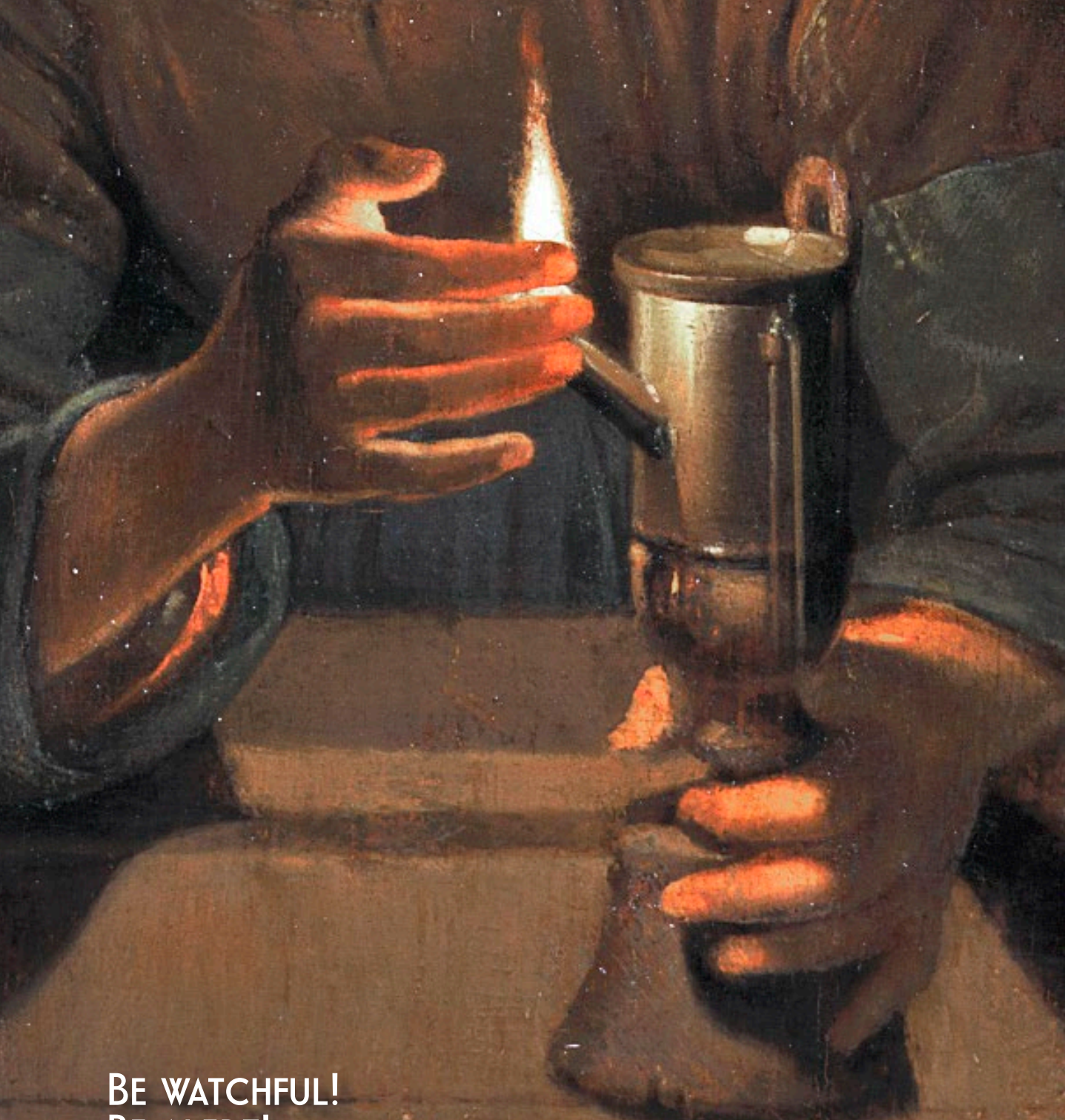


Gerard Dou Mauritshuis, *Young Woman Holding a Lamp*, 1660-70, Oil on panel, detail; The Mauritshuis Museum, The Hague, Netherlands; USPD



BE WATCHFUL!
BE ALERT!

