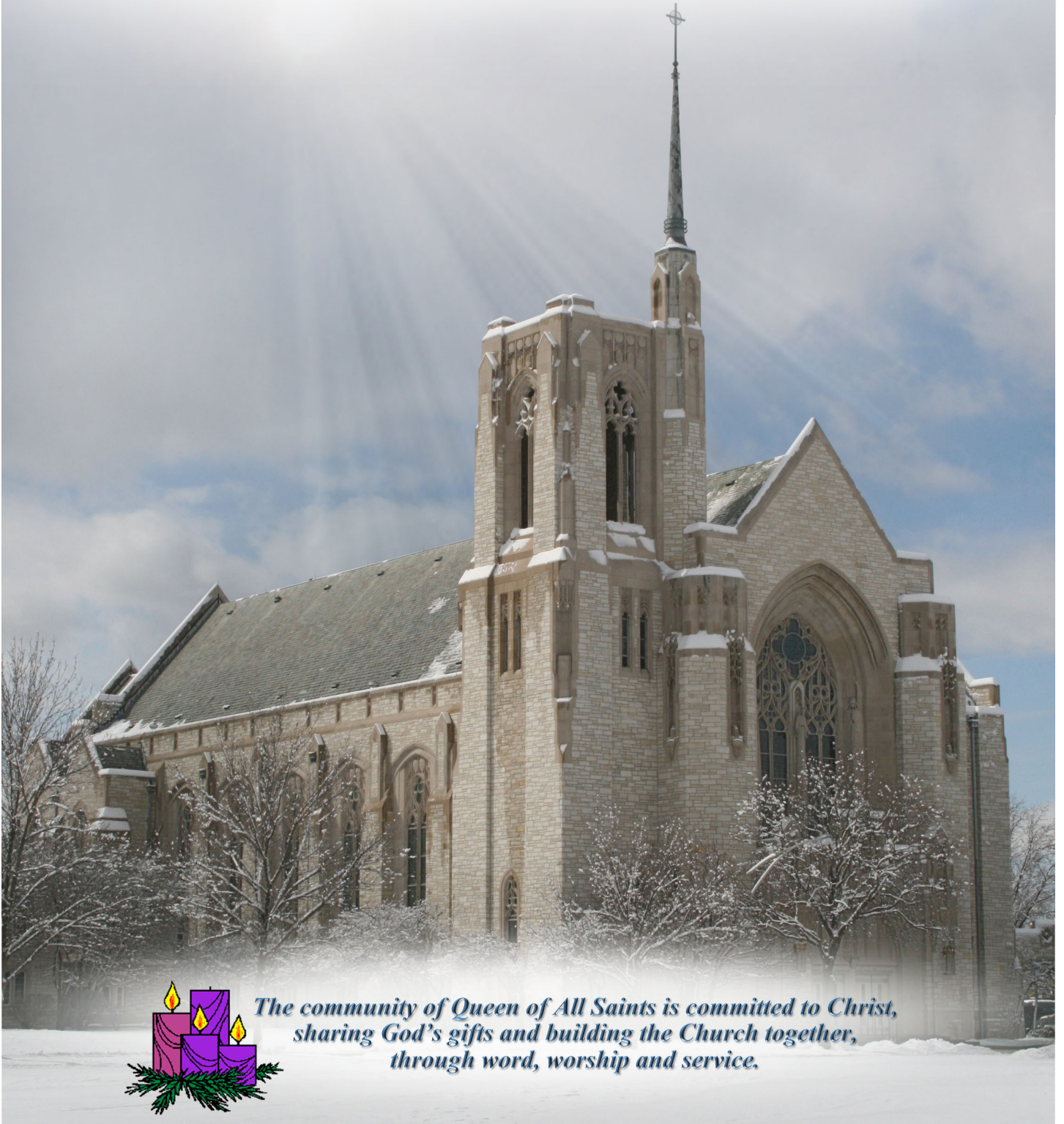


# QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

*A Roman Catholic Church*

DECEMBER 15TH, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY



*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ,  
sharing God's gifts and building the Church together,  
through word, worship and service.*

## FROM FATHER SIMON



Thank you, dear people of Queen of All Saints! Through your generosity this past weekend, over 400 children, parents and caretakers will have smiles on their faces and gratitude in their hearts as they open their Christmas gifts. In a special way I want to thank the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society for their tireless work to help us ‘Share Christmas’ with those in need. They procure the lists, make sure they are on the tree for us to pick up, sort out the gifts with the help of student volunteers and ensure they are delivered to parishes and organizations. Thank you for bringing joy to children and families.

