



# SAINT STANISLAUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

51 LANSDALE AVENUE, LANSDALE, PA 19446

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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**Mr. Phil Ricciardi**

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**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil** - 5:15pm (4:30pm effective 1/6/24)

**Sunday** - 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am;

1:00pm (Spanish)

**Daily** - Monday through Saturday – 8:00am

**See Page #4 for Christmas Mass Schedule**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Mondays** - 5:00pm to 5:45pm

**Saturdays** - 4:00pm to 4:45pm (3:30-4pm effective 1/6/24)

**No Confessions on Monday, 12/25**

*We welcome all to join in our worship of God and celebration of our Catholic faith here at St. Stanislaus Parish. Our community is centered on encountering Jesus present in the Eucharist and serving Him through our love of our neighbors. If you are new or visiting, please visit our website or call the Parish Center for more information on registration, sacraments, events and all aspects of Parish Life.*



*Damos la bienvenida a todos a unirse a nuestra adoración a Dios y la celebración de nuestra fe católica aquí en la Parroquia de San Estanislao. Nuestra comunidad se centra en el encuentro con Jesús presente en la Eucaristía y en servirle a través del amor a nuestro prójimo. Si usted es nuevo o está de visita, visite nuestro sitio web o llame al Centro Parroquial para obtener más información sobre el registro, los sacramentos, los eventos y todos los aspectos de la vida parroquial.*



For the pastoral care of the dying, priests are available after office hours by calling 215-368-0220.

*From The* **PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! We celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and the Solemnity of Christmas in consecutive days this year. In normal years, we may feel that there isn't enough time to get everything ready for Christmas. From the perspective of the Liturgical calendar, this year is as hurried as it gets. However, preparing for the coming of Jesus is something that we can never hurry, and must anticipate every day of our lives. I hope that as you pray at St. Stan's this Christmas, you receive the peace that comes with the knowledge that unto us our Savior is born.

When Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph, the world began to recognize this great gift. The cosmos heralded his birth, along with shepherds and foreign kings. The celebration of this reality was coupled with the fear of Herod. The message of salvation challenged the hearts of many, and responses were varied. Search your heart this Christmas and recognize those areas of your life that may need healing and change. Approach the Lord with joy, humility, and wonder. The first announcements to Mary and Joseph by the angel Gabriel included the prayerful command "do not be afraid." Spend some time in adoration at the manger scene, and let your worries be comforted by God made flesh, a humble baby born in a manger. On Christmas, we learn to live with the comforting reality that every day, in all things, because of Jesus, God is with us.

May God Bless You,

Fr. Sean



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of  
All our parishioners who have passed  
May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father

### Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38  
**Monday, December 25th:** (Vigil) Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25  
**Monday, December 25th:** (Night) Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14  
**Monday, December 25th:** (Day) Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5,9-14  
**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40  
**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

### Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle  
in the Church  
burns this week  
in memory of  
**Elizabeth G. Linden**  
at the request of  
**Louise Linden**

The Sanctuary Candle  
in the Chapel  
burns this week  
for the intention of  
**Patti Klein**  
at the request of  
**Karen Anne Zimmerman**

The Sanctuary Candle  
in the Adoration Chapel  
burns this week  
in memory of  
**Maureen Miller**  
at the request of  
**Ronnie James & family**

If you wish to have a Sanctuary Candle burn for a loved one, please call 215-855-3133, Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# MASS Intentions

### Sunday, December 24, 2023

7:00am	Edward & Clara Gray, requested by Kathie & Martin Kaffenberg
9:00am	Thomas C. Wermuth, requested by Marie Wilson
11:00am	Maria Smith, requested by the Kovacs Family
1:00pm (Sp)	Carmelo Texca Daniel, requested by Sandra Texca
<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)</b>	
4:00pm	The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish
6:00pm	The Christmas Flower Memorials
8:00pm (Sp)	The Christmas Flower Memorials

### Monday, December 25, 2023

12:00Midnight	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)</b> The Christmas Flower Memorials
9:00am	The Christmas Flower Memorials
11:00am	The Christmas Flower Memorials

### Tuesday, December 26, 2023

8:00am	<b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b> Geraldine Burns, requested by Joe & Eileen Holmes
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### Wednesday, December 27, 2023

8:00am	<b>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Spike Souders (Anniversary Remembrance), requested by the Souders Family
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### Thursday, December 28, 2023

8:00am	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> Terri Scherer, requested by Sonny & Diane Derescavage
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### Friday, December 29, 2023

