

December Birthdays

Mackenzie Lecco (Dec. 1)
Kathleen Hamilton (Dec. 2)
Mia Garcia (Dec. 5)
Carolyn Conner (Dec. 5)
Will McCabe (Dec. 8)
Betty Jo Wolfum (Dec. 15)
Christine Hamilton (Dec. 16)
Chere Tew (Dec. 16)
Dory Garcia (Dec. 17)
Emely Sofia Alvarado Garcia (Dec. 18)
Don Smith (Dec. 22)
Mary Metzinger (Dec. 20)
Jackie Johnson (Dec. 31)

December Anniversaries

Tom & Mary Metzinger (Dec. 29)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



December 1, 2024 The First Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Ps. 25 ("To You, O Lord, I lift my soul")
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson	Elizabeth Gillam	Chris Moyer	Amy Tracy
Robert Berry	Lorraine Brennen Gilliam	Ray Moyer	Charles Watson
Patricia Bonnewitz	Lynn Goss	Don Notestein	Danielle Weedon
Millie Budney	Kathleen Hamilton	Patsy Notestein	Laura Williams
Michael Burke	Jeanne Harper	Angel Ortiz	Louise Williams
Sandra Burke	Holly Hewitt	George Perry	Michael Williams
Julie Byron	Jeannine Iannaco	Gary Peters	Travis Williams
Toni Capute	Pablo Ignacio	Laurie Peters	Betty Jo Wolfram
Deacon John Carey	Patrick Ignacio	Frank Powell	
Riordan Cavoris	Meja Irvin	Nelson Sanchez	
Jim Croushorn	Leslie Jarrett	Princess Sanchez	
Justin Curtis	Marge Lent	John Seaquist	
Alessia Destefano	Paul Lent	Ray Servis	
Carol Donato	Carolyn Martin	Jane Sliwinski	
Islea Duncan	Kimberly Martin	Margaret Smith	
John Evans	Greg Moore	Chere Tew	
Jack Fisher	Kathleen Moore	Jim Tew	
Linda Gardner	Beverly Moyer	Fred Toth	

The Financial Corner

Collection for November 24: \$1086.00
Attendees: 67

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Happy First Sunday of Advent! We are called to be vigilant, but not vigilantes! We are called to be watchful - watchful and vigilant for what? For signs of hope. We also begin a Jubilee Year.

Our theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." The word "jubilee" comes from the word "Yabel" which means "rams horn" or "Shovfer." We blow the horn to gather all for the good news. The fields laid fallow in the books of Leviticus. They rested. Isaiah 61:1-3 told us that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us and good news will be proclaimed to the poor, forgiveness of sinners and liberty to captives. That means that our God desires to "ut us some slack" as the Lord shows us grace and mercy. There are viable signs at some of our churches. After a tumultuous season of political, racial and social tension, you, God's holy baptized lay people, work with people of different faiths and races to minister to the poor. That is one of the signs that give me hope. Political tension, but "Let the world go away!" as within our faith communities we do things in a Jubilee way. I look to you and find hope when hope is gone in our society.

In other parishes where there is an effort to separate the lay people from the priest, ou recognize your and mine common priesthood. Did you know that in some places the priest is forbidden from leaving the altar to give the people the sign of peace?

Some of us are full of ourselves and donning the fancy vestments where we should be putting our energy into the homily and serving the poor. It seems as though others are trying to undo the refreshing Spirit of Vatican II. Here at St. Victoria and our Lady of Peace, we take that Spirit and as the late Bishop Sullivan would say, "We try to be church in new ways." Some diocese are even putting some of the lively hymns we use at mass on a "forbidden list." But let those oppressors go sit in a corner and get over themselves while have full, conscious and active participation in the Eucharist.

So, blow the shovfer! Announce a year of favor. Look for more signs of hope as we pilgrim together.

Have a wonderful Jubilee!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent 2024: Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Our theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." Each Sunday of Advent, a candle will be processed and placed on the table. A lector will give a brief explanation regarding that week's candle. Today's candle is the Light of Watchfulness. We watch and hope.

This week, following the explanation of our theme and candle, you will be invited to come forward with your sprig of evergreen and place it around the Advent Candles. It has become a tradition here at Our Lady of Peace that as a sign of solidarity, all present (guests, too) "build" the wreath together.

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath will follow and will be led this year by Beatrice and Sofia. They will both light the first candle.

Fr. Jim's Travel Schedule: Fr. Jim will be away December 26-28 to visit Cousin Mike in Chesapeake and January 6-10 in Rhode Island to visit his Dad.

Pregnancy Support Center Angel Tree: Thanks to all who have adopted angels. There are still angels on the tree and we hope that you will consider helping out with this wonderful ministry. Presents with angels attached are due back by December 15, please.

Lay Minister Schedules: Copies of the December schedule are available in the commons. We will need volunteers for both the Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning masses. Please see Bob Burke if you can help.

*Let us see God's Holy Light
in each other!*