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Mass Schedule

Saturday eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holydays (except Saturday):
7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm
Weekdays: 7:00 am & 8:45 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Common policy of the Archdiocese of Newark asks that arrangements be made one year in advance. Engaged couples must call to make an appointment to speak to a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should register for the Baptism Preparation Program at the rectory...even before the baby is born!

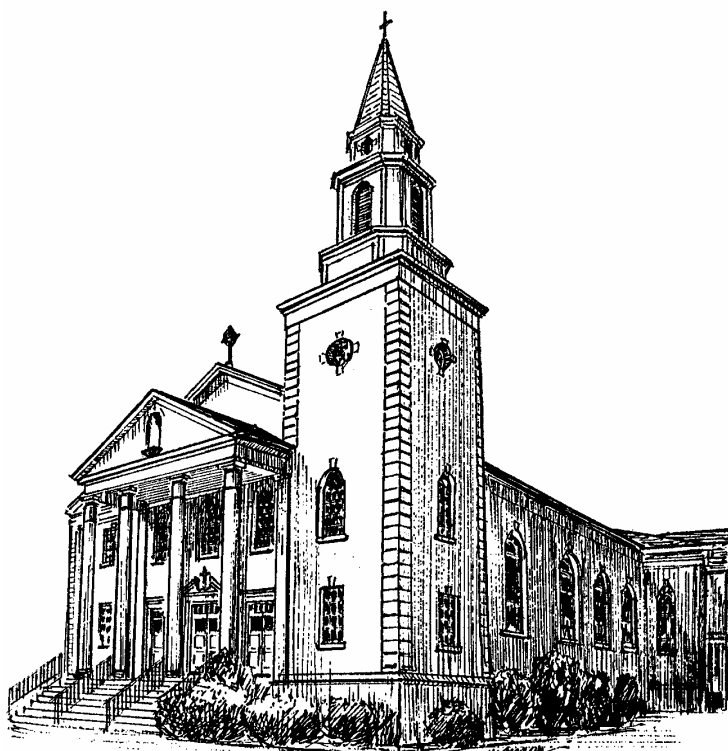
Religious Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2013



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Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, united in the Eucharist and under the guidance of St. Mary of the Assumption, strengthen our faith by praising God, proclaiming His word, sharing His love with all people and serving those in need.

St. Mary: Pray for Us



Saturday Nov. 30 - Vigil
5:30PM Mary and Danny Maye and Deceased Maye Family

Sunday Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent
7:45AM Deceased Members of Conboy and King Families
10:00AM John Rubio (Living)
12 Noon Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM Peggy Keating
8:45AM Margaret Farabaugh

Tuesday Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier
7:00AM Peggy Keating
8:45AM Walter Boettger

Wednesday Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday
St. John Damascene
7:00AM Salvatore Stracquadanio
8:45AM Anne Taxter

Thursday Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday
7:00AM Nancy Nelle
8:45AM Walter Boettger

Friday Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday
St. Nicholas
7:00AM Walter Boettger
8:45AM Bryan du Delany

Saturday Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose
8:30AM Gloria Waters

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Memorial Mass

Ann Benestante	Patrick Langford
Johanna and James Joyce	Peter Geronimo
Bill and Pat Kenny	Josephine DeCristofaro
Dolores Kiernan	Arlene Lotito
Frank McLean	Consuelo Jimenez
Restante Panem Cabinte	

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5:30PM Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:45AM Anthony Miloscia, Jr.
10:00AM Andrea Banzil
12 Noon Antonio Bussanich

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Michael and Glenn Flanagan requested by the Flanagan family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Margaret Hiltenbrand requested by her granddaughter Joanne.

Sunday – Dec. 1

8:00AM-2:00PM Advent Wreath Making SFC
1:00PM-4:00PM PALAD Meeting FDVRm
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Mtg. FDVRm
First Sunday of Advent

Monday – Dec. 2

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting FDVRm

Tuesday – Dec. 3

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM PACT Angels Session UC/School
5:00PM Cleaning Chandeliers UC
5:30PM Basketball SH
7:30PM Adult Choir School/Library
7:30PM-9:00PM Bereavement Support Grp John 23 Rm

Wednesday - Dec. 4

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
4:00PM-4:45PM Children's Choir School/Library
7:00PM Knitters and Crocheters FDVRm
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:00PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Party Chez Madeline's Northvale
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) SFC
7:30PM-9:30PM Line Dancing SH

Thursday – Dec. 5

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM Baptism Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Yoga (Linda) SFC

Friday – Dec. 6

After 8:45AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration LC
7:00PM Basketball
7:00PM Prayer Meeting CFC-FFL (Mitch) SFC

