SECOND Sunday of Advent

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3
THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH
As members of the Diocese of Joliet, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the universal Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ’s presence among us. We manifest God’s Word through active participation in spiritual, liturgical, educational, service, and social ministries directed at bringing all people to Christ.

Please join us for:
Masses at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday
Rosary at 8:30 a.m. on Monday-Friday
Individual Rite of Penance at 4:00 p.m. & Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday
Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN DEADLINES
Parish staff reserves the right to accept/decline/edit pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.
Please submit pulpit announcements to Carol Schubert (cschubert@st-phil.org; 630-628-0900 x104) no later than the Wednesday preceding the desired weekend.
Please send bulletin submissions to Barb Nicolai (bnicolai@st-phil.org; 630-543-1754) a week prior to desired publication date.

If you are a new visitor to our church today, welcome! If you would like more information about our church or would like to register in the parish, please contact any of the staff members listed above or fill out a simple on-line registration form at st-phil.org.
The St. Philip the Apostle School kindergarten class is coordinating a Christmas Toy Collection with the U.S.M.C. Toys for Tots Program. The children are excited to show their love, generous spirit, and sense of service by collecting a wondrous number of toys to help support families in need, particularly this year. We are encouraging fellow students and the parish community to participate in this important opportunity to share our blessings with those in need. Thank you for your generous support!

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy on Friday, December 10, from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. to the school’s east entrance. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God’s Son?

We welcome the following babies who were baptized in November:

- Luigi Daniel Caprile, son of Nicolas & Nicole (Gilich) Caprile
- Luca Ray Columbia, son of Joseph & Emily (Hultman) Columbia
- Christopher Josef Krupa, son of Christopher & Heather (Rieter) Krupa
- Isla Rose Oliveros, daughter of Diego & Taylor (Taglia) Oliveros
- Jacob Andrew Pirog, son of David & Justine (Perez) Pirog
- Luciano Nicholas Stasinopoulos, son of Adam & Jenell (Radojevich) Stasinopoulos

We want to keep in touch! Please take a moment to update your contact information. It’s so easy! Just fill in the fields on our parish website page, click “submit,” and you’re done! Thank you!

https://www.st-phil.org/contact-information-update.html

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.
POLICY OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE RECEPTION OF
HOLY COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CELIAC DISEASE

According to Canon 912, “Any baptized person not prohibited by law can and must be admitted to Holy Communion.”

It is imperative for pastors to make every effort to accommodate and normalize the experience of Communion for the faithful, including those suffering from celiac disease. In 2003, the teaching on the use of low-gluten hosts at Mass was addressed by the then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. He reminded pastors and the faithful that for the bread to be valid matter for the Eucharist, it must be made solely of wheat, contain enough gluten to effect the confection of bread, be free of foreign materials, and unaffected by any preparation or baking methods which would alter its nature. The amount of gluten necessary for validity in such bread is not determined by minimum percentage or weight, though hosts which have no gluten are considered invalid matter for Mass. (Committee on Divine Worship Newsletter, October 2012 and updated April 2016). In 2017 Pope Francis reaffirmed that hosts with no gluten were invalid matter for Mass.

Being a hospitable and compassionate community, parishes that have parishioners who cannot receive hosts with regular amounts of gluten for Holy Communion can consider the following procedures for them, always keeping in mind that each parish can develop their own procedure reflective of these:

- The parish can provide low-gluten hosts for these parishioners. These parishioners will need to consult with their doctors about the amount of gluten in the host and whether it will cause a reaction to the gluten.
- The parish would provide a personal pyx for each of these parishioners. When the parishioner comes to Mass, they would bring with them their own personal pyx with a low-gluten host in it. The pyx can be put on the altar or on a tray on the credence table; each parish will need to develop their own procedure for how the tray of pyxes will be placed on the altar with the other gifts to be consecrated at that Mass. At Communion, the parishioner whose pyx is on the altar could come to the sanctuary when the extraordinary ministers come forward and receive his/her pyx and self-communicate by taking the Eucharist out of the pxy (they are the only ones who touch the host; this is to eliminate any cross-contamination from anyone who may have touched anything with gluten in it).
- Should a parishioner be unable to receive a low-gluten host due to a total intolerance of any trace of gluten, a second option is for the reception of the Eucharist under the species of the Precious Blood. Similar procedures can be developed for those receiving only the Precious Blood. The parishioner in this case who is totally intolerant of any trace of gluten will be required to obtain, after a consultation with their doctor, a statement to that effect stating that they can receive the wine without a reaction. That doctor’s statement will be submitted to the pastor. The parish would provide a small communion cup and sacramental wine for those parishioners. Like with the pyx, they would bring their cup with wine and personally place it on the tray on the credence table, and it would be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts (again this is to avoid any cross-contamination of the wine by anyone who has touched anything with gluten in it.) At Communion time, the parishioner would come into the sanctuary with the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion come forward and would take their personal communion cup from the tray when the ministers are receiving Holy Communion. The parishioner would self-communicate from the communion cup. Each parish would have to decide on a proper time and place for the communion cups to be purified, then returned to that parishioner to take home.