MK 13:33



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | DEC 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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MASS TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am
9:30 am (livestreamed)
School Mass: Wednesday, 8:15 am

SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am
9:30 am (livestreamed)
11:30 am
5:00 pm

CONFESSION

THURSDAY

5:00-6:00 pm

SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am
3:00-4:30 pm

SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

IN THE CHURCH:

THURSDAY

12:00-6:00 pm

SOLEMN HOLY HOUR:

5:00-6:00 pm with *Confession* and *Vespers*

Benediction: 5:55 pm

IN THE CHAPEL:

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 am-5:00 pm



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Do you know or do you have someone in your family who is sick or homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass regularly, and desires to receive sacraments of penance and Eucharist? Please do not hesitate to contact Nativity to schedule a visit of a priest or Eucharistic minister at (303) 469-5171.

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If you are going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at (303) 469-5171.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at (303) 466-8859 or at joannefarver@comcast.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 am Kenneth H. Moore
by Mom

4:30 pm For My Ancestor by La

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 am Evelyn and Louis Endris
by Leonard Family

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am Ryan and Courtney
by Mary Baylie

5:00 pm George Ketchel by Sarah Ketchel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 am Andres Moreira

by Moreira Family

9:30 am Souls in Purgatory by La

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 am † Holly Ehrlich

9:30 am † Westropp Family
by Leonard Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 am All members of the Solano
Moreno Family by Dora Solano

9:30 am † Adriana Gutierrez
by Christina Banda Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 am Paul Suppes by Suppes Family

9:30 am Joan Biddle

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY VIGIL MASS

7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

7:00 am Kenneth H. Moore
by Mom

9:30 am People of the Parish

7:00 pm Holy Innocents

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 am † Liancheng Gu by Mandi Yu

4:30 pm † Mike Breth
by Bette and Al Dean

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 am All Souls in Purgatory
by Dora Solano

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am Ryan and Courtney
by Mary Baylie

5:00 pm † Audrey and Vernon Rapp
by Rapp Family

PRAY THE

ROSARY WITH US

SATURDAY

8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary

SUNDAY

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary

NATIVITY NIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023
4:00–6:30 PM

4:00–6:30 PM

ADORATION & CONFESSION

4:15 PM

ROSARY

4:00–6:15 PM

DINNER OFFERED BY THE PARISH

6:15 PM

VESPERS CONCLUDED BY BENEDICTION

The Nativity Night will conclude at 6:30 pm before the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 pm.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

MASS TIMES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

7:00 PM VIGIL MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 7:00 PM



OUR ADVENT PILGRIMAGE

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN
DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT
(ISAIAH 9:1)

This Sunday, we will begin our new liturgical year with the four-week Advent pilgrimage, which will bring us to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It can be described as a journey through the darkness of the night in expectation of the arrival of the great light: the child Jesus. When walking at night, it is easy to stumble. One must cling closely to one's source of light. In Advent, our light will grow stronger as we make this journey, and we will be able to see more clearly the path and where it is leading us. During this pilgrimage, we are going to meet some very important companions, such as St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Archangel Gabriel, the Shepherds, and the Three Wise Men from the East. We are all journeying together, following the light that will bring us to Bethlehem. We do not make this pilgrimage alone!

In this sense, the Advent season is paradigmatic of the Christian life. It is a concrete reminder that we are all pilgrims on a journey towards Christ. The darkness that characterizes this period is an invitation to a greater self-awareness of our personal sin, the mystery of original sin that inhabits our hearts, and the sin that pervades our contemporary world. All of these point to our need for the light of Christ's mercy to enter into our lives. This time also invites us to remember that the truest position of our heart before God is that of a beggar pleading for God to come to bring His presence and salvation. We will repeat daily the beautiful words that express this begging: *O come, O come, Emanuel, and ransom captive Israel*. We begin this liturgical year as well with the absolute certainty that God has already come into the world through the birth of the Christ

child and that He continues to erupt and break into our hearts and lives through the life of the Church. He does this, especially through the sacraments and the life of the Christian community.



For this reason, the Advent season is a great school. It is a privileged opportunity to discover again the essential truths of our Catholic faith. In this reflection, I would like to meditate on a few Advent practices and symbols as an invitation to live this important liturgical season with greater awareness.

Advent as a time of silence.