Saturday – Dec. 7

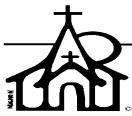
7:30AM Rosary LC
11:00AM & 1:30PM First Penance Celebration UC
5:30PM Mass Baptism UC
Bake Sale Transfiguration Academy
Retirement Collection for the Religious

Sunday – Dec. 8

8:30AM PACT Angels Session LC/School
11:00 Confirmation Retreat Team Library/School
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD's Disaster Fundraiser for the Victims of Typhoon Haiyan SH
6:00PM-8:00PM Simbang Gabi Practice SH
Bake Sale Transfiguration Academy
Retirement Collection for the Religious

Eucharistic Adoration - December 6th

On Friday, Dec. 6th, we are having a Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45am Mass in the lower church. Reposition begins at 6:30pm. Hope you can join us.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

As we begin the Advent Season, here is some Spiritual Thoughts for us to think about this Advent:

Christ comes to us every day if we are willing to welcome him. He comes not primarily to judge or to give us directions about how to live. He comes in the depths of our being to express his love for us, to fill us with joy and courage and a profound sense that all will be well. The coming of Christ is something to be happy about; it changes the quality of our life so that progressively we become less self-preoccupied and more filled with an exuberance that leads us to want to do good for others. Advent waiting is a time of hope and happy anticipation.

Have a great week.

***May God be Praised,
Fr. Dominic***

Sound System

Dear Friends,

Save our Sound has generated \$26,000 in donations thus far. The total cost runs about \$50,000. So to finish the fundraising off, we are looking for 45 more people to donate \$200 a piece towards the project or whatever you can give and the work can begin.

If you can help us out with a donation, please call the parish office and let us know.

God bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Dominic

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe



On Thursday, December 12th at 7:30pm in the lower church, we will have a special Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in English and Spanish. All our welcome!

We will have a social after the Mass in the Spiritual Formation Center.

The following 2014 offerings are still available for :

Bread & Wine - Mar. 16; May 4, 11, 18 & 25; June 8
July 20; Aug. 3, 10, 17, & 24.

Sanctuary Lamp - Mar. 9, & 16; May 4; July 6 & 20;
Aug. 10, 17, & 24.

God's Plan for Giving:

"The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."

(Deuteronomy 16:10)

[Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collections and the good deed that the children of St. Mary's did will be in next week's bulletin.]

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### **Stewardship Prayer**

*Dear Lord,*

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become your holy people. Amen.

**St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group**

If you have lost a loved one to death, we invite you to join us for the remaining three sessions of information, mutual sharing and support in a spiritual, caring, strictly confidential setting.

**Our next session dates are:**

Tuesdays: December 3, 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>

All meetings are held in the John XXIII room in the basement of the school from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the parish office at 201-384-0557.

**Special Collection - Nov. 30 - Dec. 1**

We all have heard by now about the devastation in the Philippines resulting from Typhoon Haiyan.

Archbishop Myers has authorized an emergency collection to be taken at all Catholic parishes in the Newark Archdiocese, to aid humanitarian and institutional needs of the Catholic Church in the Philippines and surrounding area at this time, in line with the guidance issued by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops,

The collection will be taken this weekend of November 30-December 1. We appreciate your generosity.

Let us all remember the victims of this disaster in our prayers.

**PALAD's Fundraiser for the Victims of Typhoon Haiyan**

On Sunday, Dec. 8th after the 12:00PM Mass, at Szelest Hall, PALAD is having a fundraising for the victims of this disaster. There'll be dancing, singing, and performances. Snacks/refreshments are available. All are invited!

## Serving in Afghanistan

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces, especially in Afghanistan. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Wayne Lawton...Michael Bianco...Kyle Zownir  
Alicia Newball...Angelica Peji...Anthony Hacket, Jr.  
Donald Dickson...Edward Bryan Frago  
Anthony Dunkin...Christopher Lynch...Brian Collins  
Tyler Thompson...Michael Whitford  
James Phillips...James R. Melady...Ryan Shireman  
Joshua M LaBazzetta...Capt. Peter Messina  
Alvin Joseph Garabiles...Christopher Cookson  
Christopher Minayn...Christopher Kishbach  
Major David Christopher Pierson...Aidan Nugent

*If you have a relative serving in Afghanistan, please call the rectory so that we can add his/her name and offer a prayer for him/her.*

