

*Second  
Sunday  
of Advent*

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN  
SETON  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Dedicated December 11, 1977*

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**Holy Mass Schedule**

**Sunday Mass:**

Sunday: 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday: Noon

Thursday: Noon

**Reconciliation:**

At all Masses.

Also by an Appointment.

**11 Hour Adoration:**

First Friday of every month

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Mon –Sat 11:00 am to noon

Sunday 10:30 [Rosary only]

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018



*Our PEACE is found in  
Jesus Christ!*



## SVdP Youth News

### Giving Tree

There are a few more tags left on the Giving tree. Please take one or more tags off of the Giving Tree located in the vestibule and purchase a gift/gifts for a resident at Centerstone.

The SVdP Youth Group has invited the residents to a Christmas party here on Thursday, **December 20, at 3:00 pm** At this party, the youth group will give them their presents. The residents and the youth group will have an opportunity to play Bingo and win prizes, eat Christmas goodies, and spend time with each other.

The Giving Tree gifts need to be brought in by Sunday, **December 16**. The gifts need to be wrapped. Please attach the tag from the tree to the gift. Thank you in advance for your support!

### Due to a change in Centerstone's schedule, please note the time change for the party for the residents of Centerstone

At the last SVdP Youth Group meeting, the youth went next door to Kay Harris's house and sang Christmas carols. They also gave her one of the cards they made signed by each one of them. Kay was thrilled to receive a visit from the youth group. Thanks for all who came out and sang their hearts out!

Afterwards, they came back to the Fellowship Hall, ate snacks and enjoyed each others company while playing pool and Uno.

### Stocking Hung with Care

Just like last year, we will have a Christmas stocking for each child hung in the hall. These stockings will be hung up until Christmas. During this time, parishioners are invited to fill them with goodies. Please check the stockings and if your child's name is not on one, please let Valerie know ASAP so she can make a stocking for your child. **There are 28 stockings hung.** Each child can pick up their stocking contents on Christmas Eve/Day. Their goodies will be placed in bags labeled with their name.

### Parish Christmas Card Mailbox

The Christmas card mailbox is up! You will find it hanging in the hallway. Each slot is labeled with the last names of each registered parishioner. This mailbox is a perfect way to exchange Christmas cards with each other. You can pick up a complete list of registered parishioners on the table in the vestibule. If your name is not on the mailbox please contact Valerie. If you have not registered but wish to please see Valerie and your name will be added along with your registration to the church.

### Youth Mass

Sunday, December 16, is our Youth Mass. We would like to have members of our youth be ushers and bring up gifts. Please plan to be a participate in this Mass.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The Mass to celebrate our Lady of Guadalupe will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 3:00pm. Afterwards, plan to stay for the Potluck. All are welcome to attend.



**St Patrick's Parish Progressive Ministry Christmas Open House!** There will be a Parish Open House hosted by Father Zack on Saturday, December 15 directly after Mass. Food and fellowship at the rectory afterward! You can visit with father in his home and also take a tour of St Patrick's church, office and visit with members of different ministries.

### **SIX WAYS TO KEEP YOUR ADVENT HOLY**

(To make it easy to remember these six tips, each one begins with a letter from the word, "Advent"):

**A - Adoration** Sometime before Christmas, make a date with Jesus. One hour, at your convenience, where it's just you and him. Simply rest and relax in his presence before the Blessed Sacrament and soak in how much he loves you and how he wants to be with you.

**D - Divine Word** Give yourself a ten-minute break each day of Advent. Carve out those precious minutes when it works best for you and curl up with the greatest book of all -- the Bible. Read a small portion and let the words enter your heart and mind. What are God's love letters trying to say in a special way to you today?

**V - Virgin Mary** We all need companions for the journey. No one is meant to go through this live alone! Blessed Mother is a Best Friend Forever when we allow her to wrap us in her mantle of protection, model the virtues for us, and intercede for all our needs.

**E - Examination of Conscience** With the Holy Spirit's assistance, reflect on where you need to make straight your ways for the coming of the Lord, and then treat yourself to the ultimate unburdening -- the Sacrament of Confession. Feel lightened, relieved, refreshed, and most of all, joyful, to receive the beauty of the season.

**N - Neighborliness** What better gift to give Jesus for his birthday than a little extra TLC for our neighbors -- particularly the poor, the widowed, the orphaned, the lonely, and the marginalized. Make a point of doing one special Work of Mercy this season and discover how it actually increases your energy for the busyness of holiday preparations.

