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Our Lady of the Presentation is a vibrant, Eucharist-centered community offering all Catholics participation in sacraments, social action and Christian education.

Mission Statement:

To share our gifts by providing opportunities for spiritual growth in worship, service, education and community activities.

Mass Schedule

Weekday (M-F): 8:15am Weekend: Saturday: 4:30pm Livestreamed - Parish YouTube Channel Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 2pm (Spanish)

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15pm Sundays, 1:15-1:45pm Or by appointment.

Adoration:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9am to 8pm, St. Ann Chapel

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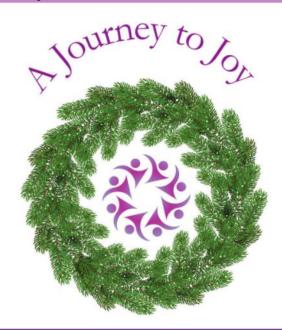
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Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2023



In today's Second Reading, St. Paul tells us: Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing.

The season of Advent moves us to seek joy in our daily lives.

Our commitment to prayer helps us share this joy with others.



Who needs you to be a source of joy this week?



The (1) Antiphons

Beginning December 17, the Church prays the O Antiphons each evening. Use these antiphons in your prayer this week. The O Antiphons inspired many Advent hymns, the most familiar of which is O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

December 17: O Sapientia

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

December 18: O Adonai

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: Come, stretch out your strong hand to set us free.

December 19: O Radix Jesse

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

December 20: O Clavis David

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: Come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and lead your captive people into freedom.

December 21: O Oriens

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

December 22: O Rex Gentium

O King of all the Nations, the only joy of every human heart; O keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

December 23: O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

Merry Christmas! Teliz Navidad!

May the joy of Christ's birth bring you and your family the gift of peace and hope throughout the year.

Father Tom, Father Angel and the Staff of Presentation Parish invite you to join us for Christmas Masses.



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Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve Masses: 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish), 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 a.m.

JKV Bus transportation provided. Residents must call ahead, 816-347-2178.

We will have our regular Mass schedule on Sunday, December 31st.

Monday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother God Mass at 9:00 a.m.

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)



Thoughts from Fr. Tom

Today we hear from the Gospel of John and his introduction of John the Baptist: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. Once again, it is clear that John knew who he was and did not come seeking his own glory but rather to prepare the way for Christ so that others might know him. In a reflection about John the Baptist, St. Augustine wrote: To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further himself. May we continue to prepare the way for Christ this Advent season by praying well and humbling ourselves so that others may know the light of Christ through us.

If you have not done so already, please consider a financial gift to the diocese through the **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**. The ACA benefits all parishes of the diocese through various services and ministries. Every parish is given a goal to reach for the ACA based on the annual giving to the parish. Our parish goal this year is \$87,581. We are about two-thirds of the way to our goal. As of last week, we have had 140 parish households donate about \$56,000. Any amount you can give is appreciated. The new policy this year is that if a parish does not meet its goal, the parish will need to pay the difference. You can send your contribution directly to the diocese using the envelope mailed to all registered households or by picking one up in the Gathering space. Thank you for your support of the ACA.

I mentioned at the beginning of **Advent** that this year the season is as short as it can be – only 22 days. We are in the home stretch, but there is still time to make Advent meaningful. Take some extra time for prayer this week. Use our *Encounter Great Joy* prayer booklet. Or in this season of gift giving, make a Year-End Gift or special Christmas Offering to the parish to give thanks for God's blessings.

Please take note of the Mass schedule for next weekend. Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday and that Sunday is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we will need to make some adjustments to the schedule. We will have Masses on Saturday, December 23 at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 24, at 8:00 a.m. to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. There will be NO 10:00am or NOON MASS NEXT SUNDAY.

Christmas Eve Masses begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24. Please see the bulletin for all the Christmas Mass times.

As I know many will be traveling next weekend, please stay safe and have a blessed Christmas.

Many Blessings!

Events This Week

Monday, December 18			
8:15am 9am-8pm 9:30am 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration Chair Yoga Hispanic Marian Group Cub Scout Pack Meeting Hispanic Holy Hour	Church St. Ann Chapel Etue Church Auditorium Church	
Tuesday, December 19			
8:15am 9am 3:30pm 6:30pm 7pm	Mass Holy Donuts One City Café Volunteers Young Adult Dinner & Caroling K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	Church Mulligan Offsite Offsite Cooper	
Wednesday, December 20			
8:15am 9am-8pm 5:30pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration CFF Catechist In-service	Church St. Ann Chapel Etue	
Thursday, December 21			
8:15am 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal Men's Faith Sharing Young Adult City on a Hill	Church Music Room Cooper Log House	
Friday, December 22			
9am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Ann Chapel	
Saturday, December 23			
4:30pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass	Church	
Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)			
8am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Church No 10am or Noon Mass.			
Christmas Eve Masses: 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 7:30pm-Spanish, 10pm Church			
Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)			
Christmas Day Mass: 10am Church			



The Parish Office will be closed:
Monday & Tuesday
Dec. 25 & 26,
Friday, Dec. 29
(closing at Noon),
Monday, Jan. 1.

Have a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!



