

December 17, 2023

*Third Sunday of Advent*

I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
“make straight the way of the Lord.”



# Holy Name Cathedral

## Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

## Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

## Mass Schedule

### Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am (livestream) & 12noon  
Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

### Saturday

9:00am (livestream) & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream),  
12:30pm, 5:15pm

### Saturday Reconciliation

9:00am to 12noon

# Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

It is hard to believe Christmas is one week away! Many of you reading today's column are stressed and overwhelmed with everything you need to accomplish with so little time. Time out! Catch your breath, be aware of the presence of God with you, and let the natural beauty and purpose of the Advent Season capture you.

Advent purposely places speed bumps on our December journey to Christmas morn. Stop racing for a moment. I want to share the following from the Dec. 24, 2004, Chicago Tribune editorial page. So powerful and true! ...

"Take a moment — just a sliver of today's scarce time — to appreciate family and friends, the ones you hold dear. They are, after all, the reason you're racing around like a maniac, right? With all their faults and imperfections, they are the threads that make up the tapestry of your life. Their mere presence is a priceless gift that requires no shopping or wrapping — just tolerance, patience, and love. Celebrate them."

The many Christmas greeting cards I receive this time of year always profoundly touch me. Individuals whom I haven't seen in years include notes, making their cards cherished and laced with wonderful memories. Let me share part of a beautiful Christmas letter I received from friends last year. Their message is wonderful and succinctly captures the beauty and true meaning of our Advent and Christmas seasons.

"Remember the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life'? What a beautiful and heartwarming story to share around this most holy and miraculous season. At the movie's end, Clarence, the angel, says to George, 'Strange, isn't it, George, how each man's life touches so many others, and when he isn't around, it leaves an awful hole.' This single, most poignant sentence in the movie had me thinking for quite some time. What would life be like without a loved one, a close friend, or even myself? Life doesn't give us any time guarantees."

In the book, "Tuesdays With Morrie," Morrie tells his friend Mitch Albom, the author, that he had gotten into an argument with an old friend, and a never-repaired crack developed in their friendship. Morrie wept as he told Mitch

the story. "I wish I'd made peace with him," Morrie said. "I wish I'd told him what a good friend he was." Morrie died and never got a chance to apologize and fix the terrible blemish he saw on his life record. Remember, along with the gift of forgiveness, the gift of peace usually comes.

In today's challenging times, it is often easy to get caught up with how we look on the outside.

This Christmas, we ought to concentrate on the inside. We should give some real gifts. Maybe say "I am sorry" to someone that you have offended. Maybe say "I forgive you" to someone we feel that has hurt us. Let people know how significant their presence is in your life. A simple note, a surprise call, or just a few words wrapped with a smile and a big hug will be the best present.

Before Christmas arrives, we always have an endless list of tasks to tackle. Keep it in perspective, and don't lose the real meaning of the season wrapped in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hold your loved ones close to you and cherish them this Holy Season. The light of the Lord Jesus shines through us despite the cold, snow, and days continuing to get darker earlier.

This season is a beautiful time of year if we connect Advent's true meaning and keep life in balance. All the running around is fine if we remember to hold loved ones dear to us and give thanks for the gift of God becoming human in Jesus so we can become divine by loving others.

Advent Blessings,  
Fr. Greg

## Remembering Bishop Goedert

Retired Bishop, Most Reverend Raymond Goedert passed away Friday, Dec. 8. Ordained a priest in 1952, Bishop Goedert served as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1991 to 2003. His funeral arrangements are listed on Archdiocese's website. He was an outstanding Auxiliary Bishop who truly served the people of God. Please join in praying for the repose of his soul and for his family and friends who now mourn. May God hold him forever in the palms of his hands.