‘JOY’ – that is the theme for the Third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called ‘Gaudete Sunday’. The opening antiphon for today’s liturgy asks us to “*Gaudete in Domino semper*” - “Rejoice in the Lord always”. Today, on our Advent wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy because as the antiphon tells us ‘*The Lord is very near*’.

The Lord is very near indeed as we join the Filipino American Community Association of Queen of All Saints Basilica (FACA) to mark the 31<sup>st</sup> year of celebrating Simbang Gabi at our parish. “Misa de Gallo” or Simbang Gabi is a longstanding Filipino religious tradition dating back to the late 16th century that is celebrated during the season of Advent in preparation for the coming of Jesus on Christmas. The missionary friars at that time held nine days of Masses to usher in the event of Christ’s birth, and this tradition continues to the present. Traditionally, these Masses are celebrated in the early morning hours, typically at 4 a.m. when the roosters crow to announce the coming of a new day. Hence, it is called Misa de Gallo (“Gallo” means rooster).

The missionary friars designed this structure of celebrating the Mass in the early morning to meet the needs of the people, most of whom were farmers. In this way, the farmers could attend Mass and ask blessings from God before they headed out to work, so that their work would bring about more harvest. In this way, the missionary friars could implant the Catholic faith in the hearts and minds of the Filipino people and continue to spread the gospel by integrating it into a distinctly Filipino custom. Here in the United States, these Masses are celebrated in the evening to accommodate work schedules and make the celebration more accessible to families. Hence, the name is changed from Misa de Gallo into Simbang Gabi which simply means “Night Mass”.

The experience of rising early in the morning and traveling to church in the dark adds an element of sacrifice to this season of preparation. I invite you to join our parish celebration of Simbang Gabi Mass on Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Afterward, continue the celebration by joining everyone in the gym to enjoy Filipino culture, food and hospitality. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings!!

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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - MASS SCHEDULE

### ***Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24***

*4:00 p.m. Family Liturgy*

*Children’s Choir*

*Program of Lessons and Carols at 3:30 p.m.*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Basilica Chamber Choir with Organ and Harp*

*12 Midnight*

*Basilica Choir with Organ, Harp  
and Percussion*

*Program of Carols begins at 11:00 p.m.*

### ***Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25***

*6:45 a.m.*

*Music for Harp & Violin*

*8:00 a.m.*

*Basilica Chamber Choir with Organ and Harp*

*9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*

*Basilica Choir with Organ, Harp  
and Percussion*

# ADVENT AND MORE

## Advent Prayer - Monday Evening Holy Hour

On Mondays, December 16 & 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., there is a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Prepare your heart for Christ with an hour of prayer each week before the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be in the confessionals during the Holy Hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



## Third Week of Advent

December 15, Sunday - Second collection to support our monthly sharing with the needy

December 17, Tuesday - Holiday coffee in the rectory after all morning Masses

December 19, Thursday - School Concert, "The Angels Sing", 7:00pm

December 21, Saturday - Simbang Gabi, Traditional Filipino Advent liturgy, 7:00pm in the basilica, with a reception following in the gym (*this is a Vigil Mass and fulfills your Sunday obligation*)

## Fourth Week of Advent

December 24, Tuesday - only one morning Mass at 8:30am

## Holiday Coffee

Please stop by the rectory on Tuesday, December 17 after Mass for our annual Holiday Coffee.

Join the priests and your fellow parishioners for coffee and sweets in celebration of the season!



## Youth Ministry Events

**Sunday, December 15th** - Meeting at 1:30pm followed by Youth Ministry Open Gym

**Friday, December 20th** - Volunteer Opportunity, email [qasym@qasparish.org](mailto:qasym@qasparish.org) for more information

**Saturday, December 21st** - Youth Ministry Christmas Party, 1:30-3:00pm, in the Holy Name Room

## Children's Christmas Choir

All parishioners in 3rd through 8th grade are invited to sing in this year's Children's Christmas Choir!