Our Advent pilgrimage requires a personal decision from each of us and of our families to make a regular daily time for prayer. This time of silence can be at the beginning or end of every day. It is a moment to step away from our many distractions to be before the Lord, begging for Him to come into our hearts and our homes with His light and love. This time alone or as a family can be spent around a Nativity scene or an Advent wreath. In a simple manner, we can share with each other what we are grateful for and put our needs before God. We can sing a verse of one of the traditional Advent hymns. While visiting some families of the parish, I've had the opportunity to join these special moments.

Advent as a time of waiting.

One of the most difficult things about Advent is the invitation to wait. Our culture today has almost completely

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forgotten how to wait. The day after Halloween, you could already hear Christmas music in most of the stores, and many people were in a rush to decorate their houses. What is the value of waiting? As Christians, we are invited to follow the liturgical rhythm of the year and wait until the beginning of the Advent season. In Colombia, where I lived before coming to Broomfield, we would celebrate a special day called “*velitas*” (candles) on the eve of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8). This day would clearly mark the beginning of the season. After the vigil Mass, parishioners would gather outside the parish, light candles, and sing Marian hymns and Advent carols. Afterward, families would gather for a meal and place lighted candles on their porches and electric ones in their windows. It was a great reminder that the Virgin Mary is the long-awaited chosen vehicle through which God’s plan of salvation is fulfilled. I loved coming home at night and seeing these houses that were keeping watch for the arrival of Christmas. Let us ask Mary to teach us the value of waiting.

The Advent calendar and the Advent wreath with its four candles to mark our pilgrimage are important educational tools that remind us of the newness that Christ brings to how we live and conceive of time. When I was a child, we had an Advent calendar with a chocolate behind every window, and upon opening it, there would be a Bible verse that spoke of the near arrival of the birth of Jesus. As much as I wanted to open all the windows and eat the chocolates, I had to learn the discipline of waiting each day and sharing the other chocolates with my siblings. I learned through this simple gesture that we were waiting and walking towards Christmas together as a family.

Advent as a time of preparation. During the pandemic, I would often meet with my extended family for a time of sharing and prayer on Sundays over Zoom. I remember being struck by a song about the liturgical colors my nephew learned in the Atrium: “Purple is for prepara-a-tion,” he sang proudly! How are we invited to prepare during Advent? When we are expecting an important guest to visit our home, we normally prepare for their arrival by cleaning and tidying up our home. How do we prepare to welcome baby Jesus? I

like to remember the story of Mary and Joseph, who, when looking for a place for the birth of Jesus, knocked on many doors, were unwelcome, and only found a place in a stable. Similarly, during Advent, Jesus will knock on the door of our hearts and of our homes, asking us to come in and find a place to rest. One of the things I love most about the Christmas story is the fact that Jesus was born in a stable. Many times, I think of my life and of my heart as being like a dirty old stable, and I find great consolation in the fact that Jesus still knocks and desires to be born amidst the messiness of my life. When I think of my humble childhood home and what my parents had to deal with having five children, I know there can often be many similarities with a stable (smells, cold drafts, water leaks, etc.). Don’t let these become an obstacle; Jesus will still desire to be welcomed there with love.

Advent as a time of reflection. Ever since I entered the seminary in 2008, I have tried to follow the major liturgical seasons with good spiritual reading for prayer and reflection. I would like to suggest purchasing the *Magnificat* booklet from our bookstore and trying to find time to spend with the readings. A couple of very significant texts that have helped me to live this season are:

- 1) *Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth. The Infancy Narratives* (Ignatius Press, 2012),
- 2) *Benedict XVI, The Blessings of Christmas* (Ignatius Press, 2007),
- 3) José Granados, *The Fifth Candle of Advent* (Disciples Books, 2012),
- 4) Jean Daniélou, *The Infancy Narratives* (Cluny, 2022), and lastly,
- 5) John Henry Newman, *Waiting for Christ* (Augustine Institute, 2018).

Each of these great writers have helped me to better understand the mystery of Advent and encouraged me to allow my heart to be touched by the light of Christ.

