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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday December 23

10am: **Charlie Kirk**

### Wednesday December 24

*Advent Weekday*

10am: **Steve Stokl, Sr.**

Req. by: Stephen Stokl

*The Nativity of The Lord*

4:30pm: **Parishioners of  
St. Elizabeth Seton**

8:00pm: **Parishioners of  
St. Elizabeth Seton**

### Thursday December 25

*The Nativity of The Lord*

9:00am: **Parishioners of  
St. Elizabeth Seton**

11:00am: **Parishioners of  
St. Elizabeth Seton**

### Friday December 26

*St. Stephen*

10am: **Souls of the Faithful  
Departed of The Legion of  
Mary**

Req. by: Legion of Mary

### Saturday December 27

*St John*

4:30pm: **Stivi Zeppieri and  
Antonio Tavares**

Req. by: Susan Tavares

### Sunday December 28

*The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph*

9am: **Luigi Castaldi**

Req. by: St. Elizabeth Seton  
School

11:00am: **Mass for the People**

## Ite Ad Joseph

In the First Reading, King Ahaz and the tribe of Judah were terrified about the possibility of being attacked. They wondered where they could turn for help. In desperation, they turned to the Lord in their distress. The Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of (me), the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." Ahaz responded that he would not put the Lord to the test. Isaiah told Ahaz that as a sign, the Virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son who will be called Emmanuel. That will be his sign. And that sign, that prophecy given to Joseph by the Angel Gabriel, foretold the birth of Jesus.

We also have signs that God gives to us – we have signs of the season all around during Advent. We light candles on the Advent wreath to count down the days of waiting. We do works of charity as signs of the season, signs of our faith– we see such generosity and kindness from so many of our parishioners in helping others in need as a part of the Giving Tree. We're called by the Church to partake of the sacrament of reconciliation during Advent as a sign of our repentance and transformation. And we sing "O Come O Come Emmanuel" during Advent as a sign that we yearn with expectation for the coming of the Lord.

But, we might want other signs altogether. We might want a sign of hope in our lives during Advent in the midst of the reality of life. We might want to hear the Lord's voice, loud and clear, for a specific purpose: to tell us the answer to our prayers, to heal a loved one who is sick, to help us to finally overcome an addiction we are struggling with. We might want the Lord to speak to us in a dream like the way he sent an angel to speak to Joseph, to come into our hearts to make us whole, to heal those wounds and problems that are troubling us.

However, the sign we receive from the Lord might be totally unexpected. Take Joseph in this Sunday's Gospel – he had already figured out how he was going to solve the situation he faced with Mary, doing so by not shaming her, by treating her with dignity and respect by divorcing her quietly. Joseph wasn't looking for a sign from God, but the Angel came to him anyway, giving him instructions to take Mary into his home to be his wife. Joseph was a righteous man who listened to God's will. He said "yes" to God, becoming an integral part of God's plan of salvation for all.

The Frenchman James Tissot painted an interesting image of St. Joseph over 100 years ago. He shows Joseph at his carpenter's bench with tool strewn about. There is clutter all around his workshop, with its window's looking out at the busy streets of Nazareth. In the middle of this busy scene, Joseph is resting at his table, his chin leaning on his hand as he is deep in thought. We normally think of Joseph as calm, patient, and strong, but this painting is entitled, "The Anxiety of Joseph." Whether this painting depicts Joseph the day before the dream with the Angel Gabriel, or the day after, we can only imagine the anxiety Joseph was feeling in his life.



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Yet, in the midst of his reality, Joseph had a message of hope – he had assurances from God, he had the upcoming birth of his son. Our own time can be called an Age of Anxiety as well. Like Joseph, in the midst of our anxiety, we await Christ's birth with hope.

Saint Joseph, just and obedient man,  
You who guided the Holy Family with courage and tenderness,  
Learn us to listen to God's voice in our lives.  
Inspire us with patience in our trials,  
And give us the strength to protect those entrusted to our care.

Saint Joseph, you who watched over Jesus' cradle,  
Help us to protect the divine light in our lives.  
Give us the courage to overcome difficulties,  
And the wisdom to trust God in all things.

Saint Joseph, model of silence and service,  
Learn us to welcome blessings with gratitude,  
And to offer our work as an act of love towards God and others.  
Watch over our lives as you watched over the Holy Family,  
And guide our steps towards Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. RCRA

*A Simple cup of coffee becomes  
happiness when you share it with friends.*

**December 21st**  
9:00 Steve Karabatos  
Maggie Porporiho  
Maureen Hawkins

11:00 Maggie West  
Kathe Daghar  
Maureen Delaney

**December 28**  
9:00 Magdalena Schiegel  
Ella Schiegel  
Maureen Delaney

11:00 Nina Gianotti  
Audrey Wilcox  
Eve Erentzen



**Please Note:**

Parish office will be closed from  
December 24th—January 5th, 2026

There will be no weekday Mass(10:00am)  
December 30 and December 31 2025.

Alcoholic Anonymous meet every  
Saturday at 8pm in the Knights of  
Columbus room

**Let us pray for the sick...**

Alana Brown-Wallace  
Betty Loft  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Andy Dube  
Matteo Savella  
Jackson Rowan  
Carmen Baldacchino  
Mervin Correa  
Leo Cadia Vaz  
Orsola Accardi  
Aria Crang  
Andy Waldherr  
Michelle Canale  
Pearl Clarke  
Laura Rostron  
Albina Barber  
Gladys Carvajac

Paul Jennas  
Rose Marie Scott  
Wanda Tolazzi  
Sean Coen  
Ana Aparicio  
Jake Tallon  
Trice Hawkins  
Carole Carter  
Lawrence Cooper  
Candice Cusinan  
Cheryl Tuck  
Stephen Murphy  
Sarah Kraft  
Marian Kulmatytskyi  
Dianne Rousseau Weaver  
Gladys Anderson  
Shaun O'Reilly  
Diane McTamney  
Patricia Routhier

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Tammy Elkie  
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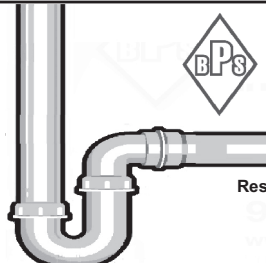
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