

**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY**

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**Third Sunday Of Advent**

Gathering: Come, Come, Emmanuel

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 85)

*Show us your kindness, O God; Show us your kindness O God.*

Preparation: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming BB 97

Mass Parts Storrington Mass

Communion: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel BB 39

Recessional: Ready The Way BB 63

**✠ PARISH TITHING ✠**

Our Parish needs to take in **\$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet.** This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR  
DECEMBER 8, 2024  
WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**



**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

December 15	Fuel
December 22	No Second Collection
December 29	No Second Collection

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You can also use your smart phone to scan the QR code below. The link will take you directly to Parish Giving so you can donate.



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you.

**PLEASE HELP US!**

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave. Thanks for being attentive and respectful!

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income**

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/ <b>\$100</b>	\$3,000/ <b>\$60</b>
\$75,000	\$3,750/ <b>\$75</b>	\$2,250/ <b>\$45</b>
\$60,000	\$3,000/ <b>\$60</b>	\$1,800/ <b>\$36</b>
\$50,000	\$2,500/ <b>\$50</b>	\$1,500/ <b>\$30</b>
\$40,000	\$2,000/ <b>\$40</b>	\$1,200/ <b>\$24</b>
\$30,000	\$1,500/ <b>\$30</b>	\$900/ <b>\$18</b>
\$25,000	\$1,250/ <b>\$25</b>	\$750/ <b>\$15</b>
\$15,000	\$750/ <b>\$15</b>	\$450/ <b>\$9</b>

**Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase**

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00



### **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**

Join us on Sunday evenings of the Advent season for sung Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following Evening Prayer.

### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

#### **Kimberly's 19th Annual Holiday Give Away!!!**

Guess who's back!!! I am so happy to be able to continue with this annual initiative! This year with 2 children in the mix we are ready to serve! We will be collecting clothing and nonperishable food items a week later than usual this year on January 11 & 12 at Holy Angels Parish Hall (downstairs of the church), from 12:00 to 4:00pm each day. We will be accepting donations for Catie's Closet, Ruth's House, Emmaus House, Lazarus House, Wish Project, and Saint Luke's Food Pantry. We are accepting CLEAN clothing of any size, any season, any decade. Any donations of socks or underwear must be new and packaged. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer please contact me at: [kimberly-andrade@comcast.net](mailto:kimberly-andrade@comcast.net). Your continued support throughout the years is the only way this works, so thank you in advance for continuing to support our cause! May you all have a safe and healthy holiday season and may God continue to bless you always. Kimberly Clenord

### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

We have several early bulletin deadlines:

Deadline for the December 29 bulletin is **Monday, December 16 at 12:00 Noon**

Deadline for the January 5 bulletin is **Monday, December 16 at 12:00 Noon.**

### **HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED**

**Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow is closed from December 2024 until Spring 2025.** This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.



### **GIVING TREES**

Thanks to all who took ornaments from the Giving Tree this year. You have helped to make the Christmas season brighter for children of the community and for many people who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

### **THE GOD MINUTE**

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called The God Minute. It's then uploaded for you to access and prayer along with on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be.

[www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org)

### **RETROUVAILLE**

#### **A Lifeline For Married Couples**

Does your marriage need help? We are a marriage program that continues after the initial weekend with follow-up sessions that further develop the concepts that we introduce on the weekend. Some of the topics we cover are: Communication Skills, Conflict Management, Family of Origin, Forgiveness and Trust, Love and Commitment, Marriage as a Vocation, Intimacy and Sexual Relationship. Email us at [NewEngland@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:NewEngland@HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 508-271-7155.

### **WHILE AWAY THIS WINTER...**

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Winter even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Winter months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

**Sunday, December 15**  
**GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE**

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*  
6:00 PM Evening Prayer *Newton*  
6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

**Monday, December 16**

5:30 PM Christmas Choir Practice *Plaistow*

**Tuesday, December 17**

6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting *Plaistow*

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**Holy Angels Church Open**  
**All Day for Prayer**

7:00 PM Outreach Ministry Meeting *Plaistow*

**Thursday, December 19**

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration *Newton*

**Saturday, December 21**

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Plaistow*

**Sunday, December 22**

10:00 AM Religious Ed – Gr. K to 6 *Plaistow*  
6:00 PM Evening Prayer *Newton*  
6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Newton*

**RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS**

**Attention Parents**

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!