8:00am	<b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Corazon Cantos, requested by Sim & Dorie Cantos
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### Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:00am	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Benjamin & Gabrielle Novia (Anniversary Remembrance), requested by the Miller Family
5:15pm	The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish

### Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:00am	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b> The Deceased Members of the Lisa Family, requested by Roy & Donna Gross
9:00am	Margaret Neill, requested by the Neill Family
11:00am	Marie Langton, requested by Susan Dudzinsky
1:00pm (Sp)	Aminta Amaya, requested by Nelis Romero

## PRAY for the sick

William Albright; Maria Bader; Brianna Bailey; Hugh Bailey; Zane Berry; Lisa Campbell; Kinleigh Connelly; Adelaida de la Paz; Bienvenido de la Paz; Carmen de la Paz; Veronica Diaz; Lori Dmytryszyn; Zachary DuPlooy; Janet Feliciano; Joseph and Phyllis Gadaleta; Michael Grondalski; Terri Gurecki; Ron Hegedus; Conor Jankowski; Elaine Lyons; Karen MacLeod; Douglas Mandart; Vincent Martin; Irene Mazurkewitz; Harry Meeks; Catherine Mengini; Chris Milecki; Monique Mueller; Caroline Niesley; Violeta Ortaliza; Zenaida Ortaliza; Beth and Michael Owens; Marianne Peters; Guna Puntel; Celene Reavy; Emily Recco; Cesar Rogado; Tony Scalfaro; Ada Scheiblin; Megan Scheiblin; Mary Jane Shepley; Katie Spencer; Joanne Stockert; Candace Zemalis; Terri Zischang

If you wish to place someone on this list for one month, or to continue a name on the list, please call the Parish Center at 215-855-3133 or email [info@ststanislaus.com](mailto:info@ststanislaus.com). If you wish to place a name on our Prayer Line, please use the same procedure above.

*Christmas Mass Schedule*



Christmas Eve

4:00pm  
(Adult & Children's Choir)  
6:00pm  
8:00pm  
(in Spanish)

Christmas Day

Midnight  
9:00am  
11:00am

**Divine Mercy Minute**

Tell Me about everything, be sincere in dealing with Me, reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them, and your suffering will become a source of your sanctification (Diary, 1487)



**Preparing for Sunday Scripture**

PSS, held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings will not meet the weeks of Christmas and New Years. We will resume meetings on Tuesday, January 9th. Have a blessed Christmas!

*Treasure Information*

	2023	2022
	12/10	12/11
Sunday	\$8,794	\$9,751
Special Collections	-	-
Electronic & Other	\$11,175	\$10,921

*Joy to the World!*



The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in His Presence. Matthew 1:23

Please consider Online Giving this holiday season. Visit our website today at [www.ststanislaus.com](http://www.ststanislaus.com) to sign up.



Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church meet its budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.

Download the Parish Giving™ app today! Visit



**Dear Prayer Partners,** Thank you for praying for one or more of our candidates and catechumens! The postcards are due back by February 18th. Beginning the weekend of January 6th/7th, there will be "mailboxes" in the front and middle vestibules to drop off your postcard or you may bring it to the Parish Center.

If you selected the prayer card for **Caroline R-S, Jasmin B., or Jennifer S.,** please contact Leona Russell in the PREP office via email or phone (see Page #7) to add your name to our list of prayer partners. Their prayer cards were taken but the sheet on the table did not have a name written next to it for who took their card. *Your continued prayers are appreciated!*



**St. Stanislaus Parish Center**

215-855-3133

Receptionists are available  
Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm

**The Parish Center will close on  
December 22nd at 1pm and reopen  
Thursday, December 28th at 10am**

**Please Be Aware!**



St. Stan's priests and parish staff will **never** email or text requests for money, gift cards, or financial help in any way. If you receive such a request, please **DO NOT** respond! Mark emails as spam/junk and block any phone numbers that text/call you.

Drawing is on  
Monday  
January 1<sup>st</sup> -  
Get your  
tickets today!