— Fr. Greg

## Upcoming Events



### Sunday, December 17

Chicago Shares	8:30 AM
15-minute Docent tours	9:30 & 11:30 AM
Advent Spanish Mass with Bishop Turley	2:00 PM
Reception for Migrants (Cafeteria)	3:00 PM
Advent Vespers	4:00 PM

### Monday, December 18

Stewardship Pillar Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 PM
CFN - Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00 PM
CFN - Simbang Gabi Reception (Cafeteria)	8:00 PM

### Tuesday, December 19

Young Adult Ministry Advisory Council	6:00 PM
Men & Women's Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 20

Service Pillar Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 PM
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### Thursday, December 21

Blessings in a Backpack – weekly packing	9:00 AM
Thursday Morning Bible Study Group	10:15 AM

### Saturday, December 23

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	9:00 AM
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### Sunday, December 24

15-minute Cathedral tours	9:30 & 11:30 AM
Christmas Eve Masses	3:00 & 6:00 PM
Midnight Mass — (Reserve your tickets)	12:00 AM

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**Young Adults >>>  
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## On the Cover

### The Holy Name Cathedral Advent Wreath Will Light Three Candles This Sunday

On this Sunday called *Gaudete* from the Latin for “rejoice,” rejoicing is a thread that weaves throughout all of the readings, from the joy of



the exiles returning to Jerusalem, to the rejoicing of Mary in the “Magnificat,” to Paul’s insistence that Thessalonians rejoice at every moment. What is notable in each instance is that joy is not a vague sentiment or an abstract concept. It wells up in response to very concrete signs of God’s providential care.

In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist using Isaiah’s words to present himself as the “voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’” John is simply the one pointing toward the expected One. He is not ‘the light’; he came to testify to the light and bring others to believe through his testimony. In a certain sense, though, John is a light. Just as the effective light in a room does not call attention to itself but rather enables you to see what is in the room, so too John is not the focus but rather points to the One who is the light. Do you recognize Him?

Source: Living Liturgy 2024

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# Order of Worship

*The Precious Blood will be offered only at the 10:30am and 5:15pm Sunday Masses. We will have two stations at the front of the Cathedral near the altar. Please sit in the front two sections if you plan to receive from the cup.*

## Prelude

**Choral Prelude on “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” BWV 659**

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Gaudete in Domino**

Chant Mode I

## Entrance Hymn

**Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

Worship Hymnal #406

## Penitential Rite

Spoken

## First Reading

**Worship Hymnal #1008**

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

## Responsorial Psalm

**Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54**

*My soul rejoices in my God.*

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

## Gospel Acclamation

**Worship Hymnal #326**

## Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*To all our faithful parishioners who give of their time, talent and treasure – thank you for your generosity.*

*To all of our visitors today from all over the country and world, know that your monetary gift will go toward the support of the mission and ministries of Holy Name Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.*



## Offertory Hymn

**Comfort, Comfort, O My People**

Worship Hymnal #402

## Holy, Holy

**Missa Emmanuel**

Worship Hymnal #347

## Memorial Acclamation

**Missa Emmanuel**

Worship Hymnal #348

## Amen

**Missa Emmanuel**

Worship Hymnal #349

## Lamb of God

Worship Hymnal #311

## Communion Antiphon

**Take courage and do not fear;  
our God will come and save us.**

## Communion Hymn

**My Soul in Stillness Waits**

Worship Hymnal #404

## Communion Motet

**I Will Magnify Thee** (5:15 p.m. Saturday)

Joseph Corfe

**This is the Record of John** (10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.)

Orlando Gibbons

## Recessional Hymn

**O Come, Divine Messiah!**

Worship Hymnal #387

## Postlude

**Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland in organo pleno  
BWV 661**

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Catholic Illuminations

# Holy Days have a Different Type of ‘Obligation’ This Year

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

**O**ur modern American culture has an ‘instant gratification’ mentality. We want what we want, and we want it now. And that sometimes plays into our liturgical worship. This year, with Christmas Eve on a Sunday and Christmas on a Monday, people may wonder, “Do I have to go to Mass two days in a row? (the answer is yes)...and if yes, why?”



The Church’s calendar marks all Sundays and some feast days as ‘holy days of obligation.’ The word ‘obligation’ may imply something is imposed or forced upon us. However, Canon Law (the official set of laws that govern the Church) speaks of an obligation that stems from ‘feasts of precept.’ And ‘precept’ means a practical rule that guides behavior, rooted in values that the believing community has come to understand through God’s revelation and the Church’s tradition. So, our freely embraced faith ‘obliges’ us to give God due worship as the Church directs us on various days throughout the year.