**BUSTED HALO**

Busted Halo is a unique media resource sponsored by the Paulist Fathers of the US that utilizes a relevant and accessible voice to help people understand the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives, and share it with others. Check out their site, podcasts and videos at [www.bustedhalo.com](http://www.bustedhalo.com).

**PRAYER LINE**

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday, December 14 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**

*Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Rick Field by Jackie Tremblay  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, December 15 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**

*Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18*

8:00 AM Michelina Inzero (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
by the Stanley family  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife  
*Plaistow*

**Monday, December 16 ~ Advent Weekday**

*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27*

8:00 AM Ruth Early by Jack Brotz  
*Newton*

**Tuesday, December 17 ~ Late Advent Weekday**

*Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17*

8:00 AM Bill Knowles by his wife, Marjorie Knowles  
*Plaistow*

**Wednesday, December 18 ~ Late Advent Weekday**

*Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25*

6:30 PM Kathleen Boucher (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by her husband, Neal  
*Plaistow*

**Thursday, December 19 ~ Late Advent Weekday**

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25*

8:00 AM Robert Demers (Month's Mind)  
*Newton*

**Friday, December 20 ~ Late Advent Weekday**

*Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38*

*No Mass*

**Saturday, December 21 ~ Peter Canisius, Priest and**

**Doctor of the Church**

*Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45 (Day)*

*Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 (Vigil)*

4:00 PM Jesselyn and Donald Driscoll  
by the McKinney family  
*Plaistow*

**Sunday, December 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45*

8:00 AM Suzanne Busch by Jim Edwards  
*Newton*

10:00 AM Carl Jesionowski by his wife  
*Plaistow*

**RADIO CATÓLICA**

Escuche Radio Católica  
WGUA 98.1 FM con una  
programación 24 horas al día.  
Música, oraciones, Misas,  
información y formación en la  
fe. Teléfono en cabina  
978-683-1030. Oficina y línea  
de oración 978-688-9811.  
Descargue nuestra aplicación  
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**JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR!**

We welcome Parishioners of all ages to help sing at Christmas time! All you need is a voice to sing and a heart willing to learn! Our rehearsals are held at Plaistow as follows:

**Monday, December 16 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM**  
**Monday, December 23 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM**

Please contact Val Barczak at church or email her at [mvmbarczak@comcast.net](mailto:mvmbarczak@comcast.net).

**INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS**

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Office, Holy Angels Cemetery Office, Saint Luke Food Pantry, and the Parish Liturgical schedule complies with the longstanding inclement weather policy of Saint Luke Religious Education Program and Holy Angels Pre-School-Kindergarten: **If the Timberlane and/or Sanborn regional school districts close because of inclement weather, ALL Parish Offices and Parish programs will be closed or suspended. All activities by any Parish or non-Parish groups will be cancelled for that day/evening on both campuses.**

In the event of a weather related closing, the scheduled weekday Liturgy will not be held and the intention (if any) will be moved to a conveniently available date.

**Sunday (or Saturday evening) liturgies can never be cancelled, but all are advised to use prudence when deciding to travel to Church during winter storms.**

**From the Pastor's Desk**



**SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Our Parish properties are active places, where traffic and parked vehicles are a constant presence in the ebb and flow of a busy week. It is important to remember that because of the activity on both campuses, it is easy for someone looking for a quick deed to find a vehicle. **Please be sure to lock and secure your vehicle when you are parked on either campus.** If possible, secure valuables out of sight or make sure valuables in an open bed truck are secure. We have requested extra police presence in our lots during Masses, but patrols can only do so much. Each of us are responsible for making sure, as best we as are able, that our vehicles are safe and secure. Anyone seeing something or someone unusual in the lots is welcome to contact the local police.

**ADORERS NEEDED AT ADORATION**

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual but is a great source of grace for us as a parish family. We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord. Adoration takes place each Thursday in Newton from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM. We also need people at all times so we can have 2 people at each hour. If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at [csmith@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:csmith@stluketheevangelist.net).

