick Leno
Dazzle Cupcakes	1/2 Dozen Cupcakes	Brenda Hoyt
St. Anthony's Parishioner	Sugar Cookie Basket	Doc Simon

# Congratulations Christmas Bazaar Silent Auction Winners!

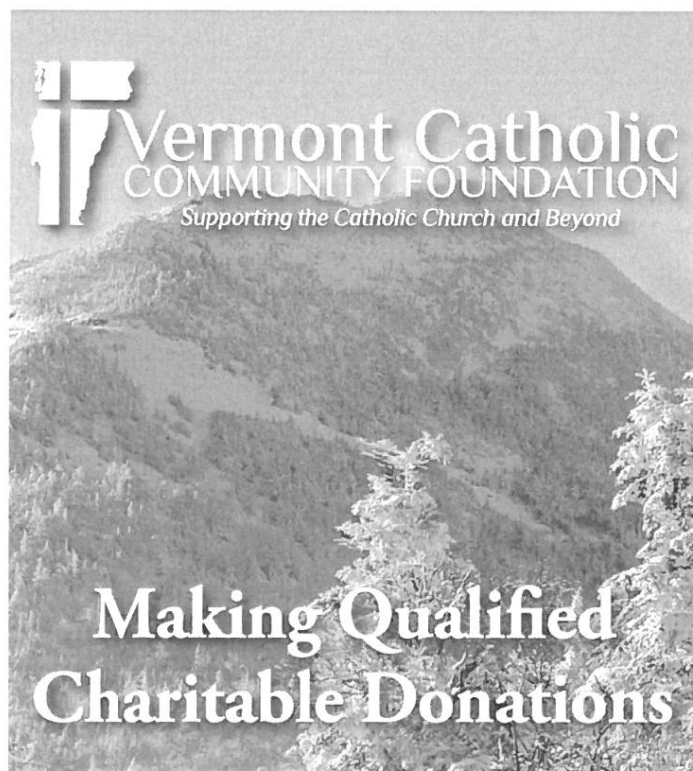
Dinner for 2 at Quechee Lakes Restaurant	Amy Lane
Vintage School Desk	Peggy Keohan
12x12 Carpet & Pad from Carpet Mill	Linda Miller
Miele Classic Vacuum	Mary Nadeau
Villeroy & Boch Set of 9 Place Settings	Charlotte LeClair
Set of 3 Lem Ward Duck Prints	Joshua Burtonbush
Longaberger Pie Plate	Chickie Funari
Skill Saw	Linda Miller
2 Gallons Paint Sherwin Williams	Kathy Detzer
Cuisinart Ice Cream Maker	Kathy Rowell
Tablift Tablet Stand for Bed	Martha Flanagan
Large Blue Bird Bird Feeder	Karen Powell
\$50 e-Gift Card from Lebanon Opera House	Edward Peters
Ninja Storm Food Processor	Mark Roux
Set of 3 Snowmen Lights	Debbie DeVoid
Piecemeal Pies Gift Box \$10 Gift Certificate	Christine Kidd
2 Hot Sauce Sets from Angry Goat	Brigid Lynch
Basket of 12 Homemade Jams	George C
Oval Mirror from Portland Glass	Diane Romano
Black Travelon Shoulder Bag	Edward Peters
LL Bean Sled	Karleen McKenney
Blue Porcelain Bowl	Wanda Kenison
\$25 Gift Certificate from Revolution	Kitty O'Hara
Tap-a-Tune Xylophone	Katie Jacobsen
Playmobile Nativity Set from Nature Calls	Karen Powell
Large Wall Clock	Linda Miller
\$25 Gift Certificate from Cloverleaf	Laura Cooney
Set of 5 Holiday Barbies	Mona Bouthillier
\$50 Gift Certificate from Artistree	Cathleen Carroll
3 Extreme Car Washes from Squechee Clean	Mark Roux
White Porcelain Bowl	Wanda Kenison
Sony Handicam	Dottie Hamel
Queen Size Sheet Set	Charlotte LeClair
Starbucks Coffee and Mug	Linda Miller
Venetian Glass Necklace	Cookie Bettis
Set of 2 J.Crew Bracelets	Charlotte LeClair
Basket of Beanie Babies	Elaine George
Handmade Fairy House	Edward Peters
North Face Sun Shield Ball Cap	Greg Phair
2 Tickets to King Lear at Northern Stage	Mark Roux
\$50 Gift Certificate Vivo Day Spa Salon	Jennifer Grant
Brass Desk Lamp	Jim Flanagan
Dept 56 NE Village Series: Whale Tale Pub & Inn	Jim Flanagan
Dog Lovers Basket of Items	Ellen Blake



# NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 14–20, 2019

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## Making Qualified Charitable Donations

Recently, a parishioner reached out to me for information about how to make an end-of-the-year qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation from his IRA. This parishioner did not need the income for living expenses and wanted to make a meaningful donation that was also tax deductible. He suggested that I share this information with the Catholic community, especially those in a similar situation who have reached the golden age of 70 ½.

Once you reach the age of 70 ½, the federal government requires individuals to withdraw from their traditional IRA or employer-sponsored retirement plans. These required minimum

distributions, often referred to as RMDs, are calculated by dividing your traditional IRA or retirement plan account balance, as of the prior year end, by a life expectancy factor specified in IRS tables based on your current age.