### ***Pray for our Sick***

Peter Ramzi...John Ramzi...Dona...Richard McAllister  
Roberto Choi...Helen Smyth...Yolanda DiCola...Richie  
Anita Harry..Mary Sforza..Margaret Bitteti...Brian Lowery  
Donald Trainor...Suzanne West...Bob Jackson...Eileen  
Bob Dondero...Emily Stevens...Brian J. Murphy  
Rita Crowley...Lorraine Riordan...Vivian Peene  
Sr. Peggy McGaffney, SSND...Bill Bochicchio...Danny  
Eileen O'Leary...Melody Andres...Kathy Gallagher  
Lidia Belulovich...Peggy Dunshee...Samantha Dente  
Eileen & Marcus Flaherty..Richard Fitzgibbon..Ellen Coll  
Hailey van Weathering...Melody Andres...Larry Rubin  
Lyla McMahon...Kristi Marie Carbonaro...Steven Schapiro  
William, Robert and Mildred Dellner...Nancy Quiroz  
Deborah Gallagher...Kathy Jury...Laura Widman Riccardi  
Kristen & Baby Ellie Pochini..James Yenzer..Jack Maher  
Christopher Bishopp..Barbara Fawcett...John O'Brien  
Linda Rando...Virginia Fullmore

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### ***Rosary Linen Schedule December 2013***

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|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| Dec. 1  | Margaret Kennedy | Dec. 8  | Eileen O'Leary   |
| Dec. 15 | Catherine Kelly  | Dec. 22 | Beverly Serafini |
| Dec. 29 | Mary Daly        |         |                  |

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**Christmas Fair at the St. Francis Gift Shop**

The Christmas Fair at the St. Francis Gift Shop, 253 Knickerbocker Road, Tenaflly, will be held from 10:00AM-4:00PM, Friday to Sunday on the following weekends: 12/05 to 12/07, 12/13 to 12/15, & 12/20 to 12/22

All proceeds benefit the Franciscan Sisters Infirmary. For more information, call Sister Trinity at 201-568-0478.

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## ***Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair***

Ascension Parish, New Milford will hold a Christmas arts & crafts fair & bake sale from 9am to 4pm and after the 5:30pm mass on Saturday, Dec.7<sup>th</sup> and after all masses on Sunday, December 8th in the gathering room of the church. Beautiful handmade items, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, home baked goods, art supplies, etc. – for all your Christmas shopping needs at reasonable prices.

*A Thought from  
Ven. Miriam Teresa:*



THOU hast planted me beside the waters of Everlasting Truth, and hast nourished my roots of faith and hope and love with the precious moisture of Thy Redeeming Blood. And because I have trusted in Thee, O my God, Thou hast caused me to bring forth fruit even in time of great drought.

(Diary, March 12, 1925)

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Please pray for her Canonization and visit our new painting of her located in the vestibule of our church.

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## Prayer for Canonization

*Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Sister Miriam loved so ardently, grant that we, like her, may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a public tribute of our veneration and love.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen.*

# Thank You

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To all the parishioners, organizations, societies, supermarkets, volunteers, and students (who are working on their community/confirmation service hours), for your donation of your time, talent and treasure...

- The volunteers who prepared the meals and stayed overnight and the coordinators of the Family Promise Shelter;
- The parishioners who shared their favorite meals and the volunteers who delivered and served the meals to our guests at the Hackensack Walk-in Shelter;
- To many who donated monetary, non-perishable goods, turkeys, and ham for our Food Pantry. They made it possible for us to make Thanksgiving baskets for distribution to less fortunate in our community. For the volunteers also who coordinated the preparation and distribution of the baskets;

Again our heartfelt ...

# Thank You

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***PACT/Religious Education Program***

## ***PACT Happenings***

## ADVENT Calendars

We have e-mailed an Advent calendar to all of our PACT families. Printed copies are available at the Religious Education Office and in the church. The parish Advent 2013 schedule distributed at the PACT parent meetings and has been e-mailed as well. PACT families who have not received e-mails should provide us with a valid e-mail address by e-mailing us at:

religious@stmarysdumont.org

## First Penance



Please pray for our candidates and their families as they prepare to meet with our forgiving Lord his Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Nicholas Project

Many of you have heard Sr. Gloria Perez speak about the importance of the reaching out to the disenfranchised. Currently, she is the executive director of OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Our PACT parish families are reaching out to help provide for some of their needs this Christmas season. Donations of new toys, clothing, and gift cards may be brought to the Religious Education Office. Our final deadline for donations this year is Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (the Angels PACT Session).



For more information about OASIS, how you can help, and some great OASIS success stories, visit <http://www.oasisnj.org/> or call 973-881-8307.

## Confirmation Peer Retreat Team

The next Confirmation Retreat team meeting will be Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 mass in the school library/meeting room.