Should a parishioner be unable to receive Holy Communion using the low-gluten host or wine, then they should be encouraged to pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer.

In the Diocese of the United States there are four approved distributors of low-gluten hosts:

- Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at 800-223-2772 (10 PPM gluten)
- Parish Crossroads at 800-510-8842 (10 PPM gluten)
- glutenfreehosts.com at 800-668-7324 x1 (less than 20 PPM gluten)
- Cavanagh Company at 800-635-0568 (less than 20 PPM gluten)

The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the people who donated items to the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive last weekend. Your donations will help those who are in need in the community.
As part of their preparation for Confirmation, the eighth grade students in the RE Program and St. Philip the Apostle School write letters to the parish to explain why they want to be Confirmed. Below is the letter from religious education student Jordan Ciezobka.

I am Jordan Ciezobka. I am 14 years old and I live in Addison, Illinois. I like to play sports and I like to hang out with my friends. I have been doing the CCD program for about eight years now, this being my last year in the program. This is also the year I am getting confirmed. My sister was also in the program, but was confirmed three years before me. My mom and dad are good, fun, and outgoing people. They push me to be the best in school and in the weight room. I believe that faith in Christ is one of the best things you can do as it clears your mind, gives you hope, and allows you to make it to Heaven. However, believing is only the beginning of the journey into Heaven. Making it into Heaven will require you to be a model citizen, and also following the teachings and rules of the Bible.

After I get confirmed? Nothing is set in stone as of right now, but I’m sure after I get confirmed, God will put me in the right direction to succeed in life. What do I mean by the right direction? Well, the right direction differs for every practicing Catholic, and God knows what he wants for you, and only him. You might not know, but he surely does.

During my elementary years, I participated in a service project called Feed My Starving Children. I didn’t do it for very long as I had lost interest in it, but maybe I will decide to pick up a different service now. Regardless, my family and I participated in Sleep Out Saturday on November 6.

I chose the name Nicasius for my confirmation name. I would like to say I am a somewhat avid reader, and I had read about the Crusades and the fights for the Holy Land. It really piqued my interest as I continued to read and also to find more articles about it. When I heard about picking a confirmation name, I wondered if I could pick the name of a saint. It turns out I could! So I chose Nicasius because he was a saint turned crusader where he was a member of the Knights Hospitaller. This group of men had fought for Jerusalem and had defended it. However, when his battalion became overwhelmed from the attacks of Muslims, they got captured, and were ordered to renounce their faith in Christianity. Nicasius did not fold, and continued to defy their orders, eventually being beheaded by the Muslims. I read about the part where he defied orders in which he thought were wrong, and I immediately thought of myself. If someone tells me to give up on the man we call God, you better bet yourself I am going to oppose and defy the bogus orders, maybe even paying the price of my life. But I know if I do that, God will see how dedicated I was to faith in him, and he would bring me into Heaven.

Sincerely, Jordan Ciezobka

In announcing the first coming of the Messiah, John the Baptist urges all people to be right with one another and the world.

In awaiting the coming, prophet Baruch tells us how to dress for that day—clad in justice and peace and mercy.

In praying for us, as we await the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, St. Paul confidently urges us to do good work, to love more and more, and to be filled with what is right.

In these troubled times, how can I make things right with? What good work of justice and peace can I do this week? What mercy work is Jesus urging me to do?
Both the first reading and the gospel share images of God lowering mountains and exulting valleys. We may have heard these words before without thinking about what they actually mean. Consider putting this into perspective for your community by referencing local natural landmarks that people can visualize and imagine the significance of these works of God. The desert imagery in today's gospel may be difficult to image during December. Even so, the desert remains an important image in Scripture. Today we hear that John the Baptist leaves his time of prayer and contemplation in the desert to proclaim the words of the prophet Isaiah. Later, Jesus will spend time in the desert praying and preparing for his public ministry. How are we being called to spend time in the desert of prayer and contemplation during this Advent season? How might we carve out some quiet time and stillness in our own lives during these busy weeks leading up toward Christmas? Perhaps part of that time might be spent in contemplating those great works of God that Isaiah and John mention.

It’s time to sign up for the second part of the Fulfilled Series with Adult Formation. All are welcome to participate in a dynamic discussion about Scripture and gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. The book is available at Ascension Press for $16.95. Please register with Carol Schubert by calling 630-628-0900 x104 or emailing cschubert@st-phil.org. If you did not participate in the first session, you can still sign up for this one. Sessions will start on Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 of the Parish Center.

Meeting dates are:
- January 11, 18, 25, and February 1, 8, 15, 22

JOB OPENINGS IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE

- Holy Trinity Church & School in Westmont is seeking to hire a full-time Business Manager. Management or Business degree with accounting preferred. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé to Fr. Wasilewski, C.R. at father@holytrinitywestmont.org.

- St. Jude Church in New Lenox is seeking to hire a music director. This is a full-time, benefited position. Bachelor of Arts in Music or related field required. Must be proficient in piano and organ. To see a full job description, visit https://www.diocesefojoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=743. To apply, please send résumé and cover letter to sfronek@stjudes.org.

- Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church is seeking a full-time bulletin editor/administrative assistant. Must be proficient in the applications of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher. Also experience with ParishSOFT family suites is a plus. Please send a résumé and cover letter to financemanager@sspeterandpaul.net.
December is here, and our thoughts turn to Christmas. One of our traditions is to set up our Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving. Our grandchildren put their personal touch on where each ornament should be placed. This is a joyful time for us as we see the wonder of Christmas come to life in their eyes. Our focus shifts from the blessings we have received during the past year to the blessings we receive from the birth of our Savior, the Christ child who came to dwell among us and gives us the promise of everlasting life—the greatest of all gifts.

For our part, this is still a time for giving thanks and to share with others the joy we anticipate. This can and should be a new beginning to put others first, to renew friendships, and to mend differences. We are preparing for His coming by decorating our homes and being generous to those in need; we also should be preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus. The next few weeks may be tense, but if we remember the reason for all this preparation we will be ready for this holy and joyful day.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 6 to 12, 2021**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6**
8:00 AM  Carmella Cronin

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**
8:00 AM  7:00 PM (HDO Mass) People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**
*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
(Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 AM (HDO Mass)
7:00 PM (HDO Mass) People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**
8:00 AM  Michele & Domenica DiTusa
          Eddie Avorque

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**
8:00 AM  Jean Troksa / David Loveday
         Ross Urso

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**
4:00 PM  INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM  Anticipated Mass for Sunday
Joseph Mariottini / Colleen Nix / Vito Mariani
Mothers' Day Mass Intention Recipients
Richard Culen / Caterina DiBenedetto
Nemecek Family / Betty Lou Russell
Peterson Family / O'Keeffee Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**
*Third Sunday of Advent*
8:00 AM  Agatha Abbinanti / Geri O'Boyle
         Anna Wesolowski / Stanislaw & Zofia Pucek
         George & Mary Calabrese / Marc Stolfe
         Harold & Ruth Stelzer / Frank Kulpinski
         Mary Abraham / Anthony Russo
         Loretta Servais / Marie Di Fazio
10:00 AM  (same names as 8:00 a.m.)

Let us remember in prayer our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners, especially:

**Marie Di Fazio**

Our sympathy to her friends and family.

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**Support our local businesses**! We ask that you remember our parish bulletin advertisers in any way you can during and after this difficult time. We want to express our extreme gratitude for everything that they do. They are the financial resource for the bulletin which helps us to stay in touch with you. As you can, please patronize these businesses that do so much for St. Philip the Apostle and our community. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

**ABORTION ALTERNATIVES:** Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)

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Jackson Becker, Jenny Bellezza, Fr. Steve Bondi, Alison Carey, Brian Cherry, Tim Kullum Cherry, Sylvia Culotta, William Czerniak, Jeff Dela Cruz, Michael DeStefano, Leo Di Fazio, Todd Gardener, John Garrett, Lucas Hameau, Anita Harshbarger, Ifrena Holtz, Judy Jaskey, Jim Lamberti, Shirley Legaspi, Janet Lombardi, Sandra Lundgren, Sandi Milazzo, Cindy Miles, JoAnne Moberg, Vito Montana, Geri Mulcahy, Avery Quaries, Beverly Quinn, Frank Reid, John Rossi, Bud Schubert, Dale & Stella Shamberg, Bill Slovik, Wanda Slupik, Daniel Spratt, Mary Taschetta, Ann Treccia, Jim Wright.

Please get permission from family members or the person who is ill before requesting that his/her name be added to the prayer list. To add names to the list, please call 630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org. Names are deleted from the list after six months unless a request is made for a perpetual listing.

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**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Please pray for all of our young men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially:

- Richard Avila, Marines
- Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force
- Elijah Burgins, Marines
- Emiliano Carrazco, Marines
- Steven J. DeMarco, Army
- Matthew Deimling, Army
- Jack Domek, Marines
- Adam Dorney, Army
- Samantha Fallon, Navy
- Diego Feros, Army
- Joseph Frost, Army
- Blaze Galardy, Air Force
- Martin Garcia, Army
- Mark Jastowski, Marines
- José Juarez, Navy
- Paul Keppler, Navy
- Ben Krause, Marines
- C. J. Loveland, Air Force
- Drew Loveday, Marines
- Kristofferson Marzo, Army
- Andrew Maslanka, Army
- Matthew Maslanka, Army
- Bradley Melson, Marines
- Anthony Milazzo, Navy
- Ryan Mills, Air Force
- Billy Moncatch, Marines
- Jason Okara, Army
- Enrique Ospina, Marines
- Adam Ostrander, Navy
- Cole Parent, Marines
- Randall Petbok, Air Force
- James Roman, Marines
- Ryan Ruizol, Navy
- Andrew Tarchinski, Army
- Patrick Tobias, Air Force
- Isaiah Wuich, Marines

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Baptism Information: Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

Marriage Information: Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

Parish Registration: New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls: Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.