**The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.**

**✘ PARISH DIRECTORY ✘**

Parish Office 603-382-8324  
Parish Prayer Line 603-382-8324 x 314  
St. Luke's Outreach Ministry 603-382-8324 x 315  
St. Luke's Food Pantry 603-819-4949  
Preschool 603-382-9783

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**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
St. Jude Council #6617**

The Knights of Columbus and Saint Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry would like to thank our parishioners for the ongoing support to feed those in need. Shopping lists and bags are provided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month with the general collection of non-perishable items happening the following (4<sup>th</sup>) weekend. Food donations can also be left in the plastic totes at the rear of either church or brought to the Parish Office any time they are open. Prefer not to shop? Gift cards or checks can be made out to Saint Luke Food Pantry anytime. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HAPPENINGS**

**Knights Associate Membership Program**

You may not know that your Knights Council offers an associate membership program. If you don't want to join as a Knight, or perhaps aren't eligible, we offer an associate membership which is open to everyone in our Parish and in the local community. We currently have 15 associate members. Please join like-minded people in **doing good in our community and parish**. For more information, please contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803 or [dans49@comcast.net](mailto:dans49@comcast.net)

**THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
ST. JUDE COUNCIL  
#6617**



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

A Men's AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.



**Saint Luke the Evangelist  
OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**FIGHT HUNGER BAG**

St. Luke the Evangelist Outreach Ministry has been selected by the Store Leadership Team as a Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program Nonprofit Partner! St. Luke's Outreach Ministry will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sold during the month of December 2024 at the Hannaford's located at 305 Sandown Road in East Hampstead, NH. The bags are readily displayed in the middle of the main aisle leading to the cash registers.

St. Luke's Outreach Ministry (formerly St. Vincent de Paul) helps those in need in our community. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

**Your "Dropped Dollar" Hard At Work**

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Luke Outreach Ministry! Please know that your "dropped dollars" are being used wisely to help the poor in our area. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Drop-a-Dollar in the St. Luke Outreach Ministry box on your way out of church. Remember ~ 100% of your donation is used to help those who need a hand up, not a handout.

**Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. We meet downstairs in the Church Hall in Plaistow. In celebration of Christmas, we will have a social gathering with some light refreshments after our short meeting. Anyone interested is learning about the work we do, or becoming a member, are welcome! New members are always welcome!**

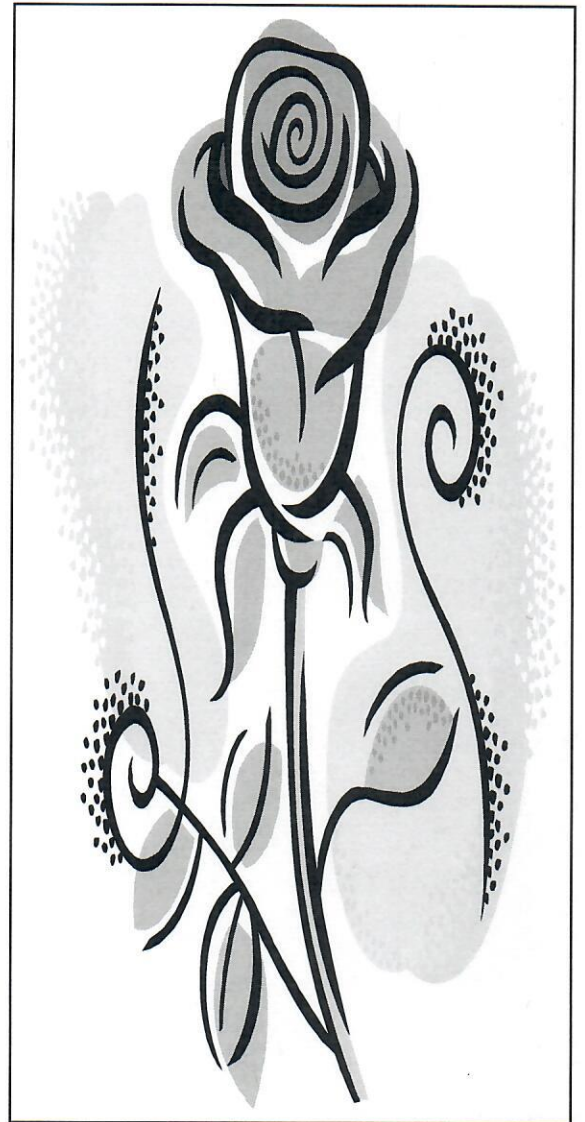
If you seek assistance or need information about St. Luke's Outreach Ministry, call 603-382-8324 x315.

