

BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD.  
MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

LUKE 1:38



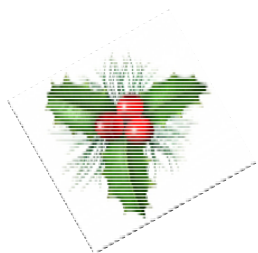
FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 20, 2020

*Our Lady of Peace*

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# *Christmas Mass Information*



*Christmas Eve*

4pm, 8pm & 10pm

*Christmas Day*

8am, 10am & Noon



Know that we are looking forward to celebrating this Christmas Season with you. Whether you are going to be attending Mass in person or watching online, we are happy to have you a part of our Sacred Worship as we celebrate Our Savior's birth.

*Helpful Reminders for Making Christmas Reservations on our website. [www.olopdarien.org](http://www.olopdarien.org)*

- Christmas Mass registrations are located under the 'special events' tab (not the 'Mass' tab)
- If you want to make a reservation for more than 5 people you will need to make two reservations
- Please note that to increase our seating capacity we have added folding chairs around the back of the Church for groups of 3 to 5
- Please remember to cancel your reservation if your plans change and you will not be able to attend the Mass you registered for. This will allow others the opportunity to make a reservation

The liturgical celebration for Christmas runs for 8 consecutive days.

If you are not able to attend a Mass on the 24th or 25th, you can still celebrate Christmas liturgically by attending one of the Masses from December 26th through January 1st.

# December 20, 2020

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalms** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Winter begins

Wednesday: St. John of Kanty

Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas

Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Saturday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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## CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

## CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

## NOT TOO MUCH

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

—St. Peter Canisius

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

*Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed*

**Santo DiNovo**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August Budget: \$82,500

Actual: \$62,655

**Shortfall: \$19,845**

September Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$75,243

Surplus: \$9,243

October Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$61,717

**Shortfall: \$4,283**

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who continue to support Our Lady of Peace during this difficult time. We currently have over 300 on-line donors, please consider using the online donation portal on our parish website. Our budget is \$16,500 per week.



The 2019/2020 Financial Report is currently posted on our parish website.

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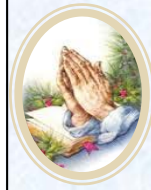
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



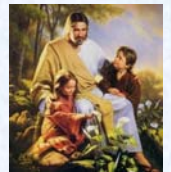
Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below.

Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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### And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:

Damien Turrubiarres,  
Martin Viau



*Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish*



**Sean Sebastian**  
**Andy Shreckengost**

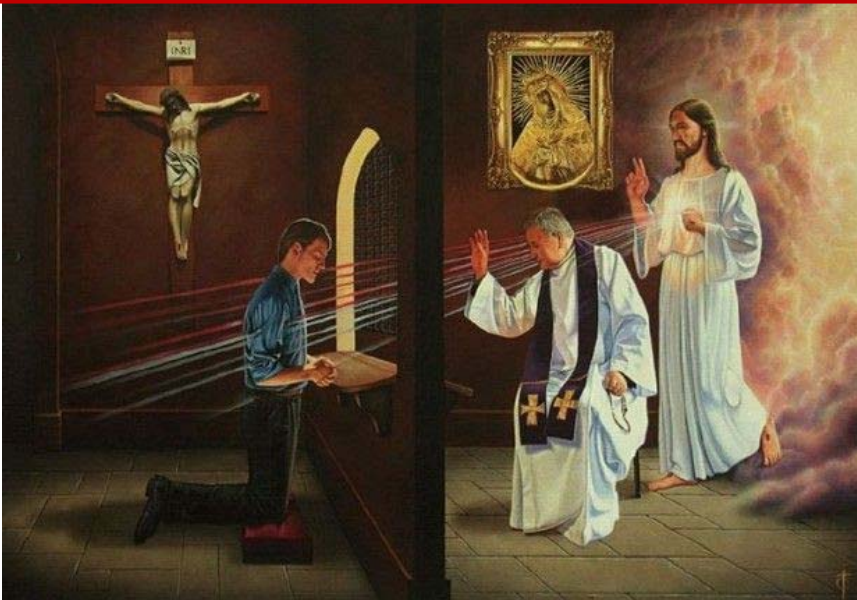




Our Lady of Peace BLOOD PROGRAM will participate in Vitalant's virtual blood drives. Our month is January 2021. All you have to do is make an appointment and donate a pint of blood any time during the month of January. Vitalant's blood draw center is located at 1133 Fairview Westmont, IL (North East plaza at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street & Fairview). Appointments can be made by calling 877-258-4825 or at [https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?](https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?drive_code=DR01&division=NORTHEAST%26%region=CHI)