This rule means we are solemnly responsible for participating in the Eucharist every Sunday and on certain feast days. The Church determines how exactly we observe the particular feast days. In the United States, there are five additional Holy Days: Jan. 1 for Mary, Mother of God; Aug. 15 for Mary’s Assumption into heaven; Nov. 1 for All Saints; Dec. 8 for Mary’s Immaculate Conception; and Dec. 25 for the Birth of the Lord. Ascension Thursday is

celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter in most U.S. dioceses. And when Jan. 1, Aug. 15, or Nov. 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday, there is no obligation to attend Mass. However, Dec. 8 and Dec. 25 are always observed as holy days of obligation, regardless of what day they fall on. So, what does this all mean for our celebrations this year?

Dec. 24 falls on a Sunday, and though it may not seem all that different, the morning Masses on Dec. 24 will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve liturgically begins after 3:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 24. To fulfill the obligations of Sunday and Christmas, you may attend Mass on Saturday night and then on Dec. 24 after 3:00pm or on Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day. Alternatively, you may attend Sunday morning Mass on Dec. 24 and again on Christmas Eve after 3:00pm or on Christmas Day.

Due to the liturgical schedule at the Cathedral, we will not offer our regular 12:30pm Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24, to prepare for the Christmas celebrations. Our first Christmas Eve Mass will be at 3:00pm. The Cathedral doors will open at 2:00pm to welcome the faithful.

Although Christmas is so close, let us take our time with this sacred preparation period. The readings and liturgy of the Fourth Sunday of Advent are essential for us as believers to continue to wait in joyful expectation for the Messiah’s coming. We have waited in darkness for liberation, freedom, and peace. As we prepare to celebrate once again the birth of our Savior, may God bless us all with ever-deeper faith in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us.

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## Midnight Mass Tickets Available — Reserve Seats today!

We are pleased to announce that tickets for our Midnight Mass with Cardinal Blase Cupich are available. **If you plan to attend Midnight Mass, please scan the QR code to reserve your tickets.** All those who have pre-registered will be allowed to enter the Cathedral at 11:00pm. At 11:30pm, Christmas carols begin, and we open our doors for all others waiting without advance registration. In addition, we are offering two Masses during the day on Christmas Eve and four Masses on Christmas Day. There is no need to register for these other Christmas Eve or any of the Christmas Day Masses. All are welcome, first come first seated for all our Christmas Masses.



## CHRISTMAS AT HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL

### SIMBANG GABI\*

Monday, December 18,  
7:00 p.m.

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*Holy Day of Obligation*  
Sunday, December 24 -  
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
3:00 p.m.\* , 6:00 p.m.

### MIDNIGHT MASS

Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.  
Midnight Mass with **Cardinal  
Blase Cupich**. To reserve your  
tickets for early entry, scan  
the QR code below.



### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m.\* , 12:30 p.m.

*There will be no 5:15 p.m.  
Mass on Christmas Day*

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Vigil Mass - Saturday,  
December 30 at 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - December 31  
at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m.\* , 12:30 p.m.,  
5:15 p.m.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1  
10:00 a.m.\* , 12:00 p.m.

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Vigil Mass - Saturday,  
January 6 at 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - January 7 at  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30  
a.m.\* , 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

\*Indicates livestreamed liturgy



*Holy Name Cathedral*

**W**hen we reach that point of the year where October comes and goes, I know we grow closer to the arrival of Advent. Since I was a boy, I loved seeing the shift in seasons, where with the falling of leaves would also come colder weather and less daylight. But less daylight was something I welcomed because it served as a reminder to expect and anticipate something wonderful ... a renewed sense of joy in my soul. With every passing day approaching the month of December would come additional excitement, joyful preparation, and lightheartedness — like when to decorate the house for Christmas, or when to plan to visit the city to see it dressed in its Christmas splendor. And, of course, how all of the beautiful lights that adorned trees, streets, and

## An Advent Reflection

by **Anthony Santoro**

windows of every house would bring more light into the world when natural darkness surrounded us.

