

The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Norridge, IL

Fourth SUNDAY of Advent

December 20, 2020

The angel Gabriel
said to Mary,
"Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you have
found favor with God.
Behold, you will
conceive in your womb
and bear a son, and you
shall name him Jesus."

Luke 1:30-31

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We are in need of volunteer parishioners to assist the Re-opening Team with our weekday and Sunday Mass, and also Sacramental celebrations. Without the help of our volunteers we cannot continue to welcome our parishioners back to church. Please help us!

You can sign up by sending an E-mail to dsavior@aol.com or leaving a message at 708.456.9000. We will then contact you about training.

Christmas in 2020 for our Family of Divine Savior

It seems almost a misnomer to say the word Christmas in the same sentence as this year 2020, because with all that has happened to our world, our communities, and our families, it does not feel like God and Christ are among us. Yet we know, because our faith informs our hearts, that God is truly among us.

The world the divine infant was born into was a perilous one. Wars and treachery and political infighting and plotting, together with poverty, famine, and hunger, were some of the realities as he immersed himself into humanity and assumed our flesh and blood. These are precisely the reasons God chose to enter our existence—to lift us up to a new reality of hope, bringing us a future replacing the darkness surrounding us with the divine light of Christ with us forever. This is as true now as it was then.

We may not be able to gather as families in the same ways as in past years, and our celebrations without our customary traditions and rituals will be very different this year, but the reality remains unchanged and constant. God so loved our world that he sent his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

Many loved ones have perished this year from the human conditions of the pandemic. Many of our families are struggling from the economic toll this situation has created. Closer to home many in our own community find themselves in situations they never would have thought would happen. In all of this and the remainder of what confronts us now, one constant remains: God is with us forever. His Son is among us in the ways we make him present to one another. His light can never be extinguished by any human force that darkens our world, even on a global scale. His grace and blessings are still uncovered even in this time—the small victories, the reordered priorities, the recoveries championed, the families sheltering closer together, the realizations of our genuine treasure, his love made real among us.

Born vulnerable and poor, to show us where he is found, he brings the power of redemption and healing for our souls, deliverance, and wholeness for our spirits, and the new creation he invites us to become in every circumstance, in the refuge and strength of his protection and presence.

Next year will be better, human reasons tell us, and faith assures.

Wishing you the blessings of Christ among us, Savior of humanity and every one of us, now and forever.

Gratefully,
Father Richard LoBianco

The Solemnity of Christmas • The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve Vigil Liturgies

Thursday December 24th three-o'clock pm family liturgy

Thursday December 24th four-thirty pm family liturgy

Christmas Day Liturgies

Friday December 25th nine o'clock am • ten-thirty am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Vigil Liturgy Saturday December 26th four o'clock pm

Sunday December 27th nine o'clock am

New Year's Liturgies • The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Thursday December 31st four o'clock pm

New Year's Day

Friday January 1st nine o'clock am

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday January 2nd four o'clock pm

Sunday January 3rd nine o'clock am

For up-to-date information please check

www.divinesaviornorridge.org, our Facebook page, and bulletins.

Reservations are required for all Mass times and can be made through our website www.divinesaviornorridge.org or by calling the Parish Office 708.456.9000.

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Christmas 2020

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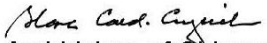
Each one of us carries treasured memories of joyous Christmas celebrations. This year, the Christmas we are about to celebrate will be different. Because of the pandemic and the changes at work in our society, this season will no doubt have a more somber and restrained tone. And yet the very heart of our Christmas celebration does not change and, indeed, may be more important than ever.

To celebrate the birth of Jesus summons us to remember that the Word became flesh. In Jesus, God became one with us in all things but sin. In Jesus, God understands the joy and grief of our human condition from the inside. The great blessing of Christmas is Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us—the blessed assurance that God walks with us on our joyful and challenging life journey.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all sisters and brothers to each other, ultimately linked together in Jesus Christ who is Son of God and Son of Mary. As brothers and sisters, let us hold each other in the mystery of the Word made flesh. Let us pray for each other. I will certainly remember you, and I ask you to remember me. And although this may be a different kind of Christmas, it may also be one of the most meaningful.

God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe in his providential love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



Food Caravan donations for St. Eulalia/ Sacred Heart. Can you continue to help?

Thanksgiving had come and gone, but the need for food assistance remained. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, the Quinn Center of St. Eulalia provided groceries to 111 families, a total of 470 people. With the days getting colder and dark coming earlier, Coordinator Martha Minnich told us that the first 45 minutes were very busy with people picking up food. The pace slowed a bit as the day wore on.

It's the generosity of Divine Savior Parishioners and friends and the hard work of our caravan team that enables St. Eulalia to help these people dealing with food insecurity. They express their sincere gratitude each week.

Weekly Offerings

Due to an early publishing deadline, the collection for the weekend of December 12/13 will be reported in the next bulletin.

We are grateful for all who continue to faithfully support our parish each week during these challenging times.

Online Giving with giveCentral

It's easy to participate in online giving!

GiveCentral was created with input from parishes as a customized online giving program.

GiveCentral is a secure online system where parishioners can create individual giving profiles with payment options ranging from direct debit (ACH) to credit cards.