These withdrawals are taxable income unless the distribution is made directly to a QCD. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 first allowed tax-free charitable donations directly from IRAs to a qualified charitable organization up to \$100,000, and the Protect Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 made these tax-free charitable donations permanent.

Without this special rule, taking a distribution from your IRA and donating the proceeds to a charity can be cumbersome and sometimes more expensive. The process would involve requesting the distribution from the IRA, making the contribution to the charity and then itemizing this tax deduction when you pay your taxes, if you eligible for the deduction under the Internal Revenue Code Section 170. You can avoid all this by making a QCD tax-free donation directly from the IRA to the charity; then the distribution is not counted as gross income.

In addition, QCDs always deliver a tax benefit while “regular” charitable donations might not. Changes to recent tax laws almost doubled the standard deduction amounts for 2018-2025, which means you only get a tax benefit from a charitable donation if your total itemizable deductions exceed your standard deduction. This means higher standard deductions make it that much harder to claim itemized charitable write-offs.

If you are interested in learning more about how to make a QCD to the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation or to a specific fund within the foundation, please contact Ellen Kane at [ekane@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ekane@vermontcatholic.org) or 802-846-5837. To learn more about VCCF visit [vtcatholicfoundation.org](http://vtcatholicfoundation.org).

— *Ellen Kane, executive director of Vermont Catholic Community Foundation*

Founded in December 2015, Vermont Catholic Community Foundation is a separate 501(c)3 from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington with the mission to support and serve apostolic activities of the Church and make grants to nonprofit organizations in the statewide Diocese of Burlington that reflect the compassion of Christ in service to the community. (Tax ID: 81-0999457)



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## Sunday, Dec 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### What are we waiting for?

Some people make the incredible claim that, 2,000 years ago, God's spoken Word became flesh and blood. This incarnate Word lived and served and saved—not by rising to tremendous power, but by dying and rising to new life. A lot rides on John the Baptist's question to Jesus: Are you the one? If not you, then who? If Jesus is the one, trusting in him means embracing a startling trajectory of service and surrender in a world of upward striving. It will turn our own lives inside out. What does it cost you to say: "Jesus is Lord"?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 (7). *"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"*

## Monday, Dec 16, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Invest in the teachings

*Magisterium* is a mighty big word that means a lot to Catholics. The word derives from the Latin for "teacher." It refers to the sacred deposit of faith, which includes both scripture and tradition, that's been entrusted to the church. And it is the source of the church's authority to interpret this deposit of faith, which has been divinely revealed by Christ, the "Word made flesh." What an immense gift from God, for all of us to be shown so much. Be faithful to it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). *"By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?"*

## Tuesday, Dec 17, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Soon and very soon

Finally, like a long exhalation during the final week before Christmas, we pray the "O Antiphons," which give us different ways to image the long-awaited Messiah. Some of the more colorful names are: Wisdom, Root of Jesse's stem, Key of David, Radiant Dawn. Praying with one each day unites us to the universal church over many centuries. Check out YouTube for a video that provides historical background on the O Antiphons. Take a moment to watch it as part of your Advent observation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). *"Of her was born Jesus, . . . called the Christ."*

## Wednesday, Dec 18, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Prelude to Nativity

Today is International Migrants Day, reminding us that all biblical people, including the Holy Family, were obliged to roam to survive. The mystery of the Incarnation, Christ in us, is extended to all people, especially those who have been driven from their homelands by violence and crushing poverty, and who stand at our border seeking help. Should we wall them out or extend a hand in friendship and solidarity? All of us need rescuing! "O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: Come to rescue us with your mighty power!"

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

## Thursday, Dec 19, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Lord, come and save us

"O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: Come to save us without delay!" Today is the third day of the church's week of O Antiphons, used at evening prayer to count down the final days of Advent. Each gives a different depiction of the Messiah; each captures the longing of a people yearning to be saved. Today's imagery comes from Isaiah 11:1, where God establishes the House of David from beleaguered beginnings: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." David, the youngest son of Jesse, is as improbable a king as the Christ Child will be. If you haven't been praying the O Antiphons this week, it's not too late to start; nor is it too late to decorate a Jesse Tree, based on the same Isaiah verse.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). *"Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard."*

## Friday, Dec 20, 2019

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Make room at the inn

There's a special Christmas season novena—that is, nine days of prayer—that commemorates the nine months of Mary's pregnancy with Jesus, as well as her journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and it is done in the nine days leading up to his birthday. Called Las Posadas, which means "lodging," it is celebrated by many Spanish-speaking cultures with re-enactments of Joseph and Mary (often with entourage and even a donkey!) knocking on neighbors' doors seeking a "place to stay." A party usually ensues. Remember all those in the world who are journeying to find shelter for their children, and work to make our communities more open to them. In fact, celebrate their presence!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). *"O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom: Come and free the prisoners of darkness!"*

## Saturday, Dec 21, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Common ground is high ground

Peter Canisius (1521-97), a Dutch Jesuit priest who was a contemporary of Saint Ignatius, was a learned and capable scholar who started many Jesuit colleges. Peter had a gift for making theological doctrine understandable. To that end, he wrote three catechisms that helped common folk and children understand the teachings of the church and ground their faith. Peter's ability to listen in working with non-Catholics helped him respect differences and seek common ground. We ask Saint Peter Canisius to help us listen to those with whom we differ and seek common ground.

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). *"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."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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