It's that sense of light that reminds me of the importance of our renewed sense of hope at

Advent. A reminder to prepare our souls for the arrival of God's messenger. For me, that preparation includes things I live by every day...by being a more giving person; of myself, my talents, my love, and my heart. In so doing, I believe I become a source of light. My Advent hope is that people see my light and are inspired to mimic it in whatever way they can to become sources of light themselves, thereby renewing that sense of joy in my soul.

*Anthony Santoro is Holy Name Cathedral Parishioner and Liturgical Minister.*



## Upcoming 2024 Evangelization Programs



### Misa de Los Reyes Magos

**Saturday, Jan. 6 at 5:15pm**

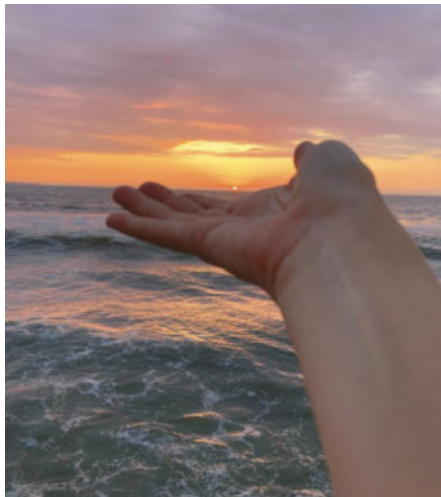
We invite you to attend a special liturgical service, a bilingual Mass for the Feast of the Kings on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 5:15pm. If you are interested in planning the mass or assisting with the reception, please contact Dr. Ken Ortega, [kortega@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:kortega@holynamecathedral.org).

### Beloved & Gifted Daughters of God Women's Retreat

**Saturday,  
Jan. 13, in HNC  
Rectory**

You are warmly invited to a Women's New Year's Retreat on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, from 9:00am-2:00pm in the Cathedral Rectory.

The retreat will begin with Mass and blessing. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$30. Scan the QR code to register.



### Seasons of Hope Support Groups for Bereavement

**Starting in January 2024**

Jesus assured us that those who mourn are blessed and will be consoled. Seasons of Hope offers those grieving the loss of a loved one in our Holy Name Faith Community an opportunity to join others in giving voice to their unique journeys of grief and find healing, hope, and spiritual accompaniment. These sessions will help participants journey through loss with the help of scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. There will be two Seasons of Hope Bereavement support groups beginning in January 2024. **Six Wednesday Evenings 6:00-7:30pm:** Jan. 17, 24 and 31; Feb 7, 21, and 28. **Six Thursday mornings 10:00-11:30am:** Jan. 18 and 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22

Please scan the QR code to register.

Cost: \$25, which includes a participant journal. Questions? Email Sr. Katie Mitchell, FSPA ([kmitchell@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:kmitchell@holynamecathedral.org)).



**January Salon Series**

### Woman as the Image of God

**Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2:00pm in the Rectory**

The portrayals of God in the Catholic tradition typically envision God as a man: Father, bridegroom, priest. We know from Scripture that men and women are both made in the image of God, but when pressed on differences between the sexes, many will say that men are the image of Christ, and women are the image of the Church, not God Himself. However, as The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states [239]: "God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God." Please join theologian K.T. Brizek as she helps us explore how womanhood presents the image of God. No advance registration needed.

## The Stump of Jesse

### Bethlehem of Our Hearts

By Fr. Ton Nguyen

**W**hat? Do you mean that my imagination about the manger has been wrong for 26 years?" During my pilgrimage to Bethlehem, I was shocked but delighted when our tour guide explained that Bethlehem means "House of Bread." I found the divine synchronicity that Jesus, hailed as the "Bread of Life" and the "Eucharist," was born in the place named for the essence of sustenance. The imagery of the manger, amid wheat, straw, and animals, adds layers of significance to this discovery. As we stand on the brink of Christmas during the third week of Advent, a reflective journey through the perspectives of key figures in the Nativity story provides a fresh air for self-examination.

