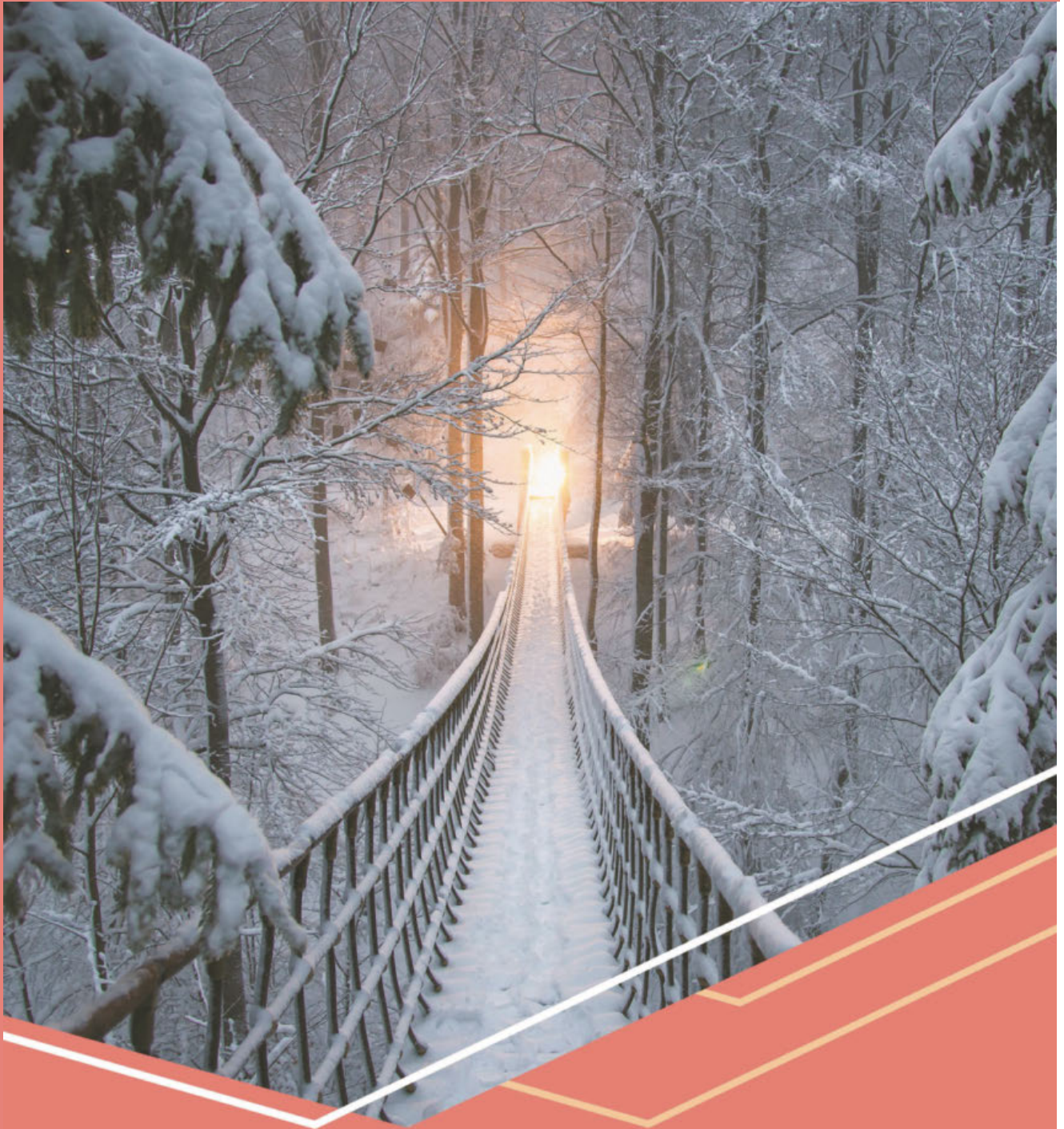


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“Prepare the way of the Lord.” - Mk 1:3

PASTOR'S WHITE BOARD**ADVENT, MARK, AND EDGINESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD – FOR EACH OF US.**

As the curtains parted on the new Church Year last weekend, we have found ourselves in Mark's Gospel with Jesus telling us point blank, "Be watchful! Be alert!" Maybe you already know, Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the Gospels, and it is also the tersest. We quickly hear of the Baptist, and Mary, and, yes the fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve. So we have to hear the pronouncements quickly before Advent runs out of time.

But there is another sharp edge to this Mark Gospel Year. During the summer, we will jump from Mark to John's Bread of Life passages in July and August. Some find these Bread of Life Gospels tedious, or at least repetitious, because they dig into the mystery of the Eucharist. How many different ways are there to talk about the Eucharist? I have never found it onerous to preach about Jesus, Eucharist and Bread of Life, there is always something new – Jesus is as alive now as ever.

This weekend, one group that is taking on the newness of the Gospel in a sharp way are our Confirmation candidates. At the 4:00p.m. Mass Bishop Lombardo and the community will call down the Holy Spirit upon them, as we hear the message of John the Baptizer to look to Jesus. That is the edge of the Gospel of Mark – keep your eye on Jesus because he is going to move quickly and brusquely among both his followers and resisters.

It is also significant that in 2024 we continue our Eucharistic Revival. That this revival comes in a year when Mark rushes us to John says, the only way to really make progress in our spiritual lives is to keep up with all that is happening with Jesus, AND in simple and pointed reflections on what Communion means in our life and how we are growing in understanding what it calls us to do.

So, don't blink. Keep watch on Jesus. Help each other stay caught up with what Jesus may be saying about our lives, how we live them, and how we can help other people who have no clue about who Jesus is, or think he is somehow boring or insignificant. That's on us – time for us to talk more about Jesus in simple and edgy ways.

