

SAINT OLAF CATHOLIC CHURCH
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¿NO ESTOY AQUÍ YO, QUE SOY TU MADRE? - AM I NOT HERE, WHO IS YOUR MOTHER?

By Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

These words from Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego on December 12, 1531 still ring true today. Is not our Blessed Mother with us to protect us and guide us? Does not our Blessed Mother intercede for us to her Son, Jesus? Today not only do we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent but we also celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. I have traveled many times to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and have a yearning to return for a visit. It is like going home and being with Mom for a visit. During Advent, I have often just sat with the image of Our Lady and pondered how she must have felt being invited by God through the angel Gabriel to bring our Lord Jesus into the world. What unknowns she must have felt and those unknowns are the same Juan Diego felt and we feel when we have been called to follow in what the Lord asks of us. How do I discern what I am to do? How do I view my life through the lens of Advent? Are we expectantly waiting? Will we be brought to or bring forth new life? Can we not turn to our Mother? Can we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe who is the Patroness of the Americas and challenges us to open the doors of her Son's house to all

people? Will we believe? Will we work to see that our doors are open to all who come?

John the Baptist challenges us, as he did to those with whom he was speaking. Will you share a coat or some food? Can you be fair and just in your ways? Many come through our doors seeking warmth for these cold months. Can you spare a coat? Can you share your food? Can you be aware of your surroundings and notice some person or a family who might be in need and silently help them? What can you do? Can you bring a plate of cookies for an elderly neighbor; can you offer a pair of gloves and a hat to someone on the street corner, a cup of hot coffee/chocolate to someone who might be cold? Be creative, think outside the box, and ask yourself where you can best bring joy to someone this Advent Season. Will you be someone's Advent Angel and pray for a healthcare worker, a teacher, a grocery store worker, your postal carrier, a priest, a parish worker, or someone in your family who you know you can pray for, even though it might be difficult? Have you found joy this Advent season? Have you looked around and seen the lights that shine in the



night? We do not have to look far; opportunities are always right in front of us.

As we approach year-end, I invite you to remember Saint Olaf in your year-end giving. Our General Fund, Endowment Funds, and Reserve Fund are ways you can share in our mission, show your appreciation, and ensure that the mission, "Serving as a living sign of Jesus Christ's living presence in the heart of the city" will continue to be fulfilled. By your generous support, we continue to be a living presence in the heart of downtown and a place of

peace and prayer today and into the future.

Join us at Sunday's noon Mass for a bi-lingual Mass, followed by treats with Mariachis and maybe una banda singing "Las Mananitas" to Our Lady of Guadalupe. May you be blessed and receive many graces this Advent Season as we await the celebration of our Lord's birth and His return in glory. Gaudete Sunday reminds us of the joy that the world experiences at the birth of Jesus. "Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

December 12: Zep 3:14-18a, Is 12, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18
December 19: Mi 5:1-4a, Ps 80, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45

WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON CABLE TV

Watch our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am.

DAILY MASS LIVE STREAM

Saint Olaf live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: [youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live](https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live). On Facebook, search for and like: **Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Downtown Minneapolis**. Saint Olaf also archives all of our Masses on the website, www.SaintOlaf.org/media.

PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Each of us is *Called to Serve*. Reflect on Micah 6:8 and see how you have been able to respond to the call to "do justice, and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." We are starting to see responses come in and we are thankful for your prompt replies. There are additional forms in the Acrylic stands at the Church entrances or complete your form online, SaintOlaf.org/renewal.

CALLING ALL WEEKEND HOSPITALITY HELPERS!

We are starting Sunday Hospitality in Advent and need YOU, sharing treats and smiles after your regular Mass time once a month. If this sounds like a perfect fit, contact our Hospitality Coordinator, Veronica Reske in the parish office, 612-767-7631 or via email, VReske@SaintOlaf.org.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTER NOW

If you missed the Open House concerning youth Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, please call the office to add your name to the interest list. Classes will be starting soon.

GIVING APPRECIATED STOCK NOW - REMINDER FROM OUR PARTNER, CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

For many of us, year-end giving is part of our seasonal routine: As Christmas approaches, we send gifts to our favorite people and donations to our favorite nonprofits. We think the end of the year is the best time to give to charity. Many people grab their checkbooks when they want to support their parish or favorite causes. But it may be time to consider a smarter way of giving. By donating appreciated assets, such as stock you've held for more than a year, you can grow your giving capacity. Giving long-term appreciated stock — stock that you've held for more than one year — to charity is a smart way to give for three reasons:

1. When the market is strong, the value of your gift is higher. Simply put, you have more to give.
2. You can give up to 30% more by avoiding capital gains tax on stock when you gift it to a charity or donor advised fund. This is especially beneficial when the stock has experienced significant growth.
3. You also receive an income tax deduction for the full value of the donation up to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Work with your tax advisor to determine further benefits.

A gift of stock can be designated for the Saint Olaf Endowment Fund, the Reserve Fund, or the General Fund — each of which provides essential support to the parish today and in the future. To learn more or to make a gift of stock to Saint Olaf, contact Mary Kennedy, 612-767-6204 or MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas "Tank" McCann, brother of Michael McCann, died 11-25-21, funeral in Chapel 12-16-21 8:00am



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

Please be attentive to the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Hand sanitizer is available
- The wearing of masks is encouraged — please observe social distancing

Building closes at 3:30pm Monday - Friday until further notice.

Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday

Chapel is open for prayer from 1-3:30pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:00 PM **MASS**
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
 12:30 PM ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL
 4:00 PM **MASS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00 AM **MASS**
 8:00 AM **MASS**
 10:00 AM **MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)**
 12:00 PM **MASS**
 2:30 PM BOOK CLUB - FORLITI GATHERING ROOM
 4:00 PM **MASS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 AM **MASS**
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM **MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)**
 12:30 PM AA MEETING - EDUCATION ROOM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 AM **MASS**
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM **MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)**
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 AM **MASS**
 7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDUCATION ROOM
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM **MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)**
 12:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL - RICHARD GRAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 AM **MASS**
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM **MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)**
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 AM **MASS**
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 11:00 AM ADORATION
 12:00 PM **MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:00 PM **MASS**
 12:30 PM ADVENT EXTENDED CONFESSIONS (UNTIL 3:30PM)
 12:30 PM ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL
 4:00 PM **MASS**

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #22

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Nov 22 - 28	\$20,412	\$39,499	-19,087
YTD - Week #22	\$426,164	\$464,530	-\$38,366
Annual Stewardship Renewal Week #1	PLEDGED \$199,511	RESPONDENTS 89	% OF PARISH 8.22%

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.