St. Joseph, entrusted with the knowledge of the Lord's birth, grappled with the innkeepers' rejection and despite witnessing the Savior at their door remained oblivious or preoccupied with worldly expectations of kingship. How would it have felt to be the head of the household in that situation? Mother Mary, bearing witness to the mystery of God's Incarnation, ponders the paradox of the Savior's arrival — a virgin birth and a humble manger, contrasting starkly with anticipated manifestations of divine power. In that circumstance, how would faith manifest?

In the shadows of the night, shepherds, unaware of the impending birth, engage in mundane tasks. Yet, their hearts echo a profound thirst for the Savior. This longing becomes evident as they abandon their routine, joyfully leading their lambs to pay homage to the newborn king when the angel appears to them.

As Christmas approaches amid the hustle of shopping and year-end reports, what is the state of our hearts? Are we, like the shepherds, attuned to the anticipation of Bethlehem amid the mundane aspects of life? I pray that external demands do not overshadow this festive season and may there be a discernible place within our hearts reserved for Bethlehem — the dwelling place of the "Bread of Life." JMJ.



## Young Adults Small Group Lenten Journey

The Small Group Lenten Journey is a spiritual pilgrimage during the Lenten season, emphasizing prayer, sacrifice, and charity. It encourages participants to break away from their daily routines, focus on their spiritual growth, and draw closer to Christ. Joining a small group of six to 10 people provides opportunities for meaningful discussions, spiritual practices, and building genuine friendships. There are three options with either a 90 days or 40 days journey commitment.

- **Cross-Group Monthly Meetings on second Thursdays** with Adoration and Evening Prayer (optional) at 5:30pm followed by Mass at 6:30pm and Fellowship at 7pm.

- **Weekly meetings with small groups in Rectory.** Every Saturday, 9:30am-11:00am. The disciplines depends on the group that you are enrolling with. A \$20 fee covers dinner expenses for the cross-group meetings.

### Option #1: Fiat 40 (Women only) starts on Feb. 15

Takes place during the 40 days leading up to Easter, building Marian virtues such as purity and piety. Through a series of specific disciplines, challenge-takers seek to build a robust spiritual life and become closer to Jesus through Mary. For more information, please visit [fiat-90.com](http://fiat-90.com)

### Option #2: 40-Days Journey (Co-Ed) begins on Feb. 15

The 40-day Lenten Journey group will watch daily videos by Matthew Kelly, reflect on his daily messages, adopt Lenten practices, and form good disciplines as we journey throughout the Lenten season. For more information, please visit: [dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html](http://dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html)

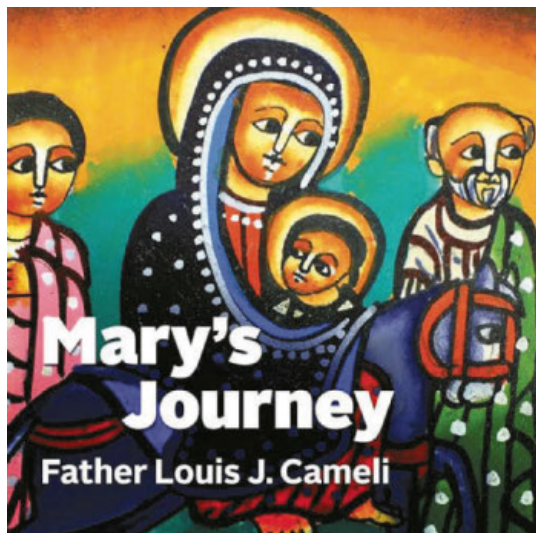
### Option #3: Exodus 90 (Men only) starts on Jan. 6

Exodus 90 is an intense 90-day period of prayer, fraternity, and aestheticism. You and a group of like-minded men journey together through the book of Exodus, following Moses and the Israelites as they break their chains of slavery. For more information, please visit [exodus90.com](http://exodus90.com)

To sign up, scan the QR code.