**Hear, O LORD, and answer me  
for I am poor and needy.**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Why roses and joyful music on the third Sunday of Advent? It all starts with a golden rose. Long ago, the third Sunday of Advent was sort of a “break” in the fasting that was taking place before the celebration of Christmas. The third Sunday of Advent’s chants and songs talked about “looking up,” being “joy-filled and full of hope” at the nearness of the Savior. In church, the story of the Annunciation was common as the Gospel of the third Sunday of Advent.

The German name for the third Sunday of Advent was *Rosensonntag*, or the “Sunday of the Roses.” That name came as a result of 15<sup>th</sup> century German pilgrim’s witnessing Mass in Rome, where the Pope, after Mass on the third Sunday of Advent, would carry a golden rose in procession out of the church. The rose itself would be sent to an exemplary Christian after Mass that day as a gift.



This custom was in use at Rome as far back as the 11<sup>th</sup> century, where the Pope would present bouquets of roses to people in the church on the third Sunday of Advent. Over the years, the real roses were replaced by golden roses, often encrusted with jewels. In churches all over Christendom in the West, the custom of presenting roses to exemplary Christians of a particular place caught on. From there, the liturgical color for the day was changed to reflect the joy of the liturgy and the custom of presenting roses – the Church wore “old rose” as a way to signal the nearness of the Christmas festival.

Today, we sing joyful songs and meditate on the image of the rose – whose purity and beauty are reflected in the person of the Blessed Mother Mary, and whose fragrance and loveliness are reflected in the coming “rose of the winter night” – Jesus, Immanuel.



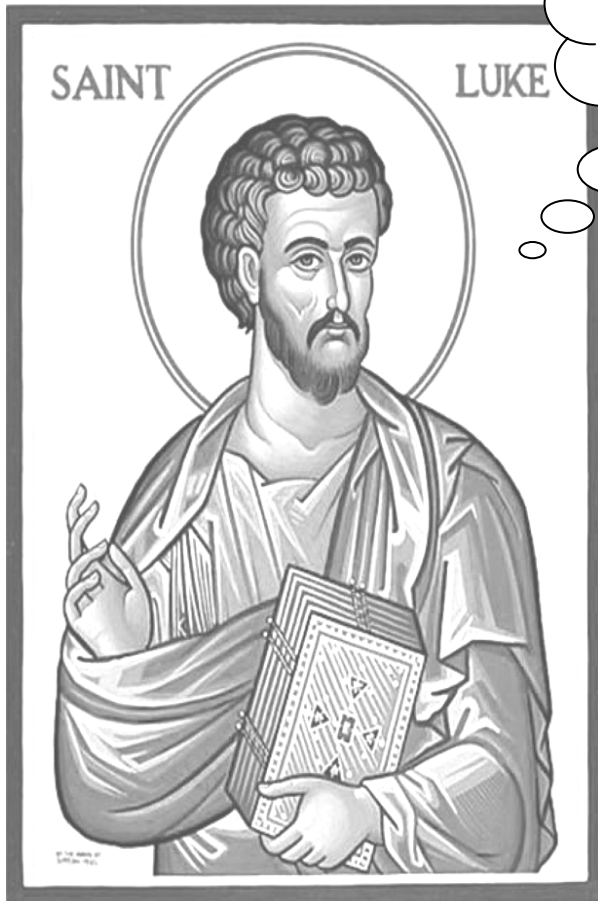


**Besides sharing Christmas joy through the Giving Tree, our Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry provides Christmas Dinners to needy families in our area. The cost of purchasing items for the baskets typically runs to well over \$2000.00, and with hard times facing so many, we anticipate the need to be even greater than previous years.**

**If you would like to contribute towards the cost of CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS, please place your contribution in an envelope marked *“Christmas dinner baskets,”* and place it in the offering basket. You may also visit the Parish Office or Food Pantry and make a contribution in person.**

