



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY



Saint Paul
the Apostle

DECEMBER 31, 2023

SOMETHING TO THINK BOUT - WRAPPED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

BY MARY PENICH

Beside Advent, December brought several early submission deadlines for our parish bulletin. When I began thinking about this reflection, my dear husband was running Christmas errands. At the same time, I fretted over some still unacquired gifts and the cookies I hoped to bake before Christmas Eve. I found no consolation in acknowledging that, by the time this reflection is published, Mike's errands and my worries will have faded into our memories of Christmas 2023. By the time I put my thoughts into words, welcoming New Year 2024 demanded my attention.

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The best and worst of 2023 added much to our collective history. As I turn my attention to the last days of the year, I hope that we'll embrace what lies ahead with a measure of the peace we celebrated on Christmas Day. Though I'd like to think that we all found joy, hope, and love amidst our Christmas festivities, it is the peace found in God's company which sustains me.

I think inner peace is key to embracing all that this life holds for us. Be it next year, next month, tomorrow or the moment at hand, it's far easier to face what lies ahead when we enjoy the peace we find in good company. As I consider the plight of the Holy Family whom we celebrate today, I think it was their sense of God's presence which empowered them to carry on. Dealing with Mary's unexpected pregnancy was challenging enough. Managing Jesus' birth far from home added to Mary's and Joseph's already complicated lives. Not long afterward, they were required to fulfill Jewish Law by traveling to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate their baby son to God.

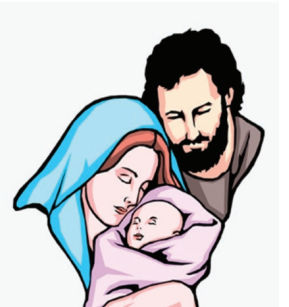


In today's gospel (Luke 2:22-40), Luke tells us that Simeon was in the temple when Joseph and Mary arrived with Jesus. Simeon had spent his life waiting for the Messiah. He begged God not to take him until he'd seen the promised one. When Jesus' parents carried him in, Simeon knew immediately that he was in the company of the one for whom he waited. Simeon embraced Jesus with uncontainable gratitude and exclaimed, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go... for my eyes have seen your salvation." Simeon

told Mary that Jesus would bring both wonder and sorrow into her life and that he would bring salvation to all of Israel.

Simeon's welcome evidenced the peace God's presence had brought into his life. Trustful as they were in God's plans for them, poor Mary and poor Joseph didn't expect the reception Simeon offered them. What a frightening sense of responsibility they must have felt! How would they raise a child destined to change the world? Without revealing Mary's and Joseph's intentions, Luke closes this passage by sharing that "...they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

It occurs to me that Luke's observations fail to acknowledge the difficulties Mary and Joseph faced when they left the temple that day. Were there whispers regarding the timing of Jesus' birth? Did Mary question her response to the angel, "May it be done to me according to your word"? Did fear tug at Joseph's heart? Of all that mattered to them, nothing mattered more than caring for Jesus. Despite their fear, Mary and Joseph knew God was with them and they stayed the course.



If you love someone, you understand how Mary and Joseph were able to allow Jesus to turn their lives upside-down. Parents work long hours to provide for their children. Caregivers smile as they bathe their elderly loved ones. Grandparents rock their new grandchild and stack blocks with a toddler despite their aching backs. We dig into our pockets for our last bit of cash and drop it into a bell-ringer's bucket. We work at caring for those we've been given to love because God has worked at caring for us. On this Holy Family Feast, we celebrate the persistence of Mary and Joseph in raising Jesus and Jesus' eventual persistence in loving us.

This week, when you begin to use your 2024 Calendar, remember that the three hundred sixty-five days ahead promise possibilities and challenges which we'll never face alone. The peace we find in God's company will sustain us just as it sustained Mary and Joseph and their amazing son.