# Sea Isle City Vacation House RAFFLE

*Saint Stanislaus Parish...  
turning the winter blues  
into summer waves*



**WIN A 10 DAY VACATION IN SEA ISLE CITY, NJ**



**JUNE OR SEPTEMBER 2024**  
YOUR CHOICE OF DATES

**SLEEPS 8 | 4 BEDROOM | 3.5 BATHS**  
(2 Master Suites)

*Maximum Occupancy of House is 8 People*

**MANY AMENITIES INCLUDING:**

Heated Pool

Beach Tags

Off Street Parking/Garage

3 Furnished Decks

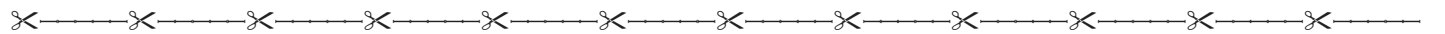
1.5 blocks from a great beach  
On Landis Avenue

**Raffle Tickets - \$100 Each**

Drawing will be on January 1, 2024. 100% of the raffle ticket cost is being donated to our Parish.

[www.StStanislaus.com](http://www.StStanislaus.com)

**Second Prize - Weekend Vacation, October 12-14, 2024**  
**Third Prize - Valentine Getaway for 2, February 9-11, 2024**



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH CENTER OR DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS, ALONG WITH A CHECK (\$100) MADE PAYABLE TO ST. STANISLAUS PARISH, 51 LANSDALE AVENUE, LANSDALE, PA 19446.

PLEASE NOTE "**BEACH HOUSE RAFFLE**" ON THE CHECK AND ENVELOPE.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS 12/31/23

## **SAINT STANISLAUS PARISH BEACH HOUSE RAFFLE**

*PERMIT 23-000000470*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR TICKET/S WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU



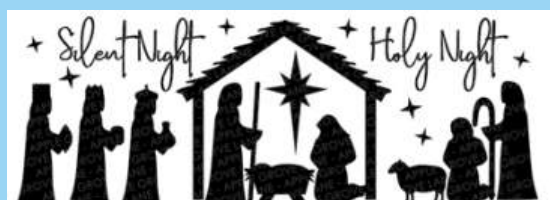
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Website: [www.materdeicatholic.com](http://www.materdeicatholic.com)

**The Nativity Story at Mater Dei**  
**We wish all of you a Blessed Christmas!**

Last week, Mater Dei students celebrated the birth of Jesus and the love and faith that the Holy Family shared with one another. With reverence and beauty, our 8th Graders presented the story of Christ's birth with the help of several other Mater Dei classes at the annual Christmas Pageant.

The movies, "The Star" and "Journey to Bethlehem" warmed our hearts and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

Our preschoolers' voices could be heard throughout the building as they prepare for their Christmas Presentation this week and we prepare to celebrate that "Silent Night" so long ago!



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

In honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, Father Jonathan spoke to some of our students about the miracles and importance of the Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mater Dei students learned about some interesting facts surrounding the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which remained on Juan Diego's tilma or poncho after he carried the beautiful roses that Mary asked him to gather... the image has lasted and shows no signs of deterioration and the stars surrounding the image are astronomically correct. Thanks Fr. Jonathan for celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mater Dei.



**24-25 Mater Dei Catholic School Enrollment for Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 8 classrooms is OPEN!**



Mater Dei is now accepting applications for the 24-25 school year. Students who will enter Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 8 can apply. Placement is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please contact Mater Dei's Advancement Office for more information or to schedule a tour at [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com) or 215-368-9787.

**Parish Religious Education Program**

Director of Religious Education (PREP): Mrs. Leona Russell

Office Phone Number: 215-855-9893; Email: [ststansprep@yahoo.com](mailto:ststansprep@yahoo.com)

On behalf of the Parish Religious Education Office, we wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and **blessed, healthy and faith-filled New Year!** *The PREP office will be closed until Monday, January 1st for the holiday break. Enjoy this special time of year with your family and friends!*



The PREP office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

PREP is back in session on Wednesday, January 3rd and Sunday, January 7th.

Thank you to all who brought gifts for baby Jesus! These gifts will be put to good use by some very special children and families through the **North Penn Women's Clinic right here in Lansdale**. Your generosity is truly a blessing to these families.

May you in turn be richly blessed!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 28** - Blessing of the First Communion candidates at the 9am Mass

**February 8** - First Penance at 7pm in the Church

**February 11** - Confirmation Retreat

**February 18** - Confirmation Prayer Partner postcards due back

**February 18** - First Communion families - Morning of Reflection

**March 17** - **2025** Confirmation Meeting

**April 6** - First Communion Retreat

**April 27** - First Holy Communion Mass at 10am

**May 8** - Confirmation Mass @ 4:30pm

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Is God calling you?** PREP is looking to increase its sub list. You may choose to sub as a classroom aide or catechist, or both! Volunteers over the age of 18 will need clearances. High school students are welcome to volunteer and do not need clearances if they are under 18. PREP classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:45pm - 8pm and two Sundays a month from 10:15am - 11:30am. *This is NOT a weekly commitment. We will contact you to see if you are available when a sub is needed.* Please contact Leona Russell in the PREP office if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!