As we begin the beautiful pilgrimage of Advent this weekend, let us make the firm decision to journey with the Church along the path to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child. Let us pray for the grace to cling to the life of the Church. By letting ourselves and our families be guided by its liturgical rhythm, the light and beauty of its traditional devotions of preparation (Advent wreath, Advent Calendar, Jesse Tree), and the wisdom of its saints, we will experience firsthand the great novelty Christ wants to bring to our lives. ■

Fr. John Roderick, FSCB



PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)*
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary
10:15 am | Eucharistic Minister Training

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)*
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary
11:00 am | RCIA
1:00 pm | JP2 Families
2:00 pm | GS High School Youth
Advent Retreat
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:30 am | ENDOW
1:00 pm | CGS Level 1 & 2
4:00 pm | CGS-Level 2
6:30 pm | Catechetical School Class
6:30 pm | New Springtime Charismatic Prayer Group
6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group
7:30 pm | St. Joseph Men's Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 am | CGS Level 1
1:00 pm | Adult Tuesday Bible Study: *The Bible Is a Catholic Book*
4:00 pm | CGS Level 1 Session 2
4:00 pm | Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5
6:30 pm | Adult Catechism Study
6:30 pm | Venturers of the Star (Middle School Youth)
7:45 | Natural Family Planning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Group
12:30 pm | Advent Bible Study: *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*
4:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5
6:00 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 766
6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry Training
6:30 pm | Healing from Divorce
7:00 pm | Communion & Liberation (CL)*
Diakonia
7:30 pm | School of Community for University Students (CLU)*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:15 am | ENDOW
12:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration begins in the church
12:30 pm | Nativity Staff School of Community (CL)*
4:00 | Nativity Night begins
4:30 pm | CGS Special Needs
6:00 pm | Music Ministry Rehearsal
6:30 pm | Advent Bible Study: *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*
7:30 pm | School of Community (CL)*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus
7:30 am | Men's Group w/ A. Pougnet
9:00 am | ENDOW
10:00 am | FIAT Gathering at Frassati House after 9:30 am Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)*
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)*
10:30 pm | JP2 Families
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary
11:00 am | RCIA
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults Group

*(CL) Communion & Liberation

DAILY READINGS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Reading 1: Dn 7:15-27
Psalm: Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87
Gospel: Lk 21:34-36

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Reading 1: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7
Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Reading 2: 1 COR 1:3-9
Gospel: MK 13:33-37

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Reading 1: Is 2:1-5
Psalm: 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Gospel: Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Reading 1: Is 11:1-10
Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Gospel: Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Reading 1: Is 25:6-10a
Psalm: 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Gospel: Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Reading 1: Is 26:1-6
Psalm: 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Gospel: Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Reading 1: Gn 3:9-15, 20
Psalm: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Reading 2: Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Reading 1: Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Psalm: 147:1-2, 3, 4, 5-6
Gospel: Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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GIVING TREE

LAST CALL TO GIVE



THIS WEEKEND IS THE DEADLINE FOR BRINGING IN THE GIFTS AND FOOD BOXES FOR THE GIVING TREE

Thank you all for taking the Christmas tree tags for the families in need this Christmas! The miracles we've seen over the years, such as just the right gifts mysteriously showing up when we realized we were short, attests to a divine pleasure in your generosity! Please note that THIS WEEKEND IS THE DEADLINE FOR BRINGING IN THE GIFTS AND FOOD BOXES FOR THE GIVING TREE. If you have questions or concerns, please email us or call the front desk at **303-469-5171**.

GivingTree@nool.us

PARISH BOOKSTORE ADVENT EXTENDED HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY
8 AM-8 PM

SATURDAY
9 AM-2 PM

UNTIL DEC 10, 2023

SUNDAY
8:30-11AM

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

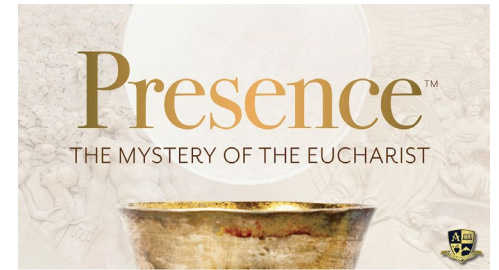
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ADULT BIBLE STUDY FOR ADVENT

A THREE-WEEK MEDITATION
ON THE MYSTERY OF THE
EUCHARIST



In conjunction with the National Eucharistic Revival, this Advent we are offering a three-week meditation on the mystery of the Eucharist. Take a break from the commercial Christmas preparations and feed your soul in no-homework, no-cost, one-hour gatherings in December to contemplate God With Us ("Emmanuel").