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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

GOSPEL MEDITATION



I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #380** Once in Royal David's City (IRBY) by Henry J. Gauntlett and Cecil Frances Alexander

Gloria: **A Joyful Christmas Gloria (GLORIA)** adapted by Tony Alonso and Jeanne Cotter

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord Remembers His Covenant Forever** by Cooper Ray

Gospel Acclamation: **Christmas Gospel Acclamations on GESU BAMBINO** arranged by Paul Hillebrand

Preparation of the Gifts: **Gather #388** The First Nowell (THE FIRST NOWELL)

Eucharistic Acclamations/Agnus Dei: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Songs: **Gather #387** What Child Is This? (GREENSLEEVES) lyrics by William Dix
Gather #371 Silent Night (STILLE NACHT) by Franz Gruber and Joseph Mohr

Closing Song: **Gather #356** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (MENDELSSOHN) by Felix Mendelssohn and Charles Wesley

READING I

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

READING II

COL 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,
and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving
one another, if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.
And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of
perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your
hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one
body. And be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all
wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in
your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the
Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands,
as is proper in the Lord.
Husbands, love your wives,
and avoid any bitterness toward them.
Children, obey your parents in everything,
for this is pleasing to the Lord.
Fathers, do not provoke your children,
so they may not become discouraged.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

COL 3:15A, 16A

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

LK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
May God bless us in his mercy.

Tuesday: 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Wednesday: PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Thursday: Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Friday: PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Saturday: PS147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett
Gerena Olaya Monis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023- NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:30AM: Rosa Krissek

9:30AM: Tony Mengarelli | Grazia Buttitta

11:30AM: Peter Bohdanowicz | Florence Ducat | Josephine Shook | Robert E. Grum, Sr.

NO 5PM MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024- NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00AM: The Cuasay Family | The Hilo & Cacal Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

7:30AM: For the Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

7:30AM: For the Parish Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

7:30AM: Roy Hilo, Sr.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

7:30AM: Elsa: Kurien | Scott Kohler

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett
Gerena Olaya Monis | Anne & Edwin Urbanczyk | The Dizon
and Doreza Family | Ray Cadavedo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

7:30AM: Walter Krissek | Michael Kinahan | Victor Peccioli

9:30AM: Robert Chester Buttrey | Millie Mengarelli
The Casis Family | Mariano Tinio

11:30AM: Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulino Negrillo
Romeo Quitoriano

5:00PM: For the Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of 12/19/2023

Sunday- \$13,168 Online Sunday- \$9,042

Sharing- \$0 Online Sharing- \$438

SVdP- \$3,275 Online SVdP- \$511

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$1,722

Holiday Flowers- \$275

Christmas- \$2,496

Month to Date - December

Sunday- \$37,474 Online Sunday- \$29,543

Sharing- \$255 Online Sharing- \$1,789

SVdP- \$4,490 Online SVdP- \$2,069

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$4,261

Holiday Flowers- \$1,657

Christmas- \$3,492

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert Santagata
Ruth Blood
Sheila DeFazio
Peyton Newman
Richard Lahey
Ted Stanulis
Angela Bank
Orietta Giannetti
Mary Johnson
Joanne Trentadue
Carol Simpson Gill
Sara Kang
Barbara Prendergast
Kirk Steinhaus
Rod Reyes
Kimberly Liwanag
Brian Reynolds, Jr.
Dianne Scirri
Grace Zablocki
Ted Jameson
Betty Falotico
Michael Bockstahler
Edward Machak
Bryon Patterson
Inesa Bekeris
Cortney Kinahan
Alice DeSilvia
Bernadette Gaffney
Stephanie Rappe
Angie Toon
Jeff Klemann
Jeanine Hudson
Shannon Fleece

Jacob Alderman
Enrique Figueroa
Ross Gube
Jason Govednik
Rosa LaBellarte
Russ Lawson
Roberta Becker
Emily Meyer
Betsy Hastings
Monica Parreno
Rev. John M. Ryan
Donna Lee Kalinoski
Dawn Tsarpalas
Anna L. Schmidt
Elsie Roberts
Margi Kahan
Brittney March
Marlene Leonard
Logan Griffin
Pete Albamonte
Laurie Zwolfer
Lorraine Holg
Renee Solano
Charlene Littles
Donna Leonardo
Patty Freeman
Joe Corrigan
Dixie Corrigan
John Corrigan
Mark Willson
Robert Bloom
TJ Christor
Kelsey Wilder

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call the Parish Office.

info@saintpaultheapostle.church

847-918-0600



In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.