God Bless you on your Advent Journey.
Fr. Brad



ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT

Tues. Dec. 12th
6-7:30pm in
CHURCH

THIS IS A SELF-PACED ENCOUNTER OF ADVENT. JOIN US FOR AS LITTLE OR AS LONG AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS.

It is a school night, so break out your best Christmas jammies and slippers so your little ones can head straight home to bed!

The poster features a blue background with white stars and a yellow starburst. In the center is an illustration of Mary holding the infant Jesus, with Joseph standing behind them. At the bottom are small illustrations of Christmas cookies and a gift.



Join us this week in person or online

An Advent That Is...
Less Hectic – More Holy

Tues. Dec. 11th In person 9-10am, Wabash room
Tues, Dec. 12th online 6:30-7:30pm

Join us online: <https://bit.ly/3u5VEzg>

The poster has a black background with white stars. At the top is a photograph of a lit Advent wreath. The text is in white and yellow.

OUR PARISH MISSION

Founded in 1833, Old St. Mary's Parish is the first Catholic parish in the Chicago area. Guided for more than a century by the vision of the Paulist Fathers, we are a diverse and welcoming community dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of the Loop, South Loop and the greater Chicago area. As a unified Church and School community, Old St. Mary's Parish promotes the mission of the Paulist Fathers to welcome those who have been away from the church, to build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of diverse backgrounds and religions, and to promote justice and healing in our society.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9 - 5:00 pm
+ Evie Surianegara

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am Mansueka Java, Jr.

11: 00 am + Nena Fogata

4:00 pm Confirmation Candidates

Monday, December 11 - 8:30 am
+ Frank & Geraldine Coachman

Tuesday, December 12 - 8:30 am
Janice D. Bell

Wednesday, December 13 - 8:30 am
+ David Alcorn
+ Rosita Navarro

Thursday, December 14 - 8:30 am
Byron Coachman

Friday, December 15 - 8:30 am
+ James Imbag



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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading: We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel: John the Baptist appeared in the Desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8); 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

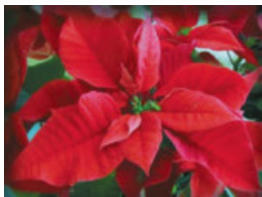
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas is on Tuesday, December 12th.
Come visit the special altar to honor our Blessed Mother in the church from through December 13th.

On weekday mornings, join us to pray the Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe with the rosary at 8AM in the church. The novena will conclude on December 12th with a special hospitality gathering in the commons after the 8:30am Mass



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Remember your loved ones at Christmas with a gift of flowers for the altar. With a donation of \$25, we will publish the name(s) of the person(s) to be remembered in our *December 31* and *January 7* bulletins.

If you receive parish envelopes, there is an envelope in your packet which you can use for this purpose. There will also be envelopes in the Commons available for everyone's use.

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Join us at Old St. Mary's Church to prepare our hearts for our Lord in the rich and diverse Filipino tradition of

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Thursday Dec. 21st @ 7pm

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NOTE: The invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship previously raised \$138,016 supporting 16 students at Old St. Mary's School.

We need your help now more than ever so that we may retain these students.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT BEHOLD WITH SR. MIRIAM JAMES

Let the Holy Family be your light through Advent as you receive the healing power of Christ.

In this beautiful guided video series on FORMED, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT—author of the bestselling book *Restore* and co-host of the *Abiding Together* Podcast — walks with you as you explore familial wounds with the help of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Week two: Fatherhood—Adopt Joseph as your father and embrace his loving strength as you seek healing in your relationship with your own father.

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-2/videos/second-week-of-advent-behold-with-sr-miriam-james>

DONATE YOUR IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

You cannot keep money in your employer-sponsored retirement plan(s) indefinitely. Once you reach retirement, you will need to withdraw money from these funds annually. This is a great opportunity to begin or grow your philanthropic giving.

If you are the account owner of one of these types of accounts and you have reached age 72 (73 if you reach age 72 after Dec. 31, 2022), you have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

The RMD is the smallest amount account holders must withdraw from employer-sponsored retirement plans each year once they reach retirement. **If you fail to meet your RMD, the amount not withdrawn will be taxed at 50%.**

If you have an RMD on your own account or an inherited account and you do not need the funds, donating to charity (Old St. Mary's) is a great option. Your required withdrawal will be included in your taxable income and cannot be rolled into other tax-deferred accounts. However, donating your RMD is a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

Up to \$100,000 of your distribution from an employer-sponsored retirement account (including but not limited to your RMD) is a QCD. Make your donation by December 31 to qualify this year.

MASS TIMES

MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

SATURDAY:

5:00 pm

SUNDAY:

8:00 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm

DAILY MASS:

8:30 am

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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Answer: Confirmation and Holy
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Christ is making a journey into
each of our hearts this Advent.
Clear away whatever blocks his
way. Make straight the path.
Invite him in.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT 2

Dear Lord,
Open our eyes to the people
You have specifically placed in
our path so that we can speak
healing and comfort to them.
Help us to prepare for the
coming of Your kingdom,
together.
Amen.

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**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 10, 2023****Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent**Monday:** St. Damasus I, Pope**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe**Wednesday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and
Martyr**Thursday:** St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the
Church**Friday:****Saturday:****Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of
Advent



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thru Oct 31

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	Receipts
Sunday Collection	\$ 98,115.00
Online Giving	\$ 132,046.29
Faith Formation Tuition	\$ 16,604.00
Bank Acct Interest	\$ 174.28
Candle boxes, Mass Intentions, Baptism, Wedding, etc	\$ 8,671.18
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