

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

A Roman Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ,
sharing God's gifts and building the Church together,
through word, worship and service.*

FROM FATHER SIMON



The most important things in life require preparation. When parents discover they are expecting a new child, they decorate a room, purchase clothes, and a family member or friend throws a baby shower. Similarly, in other areas of life, we prepare, whether for a new job, purchasing a new home, or embarking on a new vocation.

In much the same way, Advent is a time of preparation. But for what exactly are we preparing? The most common response is, "Christmas, of course, Jesus' birthday." And, yes, that is true. There are gifts to buy, decorations to hang, and cookies to bake. These are the signs of preparing for a great birthday party.

In the busyness and pleasure we take in making these preparations, we sometimes lose sight of the fact that we are preparing for yet another equally glorious event. In our time, we also await the realization of the Kingdom of God, inaugurated by Jesus but yet to be realized.

True, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but he must also be born in our hearts. God is still waiting for us to collaborate wholeheartedly with his vision as Jesus did. He is still waiting for every one of us to say, "Hey, let me use my gifts and talents to help make the world the kind of place that you, God, intended it to be." So, to keep Christ in Christmas, we must first be serious about our Advent preparations. To help us focus on Advent, remember that there are tried and true practices of preparing well, spiritually, during Advent.

The readings for the Sundays of Advent focus our attention on these realities and guide our preparation for Christ's coming. The theme for the first Sunday of Advent calls us to be spiritually attentive. We hear John the Baptist's call to repentance and preparation on the second Sunday of Advent. The baptizer calls us to be prepared and vigilant as we invite Christ into our hearts and await the final judgment. The third Sunday, or Gaudete Sunday, introduces Jesus as the one who will fulfill the covenant and bring forth the kingdom. We hear the gospel stories that immediately precede Christ's birth on Advent's fourth and final Sunday. During these four weeks, we prepare for the Light, which comes into the world in Christ's birth, and as we await his final return in glory.

As we renew our sense of the liturgical celebration of time, I encourage each of us to remain faithful to the celebration of the four weeks of Advent. It is so easy to be consumed by the hype of the "holiday season," decorating our churches and houses for Christmas, spending more time shopping than in prayer, and hosting Christmas parties that begin before the season has arrived. I know it is an enormous challenge to remain faithful to the Advent season when our society finds it difficult to take the time to reflect and prepare as the church calls us to do. We are lucky to have a church that has provided us with seasons to witness the great mysteries of our faith. If we were to skip Advent or any other season, we would impoverish that witness.

One classic and reliable practice is the Advent Wreath. The circular wreath reminds us of God's eternal love. The evergreen of the wreath reminds us of the everlasting life we receive only through the birth of our Savior. The light of the candles represents Christ, the Light of the World, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles week after week shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord.

So don't be afraid to light the wreath's candles. Light them at dinner time, along with a special Advent prayer or Scripture reading with your grace before meals. If the family is so busy that you don't have time for family dinner, take ten minutes together before bedtime to say some prayers around the Advent wreath.

PARISH NEWS

If you are struggling to find words for prayer, please see the parish website and use the *Reflections and Resources* tab to find prayers to help you. The following Advent prayer from Fr. Henri Nouwen encapsulates what many of us feel and hope for during the Advent season:

*Lord Jesus, Master of both light and darkness, send your Holy Spirit.
We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the Light.
To you, we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

Let us prepare to celebrate Christmas by putting our faith first this Advent. By striving throughout Advent to live in the presence of Christ, with the mind and heart of Christ, we will prepare room for him to dwell in us this Christmas. There is no better way than this to "get ready" for Christmas.

Blessings!!

TREE LIGHTING & EARLY CHILDHOOD MASS



All preschoolers and their families are invited to join together and celebrate the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Please arrive by 4:35pm near the manger since the children will be singing, "Jesus is Coming" before the tree lighting.

We welcome all parishioners to join us for the tree lighting at 4:45pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

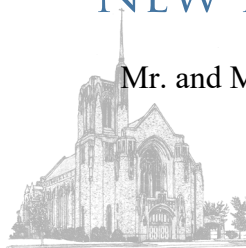
November 30 - Women's Guild Mahjong 7 pm, Parish Center

December 7 - Women's Guild Members Candlelight Dinner 6:30 pm, contact Kris at 773-495-5555

December 8 - Elizabeth Ministry Knit/Crochet night, Benedict Center Fireplace Room from 7 pm

December 9 - Men's Club Dad and Children Movie Night at 7pm

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS



Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Barbara Davidson

Mr. James LaForest

Ms. Gloria Perez

Mr. Robert Royce

MEMORIAL PICTURES...