Helen Rusnak

Frank Beier

Maria Mietus

Thomas K. Ohlwein

Daniel Welzen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:30AM FUNERAL- GEARY
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 1:00PM STO. NINO PLANNING MEETING
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:30AM MASS
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
NO 5PM MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS
 7:30PM K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 6:00PM MAGI DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:00PM BAPTISM
 12:30PM BAPTISM
 1:00PM BAPTISM
 1:30PM 1ST SAT. PRAYER GROUP
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 9:00AM RCIA
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 1:00PM STO. NINO CHOIR PRACTICE
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM MASS



JANUARY 6/7 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Mike Biarnesen Judy Macrowski	J. Hauck T. Kamps J. O'Brien C. Wicinski E. Wicinski	Volunteers	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Keith Kouba Thomas Krissek	T. Burns D. Nieman J. O'Brien M. Pieper	Volunteers	Fr. Joe Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Tom Maus Cathy Latza	C. Anderson J. Bautista R. Gbur M. Klemann P. Moriarty	George & Renee Pratscher	Bp. Grob Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Melissa Fernandes Conchita Manalo	T. Denecke-Dattalo G. Galano JJ Plamoottil A. Stahl S. Tebbetts		Bp. Grob
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Bruce Marchioni Teen or Lector I	C. Karl T. Marchioni L. Holland T. Robb A. Serek		Fr. Joe

FAITH SHARING

The Faith Sharing group will not be meeting on January 2nd, 2024.

Meetings will resume on January 9th, 2024 at 2pm, downstairs in Room 32.

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."
-Helen Keller

You are invited to join with us as we gather with others who have lost a loved one. Here you will find support and encouragement in abundance.

We meet in the church every first and third Wednesday at 3:00pm. The next meeting is January 3, 2024. Call or email Barbara Kapple, MS @ 847-212-9951 barbara.kappler12@gmail.com

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

The Baptism Preparation Ministry prepares parents for the baptisms of their children by reflecting upon the Sacrament of Baptism, parents' and godparents' roles after children are baptized, and the family's place in our faith community. First-time parents are requested to attend prior to their child's baptism. The next class is January 4, 2024 at 7pm in the Church.



St. Paul the Apostle WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the annual Angel Trees and asking for your participation. All donations will be used to support our Parish and the needs of our neighboring community.

The trees are displayed now through January 13/14 in the upstairs gathering space.

The Angel envelopes have various suggested dollar amounts. Place your donation of cash or check (payable to Women's Fellowship) in the envelope and then drop the envelope in the church donation box. There will also be an online donation option. Thank you for your continuous generosity and support of Women's Fellowship.

FAITH FORMATION CARD DRIVE

Thanks to all who contributed to our Faith Formation Card Drive this year! Cards were delivered to residents in local senior living facilities and were received with love and joy.



Thanks again for helping to spread holiday cheer!



SPRED Grateful for your Support

SPRED catechists and friends would like to thank the church community for its generous support of the holiday candy sale. We exceeded our expectations of the sale, and we are grateful that we can continue to serve our special needs children and adults. The candy sale will be back in the spring just in time for Easter.



FIRST
**SATURDAY
PRAYER
GROUP**

January 6, 2024

**1:30 - Adoration, Divine Mercy
Chaplet and Holy Rosary**

Hello, Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle,



As many of you know, I've been the Office Manager at St. Paul's since 2016. Through the past almost eight years, I've enjoyed building relationships with the clergy, staff, and parishioners of SPA.

I've provided support to our parish through numerous events and activities and communicated with many of you to schedule important sacraments like baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

With that said, it is with bittersweet emotions to tell you I am resigning from my position as a full-time staff member at SPA. I've been blessed with a wonderful opportunity to work as an associate for a new company that I simply could not pass up. However, I will remain on the SPA staff in a small capacity as the bulletin editor.

Also, I am elated to announce that our current Ministry Communication Coordinator, Catherine Karl, will be taking over as Office Manager for the parish. She brings many talents and will do an excellent job assisting the SPA clergy, staff, and parishioners. If you see her, please be sure to congratulate her on her new role with our church!

I'm grateful for the nearly eight years I've had with SPA and that I can continue to be a part of this incredible family. Thank you to all who have contributed to my time and growth here, being some of the most special moments of my life. My last day as Office Manager will be Friday, January 5th, 2024. Feel free to stop by the office, call, or email me if you need anything I can be of assistance with in my last few full-time weeks at St. Paul the Apostle.

**God bless you all,
Keri Sekany**



Men's Breakfast with Bishop Grob

Catholic Men of Lake County are invited to Mass and breakfast on Saturday, January 13, 2024, Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest. Mass is at 7:30 AM. After Mass is a continental breakfast and a talk by Bishop Jeffrey Grob, *Issues Facing Catholic Men in 2024*, in the Parish Center, 201 E. Illinois Rd.