For further information please call the office at (201) 384-3062 or e-mail [religiosed@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:religiosed@stmarysdumont.org).

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### ***St. Mary's Youth Group (J Walk) Schedule***

November 30 & December 1 - Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale

**December 1st - No meeting**

December 15th - Meeting at 6:30pm

December 23rd - Serving the poor in Newark with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal 9:00am church parking lot.

**December 29th - No Meeting**

January 4th - 8:30 am trip to NYC Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Times Square and Rockefeller Center.

**Festival Choir**

St. Mary's Music Ministry is in search of singers and instrumentalists to form a special "Festival Choir" that will aid in worship at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. The music will have a more contemporary feel and is open to teenagers and adults (9th grade and up). Rehearsals will begin during the first week of Advent (time TBD). Please e-mail [music@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:music@stmarysdumont.org) with your name, instrument (or voice), and projected availability for the month of December so rehearsals can be scheduled accordingly!

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### ***The Advent Giving Tree:***



Advent is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus; the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. **Gift tags become available this weekend of November 30 & Dec. 1.**

If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

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## PALAD Corner

### ***Our Eleventh Winner - Sarah Jacob***

**Raffle: #11 Ticket #: 1819 Drawing Date: 11/13/2013**

### ***Our Twelfth Winner - Michael Cremin***

**Raffle: #12 Ticket #: 1732 Drawing Date: 11/20/2013**

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## ***Knights of Columbus***

**Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser for the Philippines – Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> – 8AM to 1PM.** Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice and a hot beverage. Admission is only \$10 but it will help much more than you realize. All donations will be sent directly to the Philippines to help where it's needed the most. The breakfast will be held at St. John's Council.

The Council is located at 61 Armour Place in Dumont, right off Prospect Avenue.

**Hall Renting & Catering** - *Planning a party soon? Call Bob DeWald at 201-264-6290 for information or email [kofc1345rentals@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345rentals@gmail.com) or check our website: [www.kofc1345.org](http://www.kofc1345.org).*

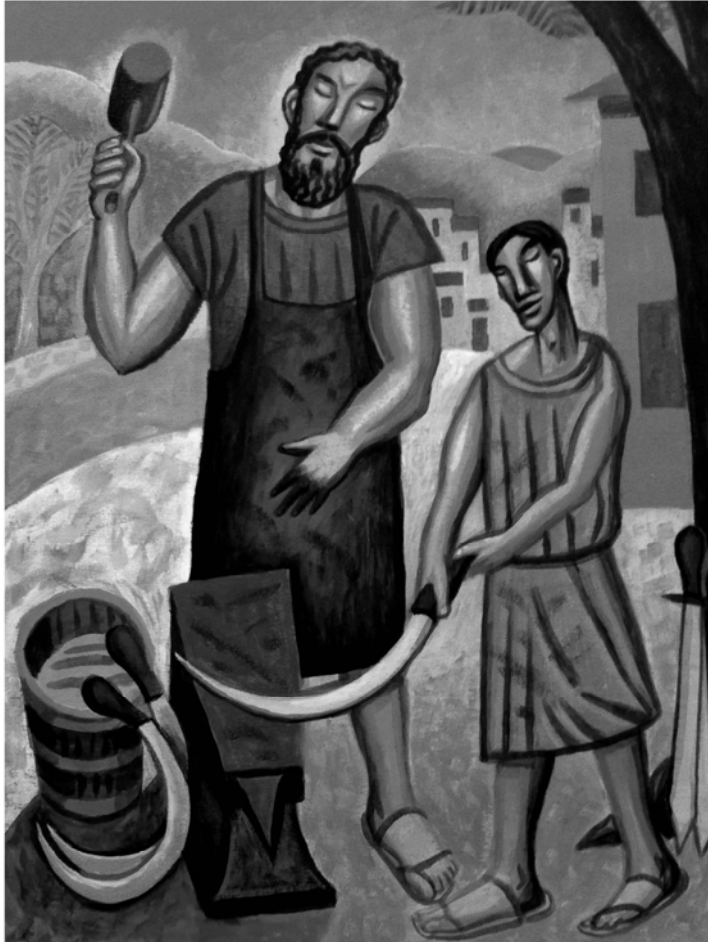
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## ***A Few of My Favorite Things***

***Starring Elizabeth Synnott in a Holiday Celebration***

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church - 344 Washington Avenue, Dumont. Tickets are \$20.00 Adults, \$10 Students, and children under 10 free. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the ALS Foundation in memory of Ita Rattray ([www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org)). To purchase tickets, go to Making Chocolate at 10 E. Madison Avenue, Dumont or go online at: [holiday.brownpapertickets.com](http://holiday.brownpapertickets.com).