*"To celebrate Mary is to celebrate the closeness and tenderness of God who meets His people, who does not leave us alone, who has given us a Mother who cares for us and accompanies us."*

*- Pope Francis*

### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

HIT US WITH YOUR BEST SHOT!

The Knights of Columbus, Pius IX Council 4396 is hosting the 2024 Basketball Free Throw competition on Thursday, January 11th, starting at 6:30pm in the St. Maria Goretti - Drexel Hall Gym. This is open to all boys and girls ages 9 through 14 (Please bring a photocopy of birth certificate to leave with registration).

Free to compete!

Visit [KofC4396.org](http://KofC4396.org) to learn more about this and other Knights of Columbus activities.



*Vigil Mass Time Change*

*Effective January 6, 2024*

*Saturday 5:15pm Vigil Mass will move to 4:30pm*  
*Saturday 4:00pm Confessions will move to 3:30pm*

*All other Mass & Confession times remain the same*

**The Bereavement Ministry of MMR and St. Stanislaus Parishes**



Here are some tips from the Bereavement Ministry for supporting someone who is grieving during the holidays:

1. Be supportive of the way the person chooses to handle the holidays. Some may wish to follow traditions; others may choose to avoid customs of the past and do something new. It's okay to do things differently.
2. Invite the person to join you or your family during the holidays. You might invite them to join you for a religious service or at a holiday meal where they are a guest.
3. Donate a gift or money in memory of the person's loved one. Remind the person that his or her loved one is not forgotten.
4. Never tell someone that he or she should be "over it." Instead, give the person hope that, eventually, he or she will enjoy the holidays again.
5. Be willing to listen. Active listening from friends and family is an important step to helping some cope with grief and heal.
6. Remind the person that you are thinking of him or her and the loved one who died. Cards, phone calls and visits are great ways to stay in touch.
7. Follow up after the holidays to check in. Given the activity of the season, some people may make it through the holidays without any issues but they might find the post-holiday period to be more difficult. So checking in after the holidays to see how he or she may be doing is helpful.

If you need someone to talk to you can reach out to Jennifer Breen at 215-896-2720 or [Jennifer\\_no9@yahoo.com](mailto:Jennifer_no9@yahoo.com) for support.



The flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar this week are in memory of **Mary Ann Major** at the request of **Marie Wilson**

**Respect Life Corner  
March For Life In Washington, DC  
Friday, January 19th**



Bus will leave St. Maria Goretti parking lot at 7:15am. We will be dropped off at Union Station where we will proceed to the National Mall for the program and begin marching at 1pm. The bus will leave Union Station at 4pm for the ride home. We will stop for dinner. Cost for bus and metro passes is \$25. Please contact Bob McCormick for questions at 215-362-1247 or [Bobmcc52@gmail.com](mailto:Bobmcc52@gmail.com).

*Compassionately Talking About Abortion*

**Tuesday, January 23rd at 7pm  
Parish Center**

North Care Women's Clinic is a pregnancy clinic that seeks to walk alongside the church and offer expertise and insights from over 38 years of serving women in our local community facing unplanned pregnancy and considering abortion. One thing they have learned is that only about 16% of women who have had an abortion have ever talked about their experience with someone in the Church. Being pro-life means we have to be open to conversion and healing, and part of that is talking with compassion in the healing process. North Care is hosting a training session at our parish titled *Compassionately Talking About Abortion*. This one-hour training session is for Christians who want to make the Church a safe place for women facing unintended pregnancy and past abortions. Please consider attending.

If you are pregnant, or know of someone who is, and in need of help, please call Legacy of Life at 215-788-4051 or North Care Women's Clinic at 215-855-2424.

If you are seeking healing from an abortion, or know someone who is, please call Rachel's Vineyard Ministries at 610-354-0555.