The event is sponsored by the Faith and Fellowship Men's Club of the Church of St. Mary and the Knights of Columbus #1268. Advance registration is required, will be capped at 75 registrants, and will close on January 10. Register: <https://forms.gle/nMfU2rMystrBUtdX6>, or contact Joe Zaccari, 847-997-0490, mensclub@churchofstmary.org.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Vocations Raffle. We were once again able to give \$500 checks to six seminarians. These checks will assist the seminarians with personal expenses. We would not be able to support these seminarians without your generosity.

Once again, we have sold out of our 300 Christmas trees in a couple weeks. Our council's Scout troop also sold out of their holiday wreaths and decorations. A special thank you to students from Carmel High School who volunteer around 100 hours of service at our Christmas tree lot. We appreciate your generous support of our Christmas tree lot for over 25 years. The proceeds from our sales goes toward our annual donations to St Paul's, St Vincent DePaul, and our other charities.

Please scan the QR code or contact a council member to learn more about joining our council. Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas this holiday season at home and throughout our community.

Divine Mercy Council 11112



St Paul the Apostle Gurnee

Vivat Jesus,

Greg Johnson, Grand Knight,
Divine Mercy Council #11112

Saint Thomas Aquinas earned the title "The Angelic Doctor" for his brilliant harmonization of Scripture, theology and faith with philosophy and reason. Studying Aquinas's master work, the "Summa Theologiae", could be a daunting task for those without a background in theology. That's why the Thomistic Institute has published "Aquinas 101", a series of engaging short videos and bite-sized readings. If you're interested in joining a small group who'll go through the Aquinas 101 program over the course of 2024 (about 30 minutes per day and a weekly virtual meeting to discuss), contact edmondmharrigan@gmail.com and put "Aquinas 101" in the subject line.

For more information:
<https://aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org/an-introduction-to-the-summa>



Jesus called us to serve the least of our brothers and St. Anastasia food pantry could not do His work without your continued support. Each week we help 200 households from our surrounding area.

As well as the food we we're able to buy, we replaced an old freezer with your donations and distributed 200 turkey boxes to our neighbors.

All of this was accomplished because of your generosity. We could not continue without you. We have been blessed mightily.

Sincerely,
Sue Tebbetts, Mary Pieper,
and Robin Reynolds

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIFT TAG PROGRAM

Thank you to all who helped make the Catholic Charities Gift Tag program a huge success this year! We donated gifts to over 1200 people in need who live in our community. Your generosity is very much appreciated by all of lives you've touched this holiday season.

Thanks again,
Nancy Payonk
and Carol Zimmer





The Filipino community of St. Paul the Apostle Gurnee,
the Santo Niño Lake County Prayer group, and
the Filipino J1 Teacher Dancer troupe
cordially invite you to

Sinulog 2024

Sinulog is a feast that celebrates
the Christianization of the Philippines.
It is marked by a rosary novena, holy Mass, food, dancing & fellowship.
Similar to Simbang Gabi it is another aspect of our faith
that is meant to be shared with everyone.

January 21, 2024
Rosary Novena 1PM
Holy Mass 2PM*
Food 3PM
Dancing 4PM

Celebrant: Fr. Don Cambe

*The Sinulog mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation
St. Paul the Apostle Church, 6401 Gages Lake rd., Gurnee IL 60031

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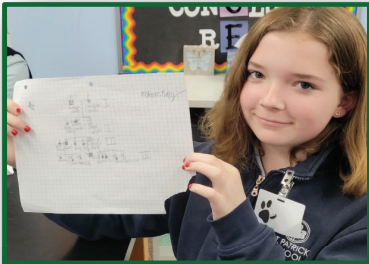
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My name is Rod Reyes. I was born in Batangas, Philippines and immigrated to the US when I was only 7 years old. I was ordained in May 2019. My family became parishioners of SPA shortly after the church was built.



I've been married to my beautiful wife, Rita, for almost 30 years. We have 2 daughters, Patricia (28) & Kaylee (23). Prior to becoming a deacon, I volunteered as an usher & lector. My daughter and I also volunteered at the Gurnee post office collecting non perishable items for the food pantry. Over the years I've served as the coordinator for SPA's Simbang Gabi. With my current medical condition, I've been limited to monthly baptismal prep & preaching at the parish. My day job as an accountant / application programmer keeps me busy. From January through April, I prepare personal tax returns.

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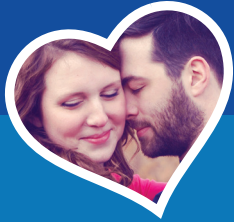
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