To all who brought a picture of your loved one for the November memorial shrine under the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are asking that you pick up your picture this weekend-November 27/28. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Youth Ministry activities

December 4 - Teen Mass, 11 am, lunch will follow

December 11 - Offsite pilgrimage. Details to follow

Contact Morgan at qasym@qasparish.org with any questions.



Gingerbread House Family Night

Please join us and decorate your own gingerbread house
(or pick one up to make at home!)

Friday, December 2, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm

houses must be completed by 8:45pm

QAS Cafeteria

\$35 per Gingerbread House

Complete form online through Cheddar Up at
[Gingerbread - Make-n-Take](#)

Register no later than Monday, November 28, 2022

Payment will be made directly through Cheddar Up

****Space is limited – Register today!****

Questions:

Kathy Gunn 312-961-3429/kathygunn99@yahoo.com

Heather Gregory at 262-930-8276/heathergregory76@gmail.com

ADVENT 2022

ADVENT PRAYER – MONDAY EVENINGS SILENT ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

On Mondays beginning November 28, from 7-8 pm, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions in the basilica. Prepare your heart for Christ with an hour of prayer each week before the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be available during that time for the sacrament of reconciliation.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

November 27, Sunday - Second collection to support our monthly sharing with the needy

November 28, Monday - Silent adoration & confessions, 7-8 pm

December 2, Friday - Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5-7 pm in the Benedict Center Chapel

December 2, Friday - Gingerbread *Make & Take* in the cafeteria at 6:30 pm

December 3, Saturday - Tree Lighting at 4:45 pm outside of the rectory, followed by the Early Childhood Family Mass at 5 pm

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

December 4, Sunday - *It's Christmas Time* at QAS with shopping, Santa, and the Share Christmas gift drop off, held throughout the morning

December 5, Monday - Silent adoration & confessions, 7-8 pm

December 8, Thursday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, noon and 7:30 pm

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

December 11, Sunday - Second collection to support the retired religious

December 11 Sunday - Elizabeth Ministry's Worldwide Candle Lighting Service *in memory of the loss of a child of any age*, at 6:45 pm in the basilica

December 12, Monday - Silent adoration & confessions, 7-8 pm

December 13, Tuesday - Our Holiday Coffee, in the Holy Name Room after all morning Masses

December 17, Saturday - Simbang Gabi, traditional Filipino Advent liturgy, 7 pm in the basilica

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

December 18, Sunday - Second collection to support our monthly sharing with the needy

December 19, Monday - Silent adoration & confessions, 7-8 pm

December 24, Saturday - 8 am morning Mass (no confessions following Mass)

ADVENT PROJECT

MAKE SPACE FOR THE HOLY FAMILY

Every Advent, our community comes together to honor the Holy Family just as we honor them in our homes. We are all invited to “make space” in our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

*As we all **Make Space for the Holy Family** we invite you to share your stories. Like an Advent calendar, our hope is to greet each morning with a new image and story from our friends and neighbors making space in their homes to welcome the Holy Family.*

All of us display our special traditions, some brand new and some passed down generations, in our nativity scenes. Post a picture of your nativity or creche, tell us why it's special to you, and how it brings the spirit of the gift of Christ to your home.

Tag @qasbasilica and #QASNativity2022 to share your story!



Our Story: The Outdoor Nativity of Queen of All Saints Basilica

In 2001, the Men's Club began their annual tradition of constructing the Parish Nativity on the front lawn of the rectory. In 2009, the current manger was designed and constructed for the first time. Over the last 20 years, and hundreds of cups of coffee, the Men's Club continues to make space for the Holy Family for the whole parish and neighborhood. "Setting up the Nativity is one of those feel-good moments of the year. When it's completed we have a beautiful scene for the parish for all of Advent."

- Chip DePreter, Men's Club Officer

ADVENT PROJECT



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AT QAS! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**7:30 AM—2 PM
WITH MANY FUN ACTIVITIES...**

**A CHRISTMAS COTTAGE
AND HOLIDAY BREAKFAST
IN THE PARISH CENTER**
Plus holiday shopping...
Scarves, Gloves, Hats,
Raffle Baskets &
Holiday Baked Goods!

**PICTURES
WITH SANTA
FROM 11 AM—2 PM**

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AT MASS OR AT DESIGNATED AREAS OUTSIDE**

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kitchen items, diapers, etc.,
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**To donate online using Catholic Charities wish list,
go to <https://www.catholiccharities.net/give/celebration>.
Scroll down to Cook County for links to Target, Walmart & Amazon.**

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting

Join us on December 11, 2022

"...that their light may always shine"

***Sunday Evening,
December 11th***

6:45 p.m. Program Begins

7:00 p.m. Candle Lighting

**Queen of All Saints Basilica
6280 N. Sauganash Avenue
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compassionatefriends.org

Email elizabethministry.qas@gmail.com
with questions or to request the name of a
loved one to be read during the service.