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Christ our Peace

Father, we stream toward your  
 mountain  
 where you teach us the ways of peace  
 and invite us to share in your salvation.  
 Awaken us from our sleep  
 so that through your grace  
 the humble poor will be blessed!  
 May your Word refashion our hearts  
 and hands  
 to pound our weapons into tools  
 of service  
 and banish all fear and distrust.  
 As we come to the setting of the sun,  
 may we walk in the light of your glory,  
 and be ready to meet you  
 at an hour we do not expect.  
 We ask this through our light and  
 everlasting peace,  
 our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the  
 unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sunday, December 1, 2013**  
 Walk in the Light of the Lord's Peace!

Today's Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 24:37-44. Today's First Reading invites us to climb the mountain of the Lord, to be instructed in the ways of our God, and walk on the path of justice and peace. God is gathering us to himself, and through the revelation of the Word, God is creating a new and universal community built upon harmony and lasting peace. Yet we live in times of conflict and war; we must lay down our weapons (physical weapons and violent attitudes) and take up the light of Christ's peace.

As we enter into this period of joyful expectation again, we adopt a hope-filled attitude and open ourselves to the kindness and salvation of our God. Through the Savior, God

again extends his infinite and redeeming love. Unlike the people Matthew speaks of, who, in the time of Noah, were unconcerned about the Lord's will for us, we try to prepare for his coming by staying awake and being attentive to the needs of the world. What needs? As in Isaiah's time, the world needs peace! Advent is the time to practice peace, to focus on reasons to rejoice in the Lord. In the domestic church of your home, explore ways that peace can take root—discussing conflicts instead of letting them build or explode, learning to find resolutions between different points of view. O Lord, give us peace in this holy season and help us to change our lives and live according to the Gospel.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, December 2

#### Invite the Lord under Your Roof

The centurion's words in today's Gospel, "Lord I am not worthy to have you come under my roof," are like the words we now say at Mass before receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord. During this holy season, gathered at the family dining table around the Advent wreath, invite the Lord under your roof. Share the light of Christ as you pray for the peace of God, whose face shines on us all. How do you proclaim peace in today's world? Today's Readings: Isaiah 4:2-6; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11.

### Tuesday, December 3

#### St. Francis Xavier

The Holy Spirit is always at work in the Church. In today's Gospel, Jesus rejoices in the Spirit and reveals the truth to the child-like. The Spirit leads missionaries, like St. Francis Xavier, whose memorial we celebrate today, to share the love of Christ in places where he is not known. If you have children in your household, find places this Jesuit priest visited in the sixteenth century on a map of India and Japan, talk about respecting people of different cultures, and pray for missionaries. Today's Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24.

### Wednesday, December 4

#### St. John Damascene

John Damascene, the eighth-century saint whose memorial may be celebrated today, defended the Church's veneration of sacred images. Looking upon images of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints is like looking through a window that leads us to the face of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the multitudes. What could you do in Advent to feed the poor? Bring one or two cans of food to your church or local St. Vincent DePaul Society to be shared with households in need. Today's Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37.

### Thursday, December 5

#### The Rock of Salvation

Isaiah tells us today that God is our solid rock upon which we build a life of spiritual practices. Try the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (pronounced LEK-tsee-oh dih-vee-nuh), or sacred reading of Scripture. Choose a Scripture passage and read it slowly (*lectio*), meditating on a word or phrase from the passage (*meditatio*), allowing a prayer to flow from the text (*oratio*), and resting in God's divine being (*contemplatio*). The *lectio* and *meditatio* steps are repeated two or three times before moving to *oratio* and *contemplatio*. Today's Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27.

### Friday, December 6

#### St. Nicholas

Many legends surround this fourth-century bishop who lived in what is now Turkey and whose memorial may be celebrated today. He is best known for his concern for the poor. Begin collecting coins today, and on January 22nd (the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children, established by the U.S. bishops) share what you collect with a local organization that advocates for unborn children. Day to day, pray about how to uphold the dignity of each human person. Today's Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31.

### Saturday, December 7

#### St. Ambrose

This fourth-century bishop, whose memorial we celebrate today, was a great teacher, and he also composed many hymn texts during his life. His words for the Advent carol "Savior of the Nations, Come" are found in most hymnals, or find the hymn at <http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/s/a/saviorof.htm>, where you can hear the melody through Midi. Consider praying these words or even learning the song as this first week of Advent closes. Today's Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.



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