Rehearsal in the Basilica  
Saturday, December 21st  
12 noon - 2pm

Service  
Christmas Eve, Tuesday,  
December 24th  
Call time is 2:45pm  
Service of Lessons and Carols  
at 3:30pm  
Mass at 4pm



## Lectors & Homebound Ministers Calendar Reminder

Please let Paul Scavone know of any conflicts for the months of January, February

and March. You can reach Paul at the rectory by phone at 773-736-6060 (ext. 225) or email [paul.scavone@qasparish.org](mailto:paul.scavone@qasparish.org).

*We will need this information by today, Sunday, December 15th. Thanks in advance!*

# UPCOMING DATES

## 2020 UPP Field of Dreams Gala



Mark your calendars! Queen of All Saints Parish is celebrating our 91st year in 2020 and we are excited to honor this special anniversary at our Field of Dreams gala on Friday, May 15, 2020. We hope you will join us. Watch future parish communications for details on the UPP and the gala.

Looking forward to 100 years!

# 1929 - 2029

## Dates to Remember

- Solemnity of Mary Mass times - Tuesday, December 31, Vigil Mass at 5pm; Wednesday, January 1, morning Masses at 8:00, 10am & 12 noon. Please note December 31 has only ONE morning Mass
- Catholic Schools Week Mass - January 26 at 11am
- 3rd Grade Family Mass - Sunday, February 2, 9:30am

## Getting Through the Holidays

There are no rules for surviving holiday grief.

Do what you need to do to survive.

Honor your loved one how you need to, and do what feels best for your fragile, aching heart.

You are missing a huge piece of you, so do whatever you need to do to find a sliver of peace.

*-Angela Miller*

*ps. And make sure to take care of yourself.*

## Archdiocese of Chicago Human Dignity and Solidarity – Immigration Ministry IMMIGRATION FILM FESTIVAL 2020

Exploring Immigration Issues Through Film and Discussion  
Free Admission



Thursday, January 9	Time: 7pm	St. Damian, Oak Forest	Film: Brightness of Noon, Part II
Thursday, January 9	Time: 7pm	St. Clement, Chicago	Film: Who is Dayani Cristal?
Saturday, January 11	Time: 6pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview	Film: One Border One Body
Sunday, January 12	Time: 1:30pm	Old St. Patrick's, Chicago	Film: Icebox
Sunday, January 12	Time: 2pm	Ascension, Oak Park	Film: Beyond Borders
Sunday, January 19	Time: 7pm	St. George, Tinley Park	Film: Icebox
Sunday, January 19	Time: 12:30pm	St. Mary, Evanston	Film: Who is Dayani Cristal?
Thursday, January 23	Time: 7pm	St. Michael, Orland Park	Film: Who is Dayani Cristal?
Thursday, January 23	Time: 7pm	St. Teresa of Avila, Chicago	Film: Brightness of Noon, Part II
Monday, January 27	Time: 7pm	Assumption, Chicago	Film: Posada
Saturday, February 1	Time: 5:30pm	St. Christopher, Midlothian	Film: Posada

For more information contact Mary Lou Matheke at [mmatheke@archchicago.org](mailto:mmatheke@archchicago.org), Miguel Salazar at [msalazar@archchicago.org](mailto:msalazar@archchicago.org) or 312.534.8508 or visit [catholicsandimmigrants.org](http://catholicsandimmigrants.org).



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**Queen of all Saints Basilica**

The 31st  
**Simbang**  
**Gabi**



**Queen of All Saints Basilica**

6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago, IL 60646



**Saturday, Dec 21, 2019\***  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

*Reception follows in the gym*

**Jesus: Still the Word that We Proclaim**

***Jesus is the Savior of All People***

*Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena of Marian Masses held before Christmas to prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Mother of God.*

*\*This will be an Anticipated Mass that fulfills the Sunday obligation.*

For more information send inquiry to [facaofgas@gmail.com](mailto:facaofgas@gmail.com) or contact:  
Jily Vizconde 847.226.0493 or Maureen Isidoro 312.838.1110



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## Who Will Fill These Shoes?

December 27, 2019

Young men in the Archdiocese of Chicago, ages 13-20, are invited with their parents and parish priests to attend this exciting event at Mundelein Seminary on the campus of the University of St. Mary of the Lake. Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.



**December 27, 2019, 5-8:30pm**

**University of St. Mary of the Lake**

1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060



**Save the Date!**

## Interfaith Prayer Service *Becoming a Community of Hope*

January 12, 2020 at 4 p.m.