The Elizabeth Ministry of Queen of All Saints parish is honored to host *The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting* service on Sunday, December 11th.

On this special evening, family and friends around the globe will unite in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all or part of the non-denominational service as they feel comfortable. All will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one.

The service will be livestreamed for those who wish to join us from home. Go to qasparish.org and click *Live Stream Mass* to join us online.

PARISH NEWS



FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

Please join us for our annual
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FRIDAY | DECEMBER 2, 2022 | AT 6PM
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Myrna Babao at 773-454-9435 or Maureen Isidoro at 312-838-1110**



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FOR MORE INFORMATION SEND INQUIRY TO
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STEWARDSHIP

A GREAT WAY TO HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

It's not too late to learn about 2022 charitable contributions to benefit Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships.

As an example, a \$1000 contribution will cost you only \$250 after a 75% state income tax credit and will be matched 1-for-1. That means your after-tax final cost of \$250 will result in \$2000 for financial aid scholarships, and you can designate students at Queen of All Saints School, or a wider group of schools, to receive those funds.

Sounds too good to be true? It's for real. The last two weeks we talked about the first step in becoming a donor—requesting a Letter ID. This week let's look at the next step - reserving your state tax credit.

Go to www.MyTax.Illinois.Gov:

- Login to your MyTax Illinois account
- Click on: INDIVIDUAL (blue button on the left)
- Under "I Want To" (far right) click on: Contribute to Invest in Kids
- Check: Invest in Kids Region and select the region and SGO (Empower Illinois) where you will make your gift. Once you reserve your tax credit, you have 60 days or until December 31, whichever comes first, to make your donation.

Next week we will talk about designating participating schools (including Queen of All Saints School) to receive your donation.

Call the rectory office at 773-736-6060 if you have questions.



REGISTER:

New donors should register to obtain a Letter ID from the Illinois Department of Revenue.



RESERVE:

Donors should reserve a tax credit.



DONATE & DESIGNATE:

Designate your donation to the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools.

TODAY'S READINGS

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow.

But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.



THANK YOU!

Our alternatives for giving remain in place. We welcome those who use their weekly envelope at Mass. You may also send your envelope to the rectory at 6280 N. Sauganash Ave, Chicago. More and more parishioners continue to move to electronic giving, ideally by arranging regularly scheduled donations through our safe and convenient GiveCentral portal. GiveCentral users can even mark and use their envelopes as a symbol of their gift at Mass.

Please visit our parish website at qasparish.org, click the GiveCentral logo and follow the easy prompts.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

All Sunday Masses are offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish

Monday, November 28

School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS homebound, George Stegmaier, Irmgard Pokorny, Phyllis Durst, Frank Briody, Steve Singh, Wanda Kania

Readings: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29

Deceased members of the QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, Peggy Donovan, Ester Ramos, Steve Singh

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30 (St. Andrew)

Basilica Fund members, Ruth Stegmaier, Mary Sciacca, Dr. Robert Patte, Michael Patte, Steve Singh

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1

Ann O'Donnell, Charles J. O'Connor, Deceased members of the Stegmaier and Smith families, Steve Singh

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2

Helen and Jerry Martin, Frank Barcy, Eleanor Alf, Ester Cohen, Aurelio H. Pulanco, Rolando Davila

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3 (St. Francis Xavier)

Jack O'Donnell, William Reilly, Leonardo Abeleda, Flora Neal, Mark Behnke

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

***Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased
Vincent Mascari***

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"People in love make signs of love," wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality.

A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history they are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

For the next year of "Treasure" essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm
Sunday.....	7:00, 9:00, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday.....	6:30, 8:30am
Saturday.....	8:00am

Holy Day Masses

Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day Mass schedule

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 5pm to 7pm in the Benedict Center Chapel (excluding Holy Days).

To Register in the Parish

Please contact the rectory office.....773-736-6060

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....After the 8:00am Mass until all are heard

The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism, or visit our website for our baptism dates and the baptism registration form. The sacrament of baptism for infants is celebrated on Sundays. A baptismal preparation class for the parents is required. Please contact the rectory with any questions or for further details. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

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OTHER NEWS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm - We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading - It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel - Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

*Please join us online for Sunday Mass at qasparish.org. Click on "QAS Mass Online."
We livestream the Saturday 5pm Mass. Recorded Mass is available after 6pm on Saturday.*

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE



December 3 & 4

5pm - Msgr. John Pollard

7am - Fr. Edward Grace

9am - Fr. Simon Braganza

11am - Fr. Britto Berchmanns

12:30pm - Fr. Robert Heidenreich

WEDDING BANNS

Meredith Abrahamson & Duke Dalton



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"It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light."

- Romans 13:11-14

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