drive\_code=DR01&division=NORTHEAST%26%region=CHI When making your appointment, please give our parish code which is DR01.

If you are 17 years of age or older and weigh at least 110 lbs. a pint of your blood is a special gift you can give to three individuals in need. This is a worthwhile community program that gives others the "Gift of Life". All it will cost you is approximately an hour of your time. Please remember to bring a photo ID with you and drink non alcoholic beverages before going. If you have any questions please call Rosemarie Courtney at 630-964-8415 or e-mail her at [rdcourtney1940@gmail.com](mailto:rdcourtney1940@gmail.com).



### Confessions

from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in  
the Church on Fridays.

### Confessions

from 8:30 am - 9:45am in  
the School on Saturdays.

**Adoration** Fridays from  
3:00pm - 7:00pm.

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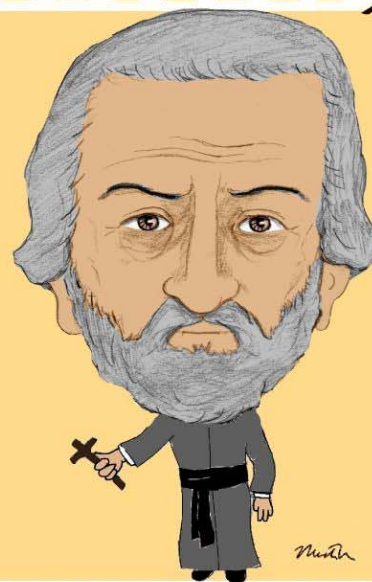
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If you have too much  
to do, with God's help  
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do it all.

### St. Peter Canisius

*Dutch Jesuit priest who reformed universities  
and attracted many back to the Catholic faith;  
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### The Women's Center Bulletin Announcement for December 2020

Christmas is about love and family and that is what we strive to be for the women in difficult pregnancies who come to us for help. After their babies are born, they thank us for all of our help, love and concern for them.

Our Client Christmas Parties will be on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. About 650 people will attend the parties. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to give a present to the babies and families who our counselors have saved from the pain of abortion. We are asking for virtual giving tree donations to be given to them at the parties. We must receive the donations by December 13<sup>th</sup>. These will allow the parents to purchase both a Christmas meal and gifts for their children. These may be the only presents they will receive for Christmas. May God bless you for supporting the work of The Women's Center.

For information or to donate online go to [gotwc.org/giving-tree-tags](http://gotwc.org/giving-tree-tags) or call 773-794-1313.

**VOUNTEERS NEEDED:** A volunteer is needed Saturdays at our Evergreen Park office for light office work. For more info call us at 708-320-4066.

**SEEKING FAMILY ROOM DONATIONS:** We need infant car seat/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), highchairs, toddler beds, exersaucers and baby swings. *We have a great need for all brands of baby formula (especially Enfamil Formula-the yellow box).* All baby food must be in date. Also needed are diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6, pull ups, sizes 4, 5, and 6, sleepers sizes 9 to 12 months, receiving blankets, new pacifiers, **baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion**, and breast pumps. We also need boys gently used winter clothes sizes 5, 6, 14 and 16. The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.

**SEEKING DONATIONS FOR NEW MOTHERS:** Our moms need items for their own use such as lotions, shampoo, toothpaste, soaps and other health and hygiene items. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness. For more information, please call 773-794-1313.



Sponsor a Needy Individual or Family for Christmas

Catholic Charities is providing the opportunity for you to help their clients at Christmas this year. The Gift of Christmas is an annual program that fulfills wish lists for individuals who are served by Catholic Charities.

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Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505**.

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