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## "Valentines Dinner for Married and Engaged Couples"



Married, Engaged, Newlywed? Come take time out to celebrate your marriage or upcoming wedding with a delicious catered dinner, followed by a spiritually enriching talk. This event is sure to be a blessing for your marriage or future marriage! It's an early Valentine for your Valentine! *Some comments from previous attendees are: "This event has been fun, romantic and inspiring". Don't delay! Seating is limited.*



When: Friday, February 9, 2024

Where: Mater Dei School Cafeteria/Gym

Questions: Call Colleen @ 215-939-6732

Ways to register:

- ◆ Register online [here](#). Or visit [ststanislaus.com](http://ststanislaus.com) for the link
- ◆ Use the form below and return with payment in one of the following ways:
  - Drop in the collection basket at Mass
  - Drop off to the Parish Center Desk (*Receptionists are available Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm*)
  - Leave in the secure mail box outside the Parish Center doors
  - Mail it to St. Stanislaus Parish Center, 51 Lansdale Ave., Lansdale PA 19446

Please make check payable to St. Stanislaus Parish, and note "Valentines Dinner for Married/Engaged Couples" on the check and envelope.

Please register by January 25th. (Don't delay! Make your reservation today! Seating is limited)

**\*Reminders: \*Doors open at 6:00pm - Dinner served at 6:30pm – The event is BYOB!**

## Marriage Dinner & Reflection Date Night Registration - February 9, 2024

Attention: "Valentines Marriage Celebration Dinner"

Name of couple: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

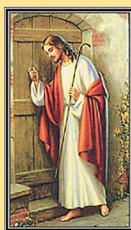
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ / Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Married or upcoming wedding: \_\_\_\_\_ Number years married: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by Saint Stanislaus Parish Evangelization Committee

## Perpetual Adoration Chapel



*Behold, I stand at the door and knock*

(Rev 3:20)

**Jesus is knocking at your door.  
He is waiting for you to open the door  
of your heart,  
and let Him in**

During the Eucharistic Revival we are reminded that Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful way to spend time with Jesus, to grow your relationship with Him. Our chapel provides a quiet, peaceful place to open your heart to Jesus and the Love He has to offer each one of us. Please prayerfully consider visiting our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

The chapel is open every day, all day and night.

The keypad code to enter the Chapel is 1876#

Please call Eileen McKeron @ 215-527-0269 or go directly to [adorationpro.org/stanpa](http://adorationpro.org/stanpa) to commit or become a sub.

There are several hours that need adorers.

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts, but when they caught in one of their antics, Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPIRITUAL PIONEERS

DECEMBER 24, 2023

## MINISTERIO HISPANO IV Domingo de Adviento

Esta misa es ofrecida por Carmelo Texca Daniel, solicitado por Sandra Texca

*Del* **PASTOR**  
©JPPC

Queridos amigos,

¡Feliz Navidad! Este año celebramos el 4º Domingo de Adviento y la Solemnidad de Navidad en días consecutivos. En años normales, podemos tener la sensación de que no hay tiempo suficiente para prepararlo todo para la Navidad. Desde la perspectiva del calendario litúrgico, este año no puede ser más apresurado. Sin embargo, preparar la venida de Jesús es algo que nunca podemos apresurar, y que debemos anticipar cada día de nuestras vidas. Espero que mientras rezan en St. Stan's esta Navidad, reciban la paz que viene con el conocimiento de que nos ha nacido nuestro Salvador.

Cuando Jesús nació de María y José, el mundo comenzó a reconocer este gran regalo. El cosmos anunció su nacimiento, junto con los pastores y los reyes extranjeros. A la celebración de esta realidad se juntó el temor a Herodes. El mensaje de salvación desafió los corazones de muchos, y las respuestas fueron variadas. Busca en tu corazón esta Navidad y reconoce aquellas áreas de tu vida que pueden necesitar sanación y cambio. Acércate al Señor con alegría, humildad y asombro. Los primeros anuncios a María y José por parte del ángel Gabriel incluían la orden orante: "No temáis". Pasa un rato en adoración ante la escena del pesebre, y deja que tus preocupaciones sean consoladas por Dios hecho carne, un humilde bebé nacido en un pesebre. En Navidad, aprendemos a vivir con la reconfortante realidad de que cada día, en todas las cosas, gracias a Jesús, Dios está con nosotros.

Que Dios te bendiga,

P. Sean

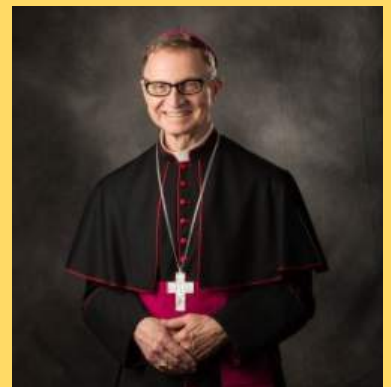


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