

*...my eyes have seen
your salvation*

ST. LAMBERT PARISH
Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord

The Savior is Born

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

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WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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Sunday Offertory Collection

December 14-20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes:	\$4,775.00
Sunday Loose:	302.00
Sunday Mail In:	4,120.00
GiveCentral:	<u>1,402.00</u>
Total:	\$10,599.00



Christmas Donations: \$510.00

Christmas Donations Mail In: \$2,910.00

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FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents
Tuesday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Friday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday
Saturday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



THE PRAISE OF SIMEON - LUKE 2:25-30

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.



And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

On the ninth day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, close friends who became bishops and doctors of the Church.

Born in 329 (or 330) to a wealthy family, St. Basil excelled at his studies, which began under his father and continued under some of the finest teachers in Caesarea (now part of Turkey), as well as in Constantinople and Athens. Although they had been childhood friends, it was while the two were studying in Athens that the friendship between Basil and Gregory Nazianzen strengthened.

Because of his extensive education, Basil was approached about becoming a teacher and, for a while, practiced as a lawyer, but he gave it up because of a call to monastic life. He traveled throughout the East studying monastic life and eventually established his own monastic group on his family's estate. It is believed to be the first monastery in Asia Minor. St. Basil invited his friend Gregory to join him there.

St. Basil was ordained a priest and later became the archbishop of Caesarea.

At the time, the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height, with the emperor a strong believer in Arianism. He tried to convince Basil to remain silent on the issue and to give Communion to the heretics, but Basil refused. Even when threatened with exile, Basil didn't give in. When Saint Athanasius died, Basil became the chief defender of the faith against Arianism.

Along with being a great orator and writer, Basil was known for his tireless pastoral care, which included building a hospital. He lived a life of poverty, using his resources to support those in need.

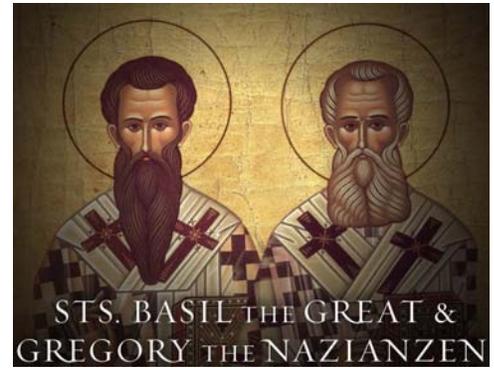
St. Gregory was also born around the year 330. He was the son of Gregory, Bishop of Nazianzus, who was a convert to Catholicism. Gregory and Basil were close friends, and Gregory accepted Basil's invitation to join him at his monastic community.

In 362, Gregory was ordained to the priesthood to assist his father, and then, Basil, who was archbishop at the time, ordained Gregory as bishop of the village of Sasima. Basil was seeking help in the fight against Arianism, but it was not a desirable appointment, nor one that Gregory wanted. He preferred to stay to help his father. Gregory never took control of the see, and the incident strained the friends' relationship.

When Basil died in 379, however, Gregory took up the defense of the faith against Arianism. He was persuaded by fellow bishops to go to Constantinople, where the Arians had taken control of the churches. He was installed as bishop there and began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, which became known as the Triadica. Within two years, the Arians did not have a single church left under their control.

Gregory returned to his homeland where he served as bishop for a short time, but he then retired to his family estate where he died in 389.

Both St. Gregory and St. Basil were known as brilliant thinkers and orators, skills they used in service to the Church. Saint Gregory is often referred to as Gregory the Theologian or the Trinitarian Theologian, because the Trinity was so often at the heart of his sermons and writings. Both St. Gregory and St. Basil are credited with preserving the faith and helping to develop the theology of the Trinity.



Success of the annual March for Life Chicago has inspired a seven-city, five-state tour called “Moving the Movement.”



The 2020 March for Life Chicago drew 9,000 people to the annual rally in Downtown Chicago, and 2,000 people to an associated convention. (Photo courtesy of March for Life Chicago)

After growing its pro-life event from 150 people to 9,000 in under 10 years, the March for Life Chicago will hit the road in January 2021 with a ‘Moving the Movement’ tour with stops in seven cities across five Midwestern states.

The regional tour will culminate with the annual March for Life Chicago on Saturday, January 23 in Downtown Chicago. Group organizers said COVID-19 got them to rethink the annual event to inspire and attract more people in local areas across the Midwest. A convention held in connection with the 2020 March for Life Chicago drew 2,000 people from 13 states, so organizers knew they had support for a broader effort.