Here's how to get setup:

1. Visit www.divinesaviornorridge.org and click the 'GiveCentral' button at the top of the page on the right. This will take you to our GiveCentral page.
2. Either select from one of the featured collections on our page, or click 'View More' to see all of our collections.
3. Select the fund(s) to which you would like to donate, and then specify the amount, frequency, start date, and end date.
4. Click 'Add to my Gift Basket'.
5. Review your donations in the Gift Basket, and then click 'Continue'.
6. Select the 'Complete Profile' option to setup an account and fill out the form to complete your donations.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please remember Lillian Baureis, Maria Bordignon, John Bovard, Peggy A. Carolan, Marilee Cass, Joe & Annie Rose Cernick, Biagio Cirrincione, Marge Clemens, Al Corrado, Dawn Crimmins, Grace Crimmins, Josephine Davi, Rosemary DiBiase, MaryAnn Entrup, Geraldine Fergus, Amalia Gaglianese, John Gaydos, MaryAnn Gaydos, Lucille Gibula, Lucille Gutowski, Rosemary Hauck, Gina Hess, Renee Holm, Richard Humanski, Virgil Kolb, Jackie Kukiella, Gloria Lesniak, Erica Lursky, Maria Makos, Mickey Margelewski, Rafela Marchese, Mary Ann Maro, Rosalie McAteer, Berniece Michna, Ernest Morris, William Murray, Edward Pasdiora, James Pastorino, Mary Ann Romito, Lillian Ross, Caterina Savarino, Alicia Schmitz, Matt Schoenbach, Maria Scimeca, Dominic Senese, Elaine Sica, Mickey Stefanski, Steve Strzelecki, Rosemary Wegner, and all parishioners, family members, and friends in your prayers.

Please pray as well for all who have died. May they now rest in eternal peace.

Remember Divine Savior in your will!

Giving a legacy to your church is an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God for all that you have been given and enjoyed during your life. It is also a means of ensuring that your past can become part of the future of your church's life, through mission and ministry to all God's people.

Christmas Oplatki

The sharing of Oplatki, thin wafers of unleavened bread, is a cherished Christmas custom. The wafer is rectangular in shape and may have a picture of the Nativity or Holy Family stamped on it. The wafers are blessed and then exchanged among family and friends. At the family table, the Oplatki are broken and distributed by the head of the household with blessings and good wishes for one another. This custom is quite old and may derive from the Jewish Passover meal. Oplatki wafers will be available at the parish office until we run out. The donation is \$2.00.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21, 2020

Greg Cazolas
Margaret & Frances Petrovic

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

7:30 AM Richard Holbrook

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Betty Glomski
Ann & Ed Olejnick
Olejnick Family

Thursday, December 24, 2020

3:00 PM & Vito & Rosaria Anzalone
4:30 PM Betty Glomski
Grabowski Family
Joseph, Helen, & Philip Iwan
Oszakiewski Family
Brian Tanny
Susan Tiedje
Deceased Members of the Mc Laughlin Family
Deceased Members of the Murray Family
Intentions of Tim Arnold
Intentions of Donna Gallagher
Intentions of Renee Holm
Intentions of Richard Horneck
Intentions of Jackie Leland
Intentions of Theresa Obos
Intentions of Marilyn Ofenloch

Friday, December 25, 2020

9:00 AM & Vito & Rosaria Anzalone
10:30 AM John Bredin
Lillian Dehnicke
Betty Glomski
Roy & Leona Grizzi
John Hussey
Frances Nimietz
Leonard Stancy
Edward & Victoria Wnek
Alexander Wrobel
Beverly Wrobel
Jerome Wrobel
Martha Wrobel

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
4:00 PM Cazolas Family
Barbara Cheney
Marie Pastorino
Frederick Tomzik

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
9:00 AM Vito & Rosaria Anzalone
Charles & Frances Clark
Betty Glomski
Frances Nimietz
Leonard Stancy

Readings for the Week

Monday: Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Luke 1:57-66

Thursday: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Friday: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 24/25

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
3:00 PM	Fr. LoBianco	K. Bratko	D. Budnik
4:30 PM	Fr. Beath	D. Sulimowski	R. Cantal
9:00 AM	Fr. Blazek	S. Kumiega	W. Tylka
10:30 AM	Fr. LoBianco	C. Giacalone	O. Giacalone

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 26/27

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
4:00 PM	Fr. LoBianco	D. Sulimowski	R. Cantal
9:00 AM	Fr. Beath	K. Bratko	I. Petryszak

Mission Statement of The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

We are a faith community that seeks the fullest relationship with Jesus, by our communion with each other, through the Eucharist, Sacraments, Prayer, and Service.

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This Week

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www.divinesaviornorridge.org. Click on Sunday Mass
or follow us and view on our Facebook page

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Saturday at 4:00 PM
radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses
Every Sunday at 9:30 AM on ABC7

Mercy Home Mass
Every Sunday at 9:30 AM on WGN Chicago or
mercyhome.org/sunday-mass

Daily Mass at 10:00 AM from St. James Chapel
<https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM. Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Sunday a Month. Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the rectory.

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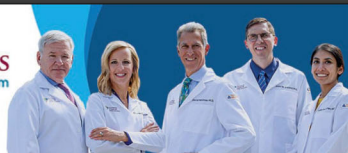
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