



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Advent | 13th of December, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY

of Advent



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COVID UPDATE

FROM MONSIGNOR'S MEMO, DECEMBER 3RD

"WE CAN ATTEND MASS IN PERSON AGAIN! We have just received word from the Archbishop that, in accord with the Governor's new Public Health Order, we can now allow people to attend Mass at 25% of seating capacity - which for us is 250 persons.

So, as of Friday, December 4th, we will be able to attend Mass in person. In short, we will be "doing" Mass the way we did from June through October. You do not need a "reservation": it will be first-come, first served.

If more than 250 people show up for Mass, we will invite them to listen on their car radios and receive Communion at the end of Mass.

We will continue to broadcast all the Masses on 106.5 FM. Those who do not feel comfortable going into the church can listen in their cars. The Eucharistic Ministers will distribute Holy Communion outside the doors of the church after everyone inside has received.

These new regulations also apply to funerals, weddings, and baptisms. Funerals can now be celebrated with a Requiem Mass.

We will be keeping Mass as short as possible. We are back to the 5 minute Sunday sermon (don't you dare cheer !). At the end of the 9 am weekday Mass we will ask everyone to leave so that we can disinfect the church (about 15 minutes), and then will begin confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Yes, dear family, all these constant changes are confusing and exhausting. Personally I feel like a yo-yo. But I am glad that we can go to Mass in person again. I miss not seeing you in the church at Mass."

Sign up to receive Monsignors email memo at Stanm.org

WORSHIP

We are now holding in person Mass up to 250 persons. You can still listen in the parking lot via FM Radio!

Sunday Obligation

Saturday Vigil Mass- 5pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm & 6:00 pm

Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:00 am in person and online

Monday - Friday 6:00 pm

Confessions- in the Adoration Chapel

Monday - Friday at 9:30 am & 5:00 pm, Saturdays at 2:30pm

Church is open for prayer everyday

9:30 am - 6:00 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13TH, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The 3rd week of Advent: DO NOT BE AFRAID TO PRACTICE JOY

It's the third week of Advent, and we want to remind you and your families: Do Not be Afraid to Practice Joy.

What does it mean to practice joy? How do I share it with others? Jesus's birth is one of the joyous moments in human history, and it's important to keep the joy in our hearts as we prepare for his arrival.

This family-friendly COVID compliant series will explore just that. This week will consist of an Advent activity package accompanied by an educational video from Deacon Dave, a reflection, and more to match this weeks' theme.

It's not too late to join us! Download your activity package and access the videos on our website: stanm.org



A new series for adults: THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

It's the second session of The Purpose of Christmas! We invite you to explore the true purpose of Christmas with this study by Monsignor Raun and Deacon Dave. We will meet via Zoom on Monday nights at 7 pm Dec. 14th and 21st.

On the night Jesus Christ was born, God sent an angel to announce his arrival. In that birth announcement, we find God's three purposes of Christmas. God planned this out, and now he wants you to know those purposes as well!

The Purpose of Christmas will walk you through the true meaning of this season and how to celebrate the way Catholics ought to.

Register Online at stanm.org

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Adult Formation JOIN US FOR ALPHA

The Fall Session of Alpha is quickly coming to an end, but that also means that the Winter session is rolling in!

If you're interested in exploring the bigger questions of life and faith, it might be time to join Alpha.

Alpha is for new Christians and seasoned Catholics who are just looking for a little more information on being a Christian.

Every Tuesday, we get together on Zoom to watch a video, then we discuss it!

The winter session starts on January 5th, 2021. Register online at stanm.org/alpha.

ADVENT PRAYERS

for Couples



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This year, get closer to your significant other while you pray for peace, hope, happiness, and love in your relationship with this mini video series by Deacon Dave and his wife, Mrs. Ann Little.

We will publish a video for you and your significant other to pray along to on YouTube every Sunday morning during Advent.

Join us on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StThomasAquinasNM>

A NIGHT IN Bethlehem

This year has brought us many challenges, but we're excited to bring back this well-loved tradition for another year! This December, explore the town of Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth in a COVID compliant drive-thru style event!

This is a free, family-friendly community event that's open to the public. We encourage everyone to join us. A Night in Bethlehem is a great way to do something special with the family during this Christmas Season.

JOIN US!

DECEMBER 19TH AT 4:00 TO 7:00 PM
THE PARKING LOT OUTSIDE OF D'ARCO
HALL

Dress warm and remember to wear your mask when interacting with others outside of your immediate family

YOUTH MINISTRY

MID YEAR EVALUATIONS

All High School Teens in youth ministry are to schedule a Mid year interview with DCN. Ed to track their progress this year.

Interviews will be over Microsoft Teams (Video Conference) and Can be Scheduled online at

<https://bit.ly/37J5R5J>

They have until Jan 5, 2021 to schedule. Get signed up today!

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ADORATION UNDER THE STARS
SUN DEC 20, 2020 7:15PM

MUSIC | MESSAGE | ADORATION