“We were looking for a way to involve and engage people throughout the Midwest,” said Kevin Grillot, executive director of March for Life Chicago. “So last year since the Midwest came to Chicago, this year we decided to bring the March for Life Chicago to the Midwest.”

The Moving the Movement tour will kick off in Madison, Wis., on Saturday January 2 with a rally at the Wisconsin Capitol. It will continue over the next three weekends, with stops in Des Moines, Iowa on January 9; Omaha, Neb. on January 10; Fort Wayne, Ind. on January 16; Mundelein, Illinois on January 17; and Indianapolis, Ind. on January 22. Some events will involve drive-in rallies followed by vehicle parades, while others will include marches. All will have speakers from various pro-life organizations.

“It provides an avenue for families to be involved,” Grillot said. “If you’re in one of the five states that we’re going to you can pretty much get to a tour stop in a day’s drive going there and going back. Logistically this is much simpler for everyone.”

The events will call attention to the more than 130,000 abortions committed each year in the Midwest and inspire people to take concrete actions. “We want to publicly witness, recognizing in the Midwest there are 130,094 abortions, according to the most recent public health department data in each state,” Grillot said. “That’s an astronomical number and we want to work to change that. So we are doing, along with the tour, a diaper drive to raise 130,094 diapers that will then be disbursed at different stops in the local pregnancy resource centers.”

Participants can bring donated diapers to the regional or Chicago events, donate them directly to local pro-life pregnancy resource centers or donate funds on the March for Life Chicago web site, Grillot said.

The events were planned on weekend days to encourage families to participate, Grillot said. “Abortion strikes at the relationship between mother and child, father and child and strikes at the family unit,” he said. “So to have families involved together — families are the source of beliefs, they are the primary educator, parents are the primary educator of their children. So to have them involved in witnessing but also inspiring and giving and partaking, it’s critical to the success of this mission.”

The goal is to attract 10,000 people across all seven events. “The reason we’re looking to inspire 10,000 is that

then they will go out and serve in their community throughout the year,” Grillot said. “The March for Life Chicago is a motivator. We gather, we are connected, we’re designed to be in relationship and community. We gather and recharge, but then go forth to help build that culture of life. We know it takes each person stepping up and having a hand in the movement to make it move.”

The regional nature of the events is important, Grillot said, since one of the nation’s worst states for abortion legislation — Illinois — is exporting its evil to surrounding states. Illinois has enshrined a “right” to abortion in its constitution and rolled back most regulations aimed at preserving the health of mothers, he said. A major clinic opened in Waukegan, Ill., just across the border from Wisconsin.

In May 2020, Planned Parenthood of Illinois announced the opening of an 18,000-square-foot abortion center in Lake County, 10 miles from Wisconsin’s southern border. The facility targets Waukegan’s substantial minority population and aims to draw women from Wisconsin. The location was chosen specifically because the abortion chain says Wisconsin poses “stringent legal barriers” to abortion.

“In a time when mothers and fathers in an unplanned pregnancy need our help the most, Planned Parenthood of Illinois opens up a massive facility just miles from the Wisconsin/Illinois border in the predominantly minority community of Waukegan,” said Dan Miller, state director of Pro-Life Wisconsin. Miller said the abortion giant is “aggressively expanding” the culture of death. “We must recommit ourselves to do more in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead for our preborn brothers and sisters in Christ,” he said. “We must take back America and it starts at the abortion centers.”

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Were you looking forward to the Chicago or National March for Life this year? Not to worry – this year activities will look a little different, but we will still be “marching” for the sanctity of life! In partnership with March for Life Chicago, we are bringing the pro-life movement on the road and to your living room.

On Sunday, January 17, the pro-life movement will come to Mundelein with a drive-in, socially-distanced rally, which will feature inspiring speakers, including Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, and an invigorating sense of community as we witness the sanctity of life. For more information and to register, please visit marchforlifechicago.org/tour.

On Friday, January 22, the Archdiocesan Mass for Life will be livestreamed from Holy Name Cathedral. This Mass, which will be presided over by Bishop Kevin Birmingham, will be on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and the eve of the final event on the March for Life Chicago tour.

MOVE THE MOVEMENT CARMEL RALLY

Sunday, January 17 | 1 p.m.

Carmel High School 1 Carmel Parkway,
Mundelein, IL 60060

MASS FOR LIFE

Friday, January 22 | 12 p.m.

Archdiocese of Chicago Youtube Channel

For more information on March for Life Chicago events, please visit bit.ly/2JkiZv.