St. Viator Church - 4170 W. Addison Ave.  
Chicago 60641

Please join Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, at the end of Migration Week, as we reflect on sharing our journey with prayer, song, and reflections by members of diverse faiths and populations.

Reception at 5 p.m. with light refreshments.

Free parking is available north of the church.

For more information please contact: [mgosch@viatorians.com](mailto:mgosch@viatorians.com)  
[www.sistersandbrothersofimmigrants.org](http://www.sistersandbrothersofimmigrants.org)



## d'Vine Affair - January 26

The 19th Annual d'Vine Affair returns to The Union League Club of Chicago on Sunday, January 26 from 2 to 6pm.



This elegant event features over 90 vintners from around the world pouring more than 250 of their premium wines. Popular features - a craft & imported beer tasting room, a silent auction, the live auction of a barrel of wine, a "Stock Your Cellar" raffle, and gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts. A special Wine Appreciation Seminar and a Beer Appreciation Seminar will be presented at the event.

Reservations are \$125 per person. Proceeds from the d'Vine Affair benefit Catholic Charities Self-Sufficiency Programs in Cook and Lake Counties. Make your reservation today by visiting

[www.catholiccharities.net/dvine](http://www.catholiccharities.net/dvine)

or by contacting Dave Gardner, Director of Regional & Program Events, at (312) 655-7907 or [dgardner@catholiccharities.net](mailto:dgardner@catholiccharities.net).

## Scholarship Opportunity

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) offers a \$1,000 scholarship renewable for four years to the deserving young Catholic woman who can successfully articulate what it means to be a Catholic woman in the world today.

The applicant should currently be a high school senior. She does not have to attend a Catholic high school, nor does she have to select a Catholic college or university. The rules, criteria and application for the scholarship are available for download on the ACCW website at [accw.archchicago.org](http://accw.archchicago.org). You may also access our website via the archdiocesan website, [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org). If you use this website, select "Office Ministries" and click on "Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women", then select the tab for "Scholarship."

The deadline for submission of a completed application and all required letters of recommendation is March 20, 2020. You may call the ACCW office for any additional questions or information at 312-534-8330.

# SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parishioner,

Queen of All Saints School is grateful to you for supporting the advancement of Catholic school education. I am writing about a unique opportunity for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools. The State of Illinois created a tax credit scholarship program through the “Invest in Kids” Act that is mutually beneficial to students and donors. It provides a 75 percent Illinois State income tax credit to individuals who contribute money to fund scholarships for students to attend private schools. Eligible students from low-income families in Illinois may use these scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake Counties.

To increase the funds available for scholarships next year, several donors have partnered with the scholarship granting organization Empower Illinois and the Archdiocese of Chicago to create a matching gift pool.

- Every dollar donated to this program through Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019 and Feb. 29, 2020 and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago will be matched with two dollars from this pool (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 29, 2020, whichever comes first.
- A \$5,000 donation will have a tremendous impact. With the 75 percent tax credit you receive on the donation and this match, it will have a net cost to you of \$1,250 and will provide \$15,000 in scholarships for low-income families.
- After April 1, 2020, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.
- Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2019 taxes should begin the process prior to Dec. 16, 2019 to ensure they have enough time to make their gift by Dec. 31, 2019.

We also want to share with you this message from Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, regarding the importance of the tax credit scholarship program. Please visit <https://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships>

We hope you will join us in supporting Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools and provide more children a quality Catholic school education. For more information, please contact me or the archdiocese’s Tax Credit Scholarship Office at [tcs@archchicago.org](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org) or 312.534.2617.

Kind regards,

Emily Carlson  
Principal

# PARISH NEWS

## Tree Lighting and Preschool Family Mass!







# STEWARDSHIP

*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts and building the Church together, through word, worship and service.*

## Stewardship This Christmas

Readers of this page know that we have begun a drive to replenish our parish long-term savings.

This is necessary simply as a result of our borrowing from those savings to pay for **the very major basilica ceiling and bell tower projects**, as well as other repairs that have resulted from decades of Chicago winters.

These projects were absolutely necessary **to keep our basilica in a safe condition** for our use in the Masses, liturgies and other events that take place in our sacred space.