***Thank you for your support of the poor among us.***





## **Why don't you think about it too?**

**Parish Giving is a simple, secure and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries.**

- **Parish Giving allows you to select contribution amounts and special collections right from your own computer or smartphone**
- **You can be a good steward for the Parish even when you are away from the area on a weekend**
- **Parish Giving allows you to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.**
- **Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo and follow the easy registration instructions.**

**Parish Giving**



# Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Advent (C)  
December 15, 2024

## Joy to the World!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the LORD is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14–15). In response to the first reading, we sing, “Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.” The second reading directs us to “Rejoice in the Lord always” because “The Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4–5). In the gospel, we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might

be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (Luke 3:16).

So what are we waiting for this Sunday, and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments, in the lives of good people we know, in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list?

We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice, for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.” †

## Sunday Readings

### Zephaniah 3:14–18a

The LORD your God, is in your midst...who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love.

### Philippians 4:4–7

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

### Luke 3:10–18

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah.



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## A Word from Pope Francis

What can I do concretely...as we draw near to Christmas?... For example: I can call a person who is alone, visit that elderly person or that person who is ill, do something to serve a poor person.... Maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt.... Brothers and sisters, let us find something concrete and do it!

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 12, 2021



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How many blessings have I experienced today?
- Can I list three ways I can be a blessing to someone?



# La Fiesta!

Fr. Michael McAndrew, CSsR

The fiesta was an important part of our ministry at Casa San Alfonso. One of our *padrinos* said of Mexicans, “*Somos fiesteros*” (We are party people). When we began the Casa ministry, we celebrated birthdays, patron saint days, and all the feasts of the communities that our young people came from. We celebrated Church holy days and especially the feasts of Mary, *Posadas*, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. If there was no reason for a party, one would be created. Casa San Alfonso was a welcoming community for young people seeking a better life in Denver. What better way to receive the youth than to have a celebration—a fiesta?

Some Church ministers wondered if we would ever develop a serious ministry. We opened our doors to young people without families in the area. Many young men arrived in the United States to seek work to help their families back home. They could come to the Casa and find friends who knew their journey. These young people knew the Redemptorists in the Casa simply welcomed them as they were and did not push them into an unfamiliar religiosity.

To witness good news, we had to celebrate fiestas at Casa San Alfonso. One of the joys of my life as a missionary is to party with the poor. Often, when visiting a home unannounced, the woman of the house says, “Padre, come and eat.” Soon children, cousins, aunts, uncles, and neighbors arrive. The fiesta begins. People celebrate the arrival of a guest, especially if the guest is a priest or religious. If you walk with my people, always be ready for the fiesta.

This reflection is an excerpt from *Walk With My People: A Life in Migration Ministry* by Fr. Michael McAndrew, CSsR, Liguori Publications (828720). Visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org) for other spiritual reading.

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “*The Origin of Christmas Traditions: A Window to Our Faith*” by Christopher M. Bellitto

Whenever and wherever the gospel was spread, first in the Mediterranean area and then throughout Europe in the first millennium of the faith, preachers and bishops often deferred to local customs. They adapted the people’s inclination to believe in the supernatural, cleverly redirecting it to Christian ideas. This process, known as enculturation, has a long history in the Church. The Christian celebration of Christmas, then, is a mixture of cultures—secular and sacred, ancient and modern—and it spans the entire planet. Some of our traditions are not rooted in Christianity, but that needn’t trouble us. Those traditions have, in a sense, been baptized, which is in line with Christianity’s goal to convert the world. As long as our rituals and traditions point to the essential truth of the Christmas feast—that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us—we can hardly go wrong.

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Lord Jesus, so that those who are lonely, ill, or in harm’s way may know the joy of this season, we pray:  
Be born in us,  
be born in our world.

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

December 16–21

**Monday, Advent Weekday:**  
Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a / Mt 21:23–27

**Tuesday, Advent Weekday:**  
Gn 49:2, 8–10 / Mt 1:1–17

**Wednesday, Advent Weekday:**  
Jer 23:5–8 / Mt 1:18–25

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Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a / Lk 1:5–25

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Is 7:10–14 / Lk 1:26–38

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