We will watch the FORMED production *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* and discuss it in small groups. Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Sign up for either

WEDNESDAYS
DECEMBER 6, 13, 20
1-2 PM

facilitated by Theresa Cooley
and Debbie Jones OR

THURSDAYS
DECEMBER 7, 14, 21
6:30-7:30 PM

facilitated by Steve Moser

Questions:
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SIGN UP LINK:
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Yet, I know that, at a certain point in my life, I became convinced that Christ was saying to me what he had said to thousands before me: "Come, follow me!"

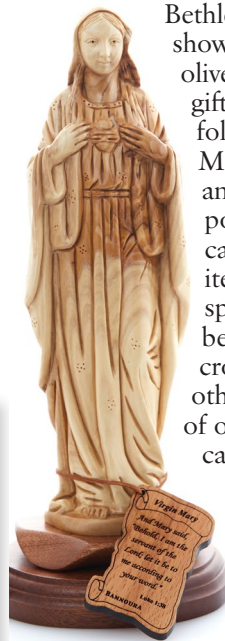
—St. John Paul II

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SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

DECEMBER 16-17, 2023
AFTER SUNDAY MASSES



Bethlehem Handicrafts will showcase a collection of olive wood carvings & gifts from the Holy Land following each Sunday Mass on December 16 and 17. Our artisans pour their heart into carving these religious items. Their goal is to spread the faith through beautiful statues, crosses, rosaries, and other artistic displays of our faith. Their wood carving allows them to pass the faith

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DECEMBER BAPTISM CLASS DATE CHANGE

Dear Parishioners,
Please note that the December 14 baptism class date was changed to **Wednesday, December 13, 7:00-8:30 pm**.
Other upcoming baptism class dates are:
Thursday, January 18, 2024
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Thursday, May 16, 2024
Thursday, June 20, 2024

To learn more, please visit
www.nool.us/baptism

NATIVITY: FAITH & REASON 2023 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 7:00 PM



DISCOUNTED TICKETS

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Mt 18:20

Join our fellow Catholics in Indianapolis for a moment in history to revive our love of the Eucharist at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years. Come back to our community on fire with a mission to spread the love of Christ. The Archdiocese of Denver is offering a limited number of discounted passes for the Congress so receive them now (link below). Feel free to attend on your own. **If you have interest in going with fellow Nativity parishioners, contact Ilene DuBey, i.dubey@nool.us**. Upon purchase, you will be directed then to register with your personal info through the national congress site.

Dates: July 17-21, 2024
Discounted Ticket Price: \$200 (Regular individual price: \$375)

What's included:

- Entry to Lucas Oil Stadium for all five days of the Congress
- Access to general sessions, breakouts, liturgies, vendor hall, Catholic makers market, and unique tracks

What's not included:

Housing, Transportation, Meals (Estimated: \$1200-\$1500)

Purchase ticket link:

www.archden.org/revival

General congress info:

www.eucharisticcongress.org



WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

With Advent beginning it seems our season of stewardship renewal is over. But stewardship is not a season. For us to live stewardship as a way of life, we must always be aware of God's gifts to us. This Sunday's first reading from Isaiah opens with the lament "*Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways?*" (Is 63:17) and ends with the reminder, "*we are all the work of your hands*" (Is 64:7). The gift of freedom allows us to wander.

Advent is a time of preparation and reflection. It's important to remember what Isaiah tells us: all we have is from the Father, our life, family, home, money, even our free will. The good steward reflects on the many gifts he has from the Father, is thankful for these gifts, and prepares his offering in accordance with his blessings. This Advent, I hope we will live every moment with awareness of God's abundant generosity.

If you haven't yet had a chance to make a pledge of treasure, you can do so using the QR Code below or going to our web link:

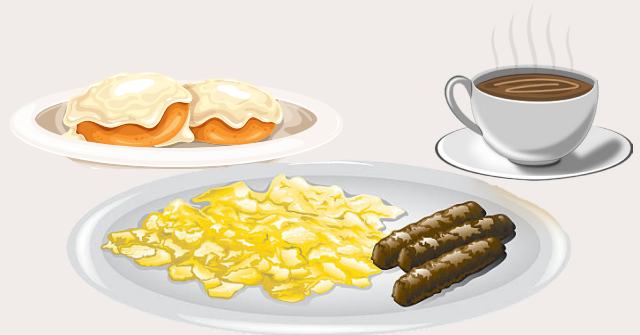
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TREASURE



Parish Breakfast

Please join us in Cabrini Hall **December 3rd** after the **7:30 & 9:30** Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be serving up scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy.