Monday, December 18

8:15am, Robert Cupp by Darcell & Nick Telowitz; Willard Brzuchalski by Sue & Larry Munsterman

Tuesday, December 19

8:15am, Jean Carroll by Anna & Steve Mitchell; Virginia Corn by Teresa & Larry Jones

Wednesday, December 20

8:15am, Mickey Pope by Algene Beugin; Robert Biehler by Mary Rohan

Thursday, December 21

8:15am, Kathy Kraft by St. Joseph Guild; Virginia Corn by James Wilson

Friday, December 22

8:15am, Alfred Blixt by Julie & Mike Casey; Evelyn Lippert by the Lippert Family

Saturday, December 23

4:30pm, Patricia Kiesov by Jamie Grosso Robert Grosso by Jamie Grosso

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

8:00am, Stella Henry by Debbie & Guy Henry

Christmas Masses:

2:00pm, Paul G. Smith by the Ackland Family 4:00pm, Kathy Kraft by the McNamara Family

6:00pm, Virginia Corn by Mary Zubeck

7:30pm (Spanish), People of Presentation 10:00pm, Judith Lusk by the Beasley Family

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00am, Lucille & Harold Braden by Melissa & Brett Frerking



Prayer Requests

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list, contact the Pastoral Care Office, 816-251-1102.

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Scripture Readings For the Week of December 17



Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

Monday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

Jas 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Please remember in prayer the families of:



Leonard Kruse, November 26, father of Jackie (Mike) Chamberlain

Ruth Chovanec, November 30 mother of Debbie Griffle

Arnold Meysenburg, December 6



2023 Christmas Poinsettia Orders

During the Christmas season we decorate the altar areas with poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by December 20. Cost is \$25.

Your Name:	
In Memory Of:	
Special Occasion:	
Total Amount:	

Or use Online Giving at www.olpls.org

Stewardship



All of the people in today's readings — the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist — seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

- Stewardship by the Book

Stewardship Giving:

11/27 - 12/3/23

Envelopes: \$23,584
Online Giving: \$21,952
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IRA Contributions: \$12,000
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Future Projects Fund: \$13,523
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Prayerfully Consider A Year End Gift

All Year End Gifts will go towards our **Future Projects Fund.**We continually identify necessary projects that will enhance and maintain our parish facilities. Your *Year End Gift* allows us to accomplish these projects throughout the year.

Year End Gift envelopes are available in the Gathering Space or you can make a donation through Online Giving at www.olpls.org.



Save the Date!
Agape Latte
returns on
January 18th!



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



CFF Christmas Break
December 20, 27 and January 3
Sunday School Break
December 24 and 31

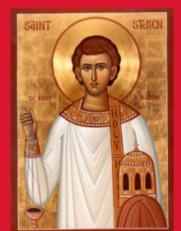


Book Fair Week









Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

For his joyful witness to Jesus, he was stoned to death.

Saint Stephen's feast day is celebrated on December 26.

He is the patron of deacons.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET

Our Christmas gift to you is The Rocking Chair Prophet.

Pick up your copy after all of our Christmas Masses. Mark your calendar for discussion meetings in January and February:

> January 25: pages 1-64 9:30-10:10 a.m. or 7-8 p.m.

February 1: pages 65- end 9:30-10:10 a.m. or 7-8 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, January 8, 7 p.m. Life and Justice meeting

Sunday, January 14, 11 a.m.

Baptism Class for new and expecting parents.

Register at olpls.org/baptism

Mondays, January 22 and 29 and Feb. 5
7-8 p.m.

Scripture Study of John's I am the Bread of Life narrative.

February 24 - 28
Parish Mission with
Paulist Father Ricky Manalo

Pastoral Care

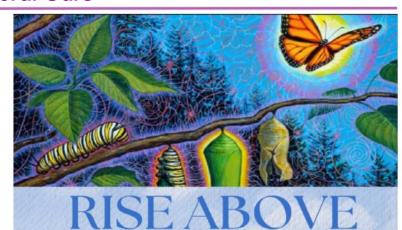
Did You Know?

John Knox Village bus service is provided on Saturdays for the 4:30 p.m. Mass. JKV residents must call ahead to schedule, 816-347-2178.

How Does BeFriender Ministry Make A Difference? by Chaplain Kay Sorvik

"We have a resident nearing 100 years old. For many years she lived in the Independent Living part of our campus. Now she lives in Skilled Care in order to have the daily care and support she needs. Progressing from Independent Living to Skilled Care is hard. The resident realized she needed the support of others, that she had become more dependent on others. That can be isolating as daily interactions with friends also decreases. Fortunately, with BeFrienders in our community, she was connected with a BeFriender. Now the resident can hardly wait for her BeFriender to visit. Personal interaction is so important. Even if there are times our resident and BeFriender don't talk much, the gift of presence is something she is grateful for."

To learn more about Presentation's BeFriender Ministry, contact Shelli Lange, slange@olpls.org.



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Guys-Mark your calendars for February 6th for the next Guys Night Out! More details will come in the new year. Receive emails for Updates.



I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

Joy Journal prompt: what aspects of the Advent season bring you joy?

Consider this way of strengthening your "joy muscle:" Light a candle and take some time alone every night to reflect back on the day, asking: "Was joy offered to me today? Was it so subtle and simple that I missed it? Where did God meet me in the ordinariness of my life?"

News from El Salvador:

Pictures of our newest High School Graduates
Josue, Esmeralda, and Francisco







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or contact Janice Drake, 816-251-1103, ymassistant@olpls.org

Do you like to cook? Join the Uplift Meal Outreach Team! Contact: Julie Ungashick, julieungashick@gmail.com



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- 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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