**T - Traditions** Give yourself a daily reminder of the sacredness and holiness of Advent, by incorporating a family tradition or two in your home. There are lots of them -- the Advent Wreath, the Jessie Tree, the Advent Calendar, decorating the house with purple, just to name a few. It's a great way for your family to stay bonded and grounded



# From the Pastor's Desk

Father Zack Kirangu  
Parish Administrator

## What to do during Advent?

The word of God which will accompany us for the coming Sundays tells us that Jesus has not just come once. He keeps coming. He comes and is present at all cheerful or sad events of our life; he comes and present in all that happens in the world and in the church; he comes and is present in all those who spread new ideas, utter words of love, peace and reconciliation, in those who strive to build a new world.

Jesus comes and keeps coming, but are we ready to recognize him? Do we know how to perceive his presence in every event of our life? Are we not afraid that his message may upset us by demanding a radical transformation of our habits? Do we not rather prefer to keep our eyes and ears closed?

There is a great need for the coming of Jesus! Where? For the times when we have forgotten that we need a Savior, and arrogantly conceive of ourselves as sufficient to self; For the times when we do not believe Jesus and instead give in to the lie of perceiving God the Father as being indifferent or hostile to our well-being; For the times when we trust our self-pitying accusations more than the Father's love; For the times when we desecrate the presence of Christ by making our own opinions, our own criteria or our own likes and dislikes the measure for measuring the circumstances of life and other people; For the times when we have shunned the presence of Christ, whether it be his sacramental presence or his presence through the people he puts in our lives; For the times we have blasphemed the presence of Christ through using other human beings as things that we can manipulate or use for our own selfish ends; For the times when we have disregarded the will of Christ through abuse of those things he has given to us for the building up of the kingdom; For the times when we justify our sinfulness thus treat God's mercy with disdain.

Has Jesus come in all these? No, he has not come and cannot come before the obstacles preventing his coming are removed. Barriers will have to be pulled down, valleys filled up, men and women must not be divided by any obstacle any more since whatever divides cuts off also from Christ.

The readings of Advent invite us to be vigilant, to keep our eyes wide open in order to discover and prepare the ways that Jesus has chosen to come and free us from the evil with which we seek happiness, but that instead provokes only a lot of sorrow.

## Blessing of the Bambinelli

Blessing of the Bambinelli, the statues of baby Jesus that will be placed in a manger. If you would like bring in your statue of Baby Jesus to be blessed, Father Zack will be blessing them next Sunday, December 16.

The custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas creche or manger for Christmas eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century representations of the nativity of the Lord were painted as wall decorations depicting not only the infancy narrative accounts of Christ's birth, but also the words of the prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk taken to mean that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals in a manger.

The manger scene has a special place near the Christmas tree or in another place where family members can reflect and pray during the Christmas season.



## Schedule Changes

There will be no Mass Tuesday, December 11  
There will be no RCIA Wednesday, December 12

## Advent Penance Service

St Elizabeth Ann Seton– December 16, Sunday after Mass  
St Patrick's– December 11, 1:00pm & 7:00pm

December 9, 2018 Gift Bearers & Vocation  
Cup: Rye Family



## Prayer intentions

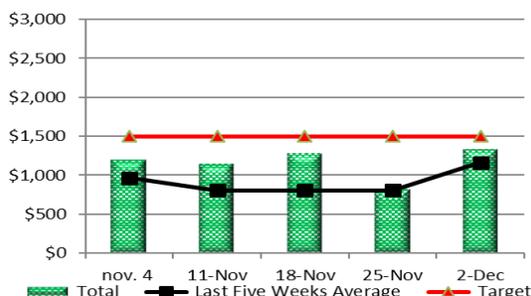
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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

	December 9	December 16
Minister	Sue Resler	Carney Brown
Lector I	Haydee Perez	Landon Arthon
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E.M.H.C	Bonnie Lill	Joan Kupiec
E.M.H.C		Sue Resler
E.M.H.C.		
Gift Bearer	Rye Family [ Seth]	Rye Family [Wayne]

## Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Weeks Collection: 1341.00  
Attendance: 75



December is Dedicated to the Coming of Christ

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**December 9 thru December 16**  
**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 9**  
 Mass 11:00am  
 Ashlyn Long  
 By Sandy Long

**Wednesday, December 12**  
 Mass 3:00  
 Lady of Guadalupe  
 By Haydee

**Thursday, December 13**  
 Mass noon  
 Ambra Long  
 By Sandy

**Sunday, December 16**  
 Mass 11:00am  
 + Dakota Cline  
 By Sandy Long

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