## “Mary’s Journey,” an Audio Book by Fr. Louis J. Cameli

In the early 1980’s, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invited me to write a book about



Fr. Louis J. Cameli

the Blessed Virgin Mary. The book was meant to help people, especially Catholics, to understand Mary’s place in our journey of faith and how she helps us to know her son, Jesus.

The result was *Mary’s Journey*, a book that describes three important spiritual experiences: Mary’s journey of faith in the New Testament, the

Church’s journey of faith with Mary in the teachings about her, and our journey of worship and devotion lived out in the feasts of Mary.

The book went through two editions, and I was happy to hear from many people that they found it very helpful. Now, there is no longer a print edition, but I recently produced an audio version of the book. It is available on Amazon, Audible, and iTunes. You might find it a helpful spiritual resource for the upcoming season of Advent and Christmastime. You might also think of it as a gift

idea for friends or family who listen to audiobooks. To listen to a sample, go to the Amazon/Audible website, search for “Father Louis Cameli Mary’s Journey” or scan the QR code.



## Our Conversations on Faith & Fitness Continues

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 4:00pm in the Club Room

Fitness professional Michele Sotak and Spiritual Theologian Fr. Louis Cameli come together to facilitate conversations on the importance and similarities between fitness and faith. They will showcase how these elements intersect to make us become a better



and more holy version of ourselves, serve others more effectively, and overcome adversity by developing mental fortitude. These sessions will introduce and encourage good stewardship by looking at ourselves holistically and expressing the importance of caring for our bodies and nourishing our spirits.

You can expect to discover solutions to how we can overcome challenges and temptations in our spiritual life and physical life and learn Scripture passages and prayers that will support physical well-being and our spirituality.

Please note this is not a workout class, but we will demonstrate various exercises and stretches. Michele will provide breathing drills. Sharing and listening to the hopes and challenges people experience in their lives and spiritual journeys is encouraged.

Faith & Fitness sessions will occur on Sundays at 4:00pm in the Club Room. There is no cost for these sessions. Our next two sessions will be Jan. 7: We Have A Gift to Give: The gift of our bodies and lives and the call to stewardship, and Feb. 4: We are Sent with A Purpose: Our bodies and souls are on a mission; we have a purpose to accomplish.

Please scan the QR code to register. Questions? Email Michele Sotak at [msotak@holynamcathedral.org](mailto:msotak@holynamcathedral.org).





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1. Online giving allows you to make your donation no matter where you are.
2. It's more convenient than carrying cash or writing checks.



3. It's environmentally friendly – the “green” way of giving!
4. It's versatile, letting you choose where to direct your gift.
5. It's safe and secure.



**Save the Date**

## Inaugural Winter Blast

**Feb. 2 at 6:00pm at Goose Island Barrel House**

Join us for this new and exciting fundraiser at one of Chicago's most unique private event venues. Goose Island Barrel House (603 N. Sacramento Blvd.) features a stunning event space in addition to the place where they age their world-class beers. The event includes Goose Island craft beer tastings with food pairings, small group tours of the Barrel House Brewery, a silent auction and raffle, complimentary valet parking and more. Watch for ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities in the bulletin and website.



**Save the Date**

## Heart of Holy Name

**Friday, April 12, 2024**



Join us for our second annual Heart of Holy Name, a celebration of the heart of our mission and ministries, coming in the New Year, featuring Rich Daniels and the City Light Orchestra. The date will be Friday, April 12, 2024 and will return to the G.A.R. Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center. More information to come!



# Fellowship

## A Little Humor from the Rector



**“Santa, define good?”**



## Join us for Simbang Gabi! Faith, Food and Fellowship

**Mon., Dec. 18 at 7pm with Reception afterward**

The Cathedral Filipino Network would like to invite you to take part in a beautiful Filipino tradition, Simbang Gabi. The Mass will take place on Monday, Dec. 18 at 7pm at Holy Name Cathedral. Afterwards, we will gather for a reception filled with delicious traditional Filipino dishes will follow. Come enjoy the beauty and pagentry of this sacred tradition!

