

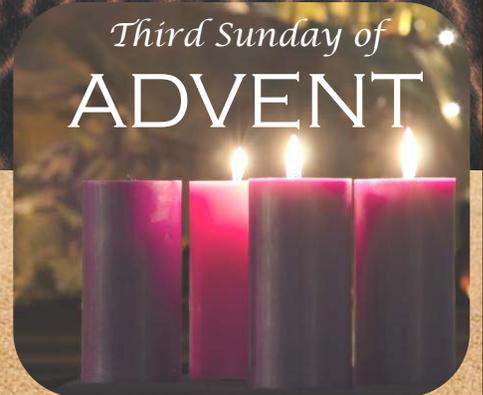
ST. LAMBERT PARISH  
*Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord*



"I am 'the voice of one crying out  
in the desert, "Make straight the  
way of the Lord"

JOHN 1:23

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



*December 13, 2020*



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**Sunday Masses:**  
(5 pm Sat)  
8am, 10am, 12pm

**Confessions:**  
Saturday at 3:30 PM

**Pastor:**  
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 St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

**Website:** www.StLambert.org

**Baptisms:**  
Third Sundays of the month at  
1:30 pm. For guidelines and more  
information please speak to  
Deacon Chick after mass.

**To Register as a Parishioner:**  
Go to stlambert.org under  
"About Us"



*Rest in Peace*

*Theresa Kepes*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, Christmas Eve: 4 pm and 5:30 pm

Friday, Christmas Day: 8 am, 10 am and noon

Parishioners can register online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ba8a929a7ff2-saturday>

### Sunday Offertory Collection

November 30– Dec. 6, 2020

Envelopes: \$3,518.00  
 Mail In: 805.00  
 Loose: 395.00  
 GiveCentral: 817.50  
 Total: \$5,535.50

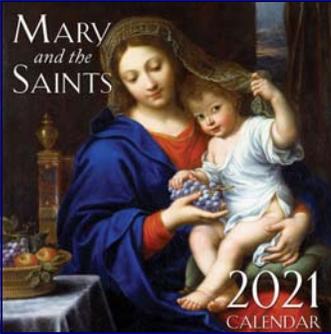


Immaculate Conception:  
\$603.00  
 Retirement Fund:  
\$75.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

The only 2 other ways your donation can come Directly to the parish are...

1. Online, using our GiveCentral home page at: [givecentral.org/location/204](http://givecentral.org/location/204)  
There is a small fee for each transaction to the parish
2. Or donations can be made by using your bank account as a bill payment. It can be scheduled in advance to occur on a recurring basis or as an individual one time donation. There is no charge to the parish or to you to utilize this service.  
If you have any questions, please email or call Debbie.



Parish 2021 Calendars will be available this weekend in the vestibule.

Please maintain social distancing when you help yourself to a copy.

You may also pick up a calendar at Haben Funeral Home  
8057 Niles Center Rd. in Skokie.



# Retirement Fund for Religious

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have served our Church and world. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

*From left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB.*

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## CORPUS CHRISTI, TX (Catholic Online) -

### What is a Posada?

This is a question that a lot of people ask as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

The tradition of the Posadas was brought to Mexico from Spain in the 1500's by Catholic Missionaries. The Posadas commemorate Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a place for the Christ Child to be born.

In Spanish, the word means dwelling or lodging. The Posadas begin on December 16 for nine evenings, culminating with the Posada on December 24 and Midnight Mass. The Posadas are not to be confused with a mere Christmas party. Instead, the Posadas should be seen as a religious event.



In Catholic parishes, parishioners and anyone who wishes to join in, meet at the church at a specific time during the early evening. The Posada begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary, a very beautiful prayer to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. When a part of the Rosary is prayed by all those who have gathered for the Posada, the group begins to proceed from the church to the local neighborhood.

The Posada can be led by a small group carrying a manger scene or the Posada can become quite elaborate with a live donkey and parishioners who are dressed like Mary and Joseph. Families in the neighborhood are already previously selected to participate in the Posada. Usually three houses are selected where the Posada does not take place. The participants stand before the door of each house and sing a song in Spanish asking to enter the house. A small group remains inside the house telling the outside group that it is impossible to enter. Another family has been already selected to provide the Posada.

The group proceeds along the street to the Posada house. Again, the Posada group sings from outside of the selected house and a small group sings the response from inside the house where the Posada will take place. La Posada dinner, provided by the host family, includes such Hispanic dishes as tamales, menudo and posoli. Each Posada ends with the traditional piñata.

The seven corners of each piñata represents the Seven Deadly Sins. The beating of the piñata symbolizes the mortification that Christians exercise in overcoming personal sin. The candy within each piñata characterizes the sweetness of God's grace made available to us through the birth of Jesus.

Father James Farfaglia is the Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Corpus Christi, TX.



## Saint John of the Cross' Story

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John’s spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his *Ascent to Mt. Carmel*, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly “of the Cross.” He died at 49—a life short, but full.

## JOHN THE BAPTIST

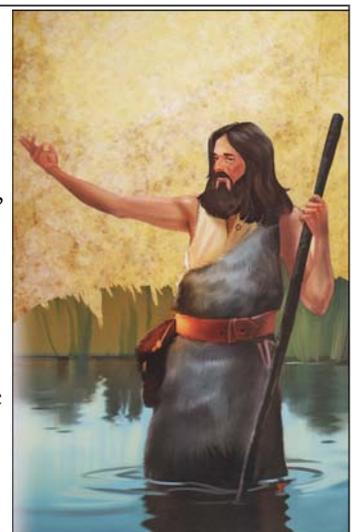
At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh, Bill, I’d like you to meet Johnny’s father. And over here, this is Marie’s mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen’s soccer team.”

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: “I’m Ellen’s Dad.”

It’s good to know who you are. Be it someone’s father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God’s people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.



# ADVENT



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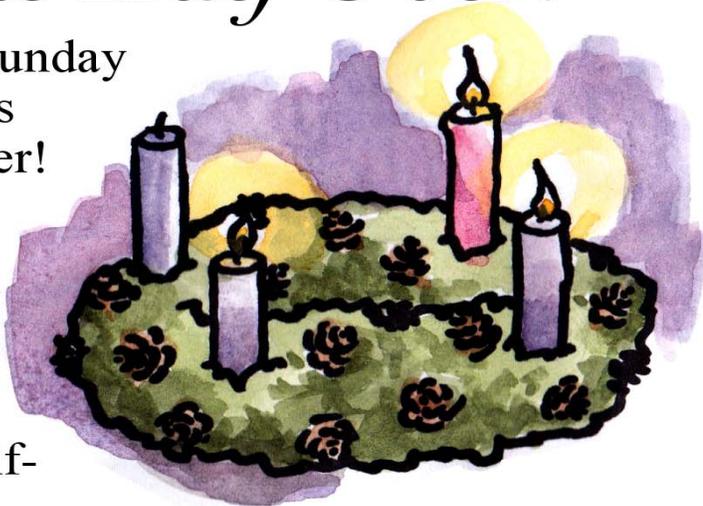
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# *Advent is Half Over!*

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?