Breakfast is free of charge, but **100%** of any goodwill donations go to Broomfield FISH. The Knights will also be collecting non-perishable food items for those in need.

ANGEL HAUS NATIVITY SCENES

Do you have a way to witness to your faith during the holidays, promoting the true meaning of Christmas?

Angel Haus is a non-profit corporation, a religious art company in Broomfield that promotes sacred art and strives to provide seasonal employment opportunities with dignity for persons with disabilities.

Deacon Dave Arling and his wife, Marianne, have been operating this special ministry for 8 years. Their team has sold products at Nativity and several Colorado Marian Conferences and on occasion as a fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus.

Angel Haus is once again offering beautiful sturdy, durable, easy-to-store panels portraying the Nativity in full color, perfect for displaying in your front yard. You can order a four foot panel for just \$170.00. You also have the option to order the four foot panel with an added cedar shadow box frame (shown here) for only \$295.00. Order yours now to be a witness to your faith with these stunning art pieces that promote the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

If you are interested in placing an order, simply go to the website:

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or contact Deacon Dave at d.arling@nool.us

Orders will be filled within 1-2 weeks. Help keep Christ in Christmas!



FIAT FRIENDS IN ALL TIMES

Making motherhood a place to find friendship and help, and to build friendship among mothers of the parish at each stage, from mothering littles to school age children. Join us anytime!

UPCOMING FIAT DATES:

FRIDAY, 12/8/2023

**9:30 AM MASS AT NATIVITY
FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION
AND MEETING AT FRASSATI
HOUSE TO CELEBRATE THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Bring broken rosaries! Tricia Fankell will be showing us easy fixes—mainly for those of us who don't have choking prone children. We'll donate the extra rosaries to a Nativity ministry that is always short on rosaries.

Coming in January, FIAT will start discussing *In This House of Brede* by Rumer Godden, a reading with timely and timeless themes of friendship, womanhood, and vocation. The book is thick, however we will read it slowly. It is a page turner once you get into it!

Join us anytime!

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Anne Gray, 303-910-4521 or

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Call Teresa Rodriguez at 303-550-6962.

The Rosary Team is a non profit 501(c)(3). Volunteers pray in pairs forming a team at each elder care facility. The residents love praying for peace in our world, for healing of wounds, for those that are sick or dying and many other intentions. For more information on the Rosary Team, please visit

www.therosaryteam.org

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will rise up a righteous shoot to David ..."

Jeremiah 23:5

Advent is a time for us to prepare, wait, and anticipate the coming of the Messiah. As teenagers and adults, we probably all remember a time when we looked forward to a very special occasion or a milestone. For a teenager, it might be getting a driver's license. For a mom or a dad and their kids, it might be the birth of a new baby or a deployed military spouse coming home.

Anticipating and preparing for the coming of Emmanuel adds meaning to this season. The first Monday of Advent, we have an inspiring gospel reading from Matthew. It is the story of the centurion. The centurion is a man of great authority. He feels compassion for his paralyzed servant. When Jesus tells the centurion he will come to his residence and cure the officer's servant, Jesus is amazed at what he hears. The centurion replies, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed." The centurion commands respect and action from those serving under him. This officer, in turn, shows great deference, trust, and faith in Jesus (Matthew 8:5-13).

Waiting is not always easy. In the days of Advent ahead, we will be anticipating the coming of our eternal salvation. The centurion shows us by his great faith that all things are possible with God. When the waiting gets hard, reflect on the words of the Old Testament prophets such as Jeremiah. Remember how faith opens the door. For more information on our Nativity of Our Lord chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society see our FLOCKNOTE site at nool.flocknote.com/svdpvol.

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Catholic Schools Week Parents Night Out speakers: Dr. Robert and Mrs. Gayle Bucknam

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Contact Elizabeth, e.devaney@nool.us

With opinions highly respected among the pediatric community, Dr. Bucknam and his wife Gayle authored *Cornerstones of Parenting*, an intensive parenting course that offers a Biblical-based and research-based parenting model, with practical applications for raising other-oriented, respectful children.

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— St. John Paul II, *Fides et ratio*

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Fr. John

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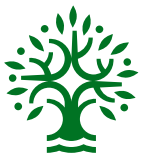
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