### Save the Date!

## You're Invited to Our Young Adults Lenten Retreat

**Saturday, Feb. 3; 11am-6pm in the Parish Center**

Join us for an opportunity to rest, pray, be with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Let Him fill you with His graces. Life is busy. Maybe you are stressed, anxious, tired, distracted, or stuck. Or maybe life seems to be going well, but you desire a deeper connection with God. Jesus wants to give you His peace and direction. He has graces waiting for you from His Eucharistic Heart. Take the time this Lent to turn off the noise and to rest with Him on the Holy Name Cathedral Young Adults Lenten Retreat.

### The Opportunity:

- Reflect on the encounter with our retreat speaker: Fr. John Kartje, the rector/president of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
- Quiet time for personal prayer, reflection, and rest
- Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
- Saturday brunch
- Connect with other young adults on the journey to closeness with God. We try not to overpack this retreat with programming — it's an opportunity to rest and listen to the God who loves you and desires to fill you with His life.



**Fr. John Kartje**

### The Essentials:

- For young adults ages 18-39
  - Early Registration – \$20 through Monday, Jan. 15
  - Regular Registration – \$25 beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16; registration closes on Monday, Jan. 28
  - Doors open for check-in at 10:30am on Saturday with brunch at 11:00am
  - Location: HNC Parish Center – Use the Courtyard Entrance
- Sign up today! Scan the QR code.





## What is a Mass Intention?

Holy Name Cathedral offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose. At Holy Name Cathedral, we celebrate single-intention Masses as well as gathered-intention Masses (Wednesdays at 8:00am and Fridays at 12pm). To request a Mass Intention, please stop by our Rectory during business hours. Any questions, call the Rectory (312) 787-8040.

## Light a Prayer Candle



Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our honor to have one of our resident priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code to complete the request form.



## Wedding Banns



- I      Bridget DeLaurentis & Andrew Peterson
- III    Grace Mower & Kyle Knight
- Akshay Sharma & Julia Simkowski
- Diane Nockels & Daniel Teter

## In Memoriam

- Amelia "Amy" Lewis — Wednesday, Dec. 20 — visitation at 9:30am, funeral mass at 10:30am
- Bishop Raymond Goedert



## Mass Intentions

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### Week of Dec. 18 to 23

#### ● Monday, December 18 (Advent Weekday)

- 7 AM      + Cyriac Pullapilly
- 8 AM      + Soledad Tantoco
- 12 PM     + Salvadore Mendoza

#### ● Tuesday, December 19 (Advent Weekday)

- 7 AM      Dorothy Brown
- 8 AM      + Clark Pleiss
- 12 PM     + John R. Blair

#### ● Wednesday, December 20 (Advent Weekday)

- 7 AM      + S. Clifford Brown
- 8 AM      + Dr. Manuel Tantoco, + Marie Madrzyk,  
             + Louis J. Nicastro, + Deacon John Malone,  
             + Louise Sajdak, + Kathleen Reid,  
             + Brandon Reyes, + Krista Clark,  
             + Deacon Daniel Troy, + Juliana De Plata
- 12 PM     + Brian Bongat, Mariano Bongat,  
             & Roberta Peñaverde
- 5.15 PM   + Bobby Benson

#### ○ Thursday, December 21 (Saint Peter Canisius)

- 7 AM      + Louis J. Nicastro
- 8 AM      + Ruby Amoroso Serritella & James Serritella
- 12 PM     + Mercedes Foley

#### ● Friday, December 22 (Advent Weekday)

- 7 AM      + Anthony Ciszewski
- 8 AM      + William F. Wingren
- 12 PM     Betty Ann McAndrews, + Louis J. Nicastro,  
             + Patrick Bochenko, + Robert E. Wahlbeck,  
             + Jack W. Righeimer, + Richard Arthur Webster,  
             + Thomas Morrison, + Sarmed George Elias, MD,  
             + Tomasz Wiltowski

#### ○ Saturday, December 23 (St. John of Kanty)

- 9 AM      + Maria Isabel Fernandez

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Holy Spirit, you who makes me see everything and shows me the way to reach my ideal, you who gives me the Divine gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desires might be.  
 I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. To that end and submitting to God's Holy will, I ask from you. (Mention your Request) Amen.  
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