

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)
Mary Metzinger (Dec. 20)
Don Smith (Dec. 22)
Jackie Johnson (Dec. 31)

December Anniversaries

Tom & Mary Metzinger (Dec. 29)

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

The Financial Corner

Collection for December 15: \$1740.00
Attendees: 67

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Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



December 22, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings

Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

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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
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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

Many years before the Gospel of Luke was written, Christians gathered as a community. They shared meals, fellowship and The Lord's Supper. They perhaps grew spiritually intimate. Pulling together in time of adversity made them spiritually intimate. When one Christian saw another at the marketplace, they shouted out a greeting. Much like parishioners of our small Catholic faith communities of Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria. They are glad to see one another and will strike up a conversation.

In the early Christian community of St. Luke, the greeting usually went like this: "Hail, Avery, full of grace" or "Hail, Scott, full of grace." While it was a greeting, it was also meant as a compliment. The Holy Spirit was in their midst as two people who professed Christ met up with each other. That is why the angel appeared to Mary and said, "Hail Mary, full of grace." The pass from Luke would have a wealth of meaning. Mary was one of them and much more.

Of course, the prayer would continue in Luke 1:39-45, when Mary and Elizabeth meet up. As Elizabeth says, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth continued, "And how is it that this should happen to me?" Elizabeth is quoting the Hebrew Scriptures. The previous words were those spoke by David when he received the Ark of the Covenant. Mary and Elizabeth are learned women, also very courageous in a male dominated society.

Once again, the Hebrew Scriptures, represented by Elizabeth and the New Testament, are represented by Mary come together. But just as important, how can we greet someone from our faith community while out in public? If we receive a call of affirmation (if not "full of grace") can we believe it? If we believe it, we will act like it.

We might move more toward our potential to holiness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent 2024: Today is Fourth Sunday in Advent. Our theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." Each Sunday of Advent, a candle will be processed and placed on the table. Today's candle is the Light of Love.

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.

Lay Ministers: Please see Bob Burke if you can serve on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day (or both). You are all a blessing!

Christmas Eve Activities:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 6 PM Social for Christmas Eve has been cancelled. Thanks to all who signed up to bring food and/or help.

Our Annual Christmas Program will begin at 7:00 pm with musical presentations. We will then sing some, and hopefully your favorite, Christmas Carols. This year's Christmas Play presented by our Religious Education Program children will begin at approximately 7:30 pm. Christmas Eve Mass will begin at 7:45 pm.

Christmas Morning Mass: 8:30 am