We have set a goal of a 25% increase in our Sunday/Holy Day collections as a start in our journey to reach the goal of raising \$5 million **to restore our savings safety net**.

We also know that our Christmas collection is our largest special collection of the year, and is a very necessary part of our being able **to support the many ministries, liturgies and activities that touch us throughout the year**.

*Please keep these two ideas in mind as you decide on your gift to our parish this Christmas.*

*Thank you for being here and for your continuing generosity.*

## Social Media

Facebook - Queen of All Saints Parish - Chicago

Instagram - @qasbasilica



## Today's Readings

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."  
- (James 5:8)*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 4, 2019

Donation Type	Amount	Users
Envelopes	\$18,205.49	467
Loose Donations	\$4,734.00	n/a
Electronic Giving	\$7,930.55	162
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,870.04</b>	
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>\$638,639.80</b>	

## Time to Modernize Your Giving?

Is it time to join your fellow parishioners who have already made the move to electronic giving?

It's safe, convenient and dependable.

Just go to our parish webpage at [qasparish.org](http://qasparish.org), click on the GiveCentral logo and follow the prompts.

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 15th (Third Sunday of Advent)** - *All Sunday Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish*

**Monday, December 16th** - *School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS Homebound, Margaret Wold, George Stegmaier, Clement C. Stegmaier family, Alma & George Brown, Shirley Sotto, Beata Garcia, Sara Testa, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador*

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

**Tuesday, December 17th** - *Deceased members of QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, David Stefani, Simon Pahati, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador*

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

**Wednesday, December 18th** - *Basilica Fund members, Ruth Stegmaier, Richard F. Scheuer, Rudy Sinsky, Joan Crosbie Planek, John M. Hoppe, Billy W. VanSickle, Gaspar & Ria Erdelyi, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador, Chandy & Mariam Kochupurackal*

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

**Thursday, December 19th** - *Leslie Guderyahn, Charles Hansen, Katherine Hansen, John Hansen, Dr. Clifford H. Miller, Cesar Garcia, Aurora Reyes, Arcadio Salvador*

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

**Friday, December 20th** - *Helen & Jerry Martin, David Stefani, Lois Arlene Lechner, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Guderyahn Sr., Clement C. Stegmaier family, Ricardo Eugenio, Pilar Eugenio, Manuel Eugenio, Warren Valsa, Katharina Milleker*

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

**Saturday, December 21st (St. Peter Canisius)** - *John T. Kelly, Estelle Pahati, Salvy Monastero, Blanca Cecilia Mendieta*

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

## *Please Pray for Our Recently Deceased*

**Carlos Antezana**



## Reason to Rejoice

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

# QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

## Pastoral Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Simon Braganza  
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Rev. Msgr. Wayne F. Prist  
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Rev. Edward D. Grace  
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## Queen of All Saints School

Pre K-3 through Grade 8  
Principal.....Emily Carlson  
Administrative Assistant.....Ida Segreti  
School Secretary.....Janet Santicola

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## Contact Info

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Rectory phone number.....773-736-6060  
Rectory fax number.....773-736-6099

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil .....5:00pm  
Sunday.....6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am, 12:30pm

## Daily Mass and Rosary

Monday-Friday.....6:30, 8:30am  
Saturday.....8:00am  
Rosary.....Daily after the 8:30am Mass

## Devotions and Holy Day Masses

Holy Hour.....Monday, 7:00pm  
Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day  
Mass schedule

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....After the 8:00 am Mass until all are heard

## To Register in the Parish

Please contact the Rectory Office.....773-736-6060

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism. If it is not possible for you to come to the rectory, please call the rectory to make arrangements. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is celebrated two or three Sundays of the month, depending on the time of year, at 1:30pm. Please call the rectory for the exact schedule. A Baptismal Preparation class for the parents is required. They are held once a month on alternate Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and must also be scheduled in advance. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

## The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

# OTHER NEWS

## Today's Readings

**First Reading:** The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm:** Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading:** Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel:** Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE







**Next Sunday, December 22nd**  
**5:00pm** - Fr. Robert Heidenreich  
**6:45am** - Fr. Walter Cheboi  
**8:00am** - Fr. Robert Heidenreich  
**9:30am** - Fr. Edward Grace  
**11:00am** - Fr. Simon Braganza  
**12:30pm** - Fr. Michael Cronin



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