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December 3,
2023:

First Sunday of
Advent

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

No Daily Mass (DEC. 4-7)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 — FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—Holy day of obligation. Mass at 12:15 PM ([livestream on YouTube](#)) and 5 PM.

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream on YouTube](#)) and 5 PM

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM and by appointment with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 2 5 PM Mass—Lawrence Casabonne requested by David and Jean Seaver

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

10 AM Mass—Theresa Fazioli Marino requested by Patricia Jackson

5 PM Mass—Alex Townsend requested by Fran and Jim Hyde

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 5 PM Mass—Sr. Ann Christi Brink, CSJ requested by Colleen Purcell

SUNDAY, DEC. 10 10 AM Mass—Jane Ducatt requested by Leo and Marie Carroll

Consider having a Mass said in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (ex. birthday), or, most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Complete the form [here](#) or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated! Here are ways to give...

- Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an [online donation](#) ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- Venmo: At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "csjparish". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings can be found in multiple ways:

- Web: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Sign-up for a daily email with a link to the day's readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe>
- On the Hallow app
- In the Bible

Dec. 3 Sun: Is 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1: 3-9; Ps 85: 8; Mk 13: 33-37

Dec. 4 Mon: Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 80: 4; Mat 8: 5-11

Dec. 5 Tue: Is 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10: 21-24

Dec. 6 Wed: Is 25: 6-10a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mat 15: 29-37

Dec. 7 Thurs: Is 26: 1-6; Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Is 55: 6; Mat 7: 21, 24-27

Dec. 8 Fri: Gen 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk 1: 28; Lk 1: 26-38

Dec. 9 Sat: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Is 33: 22; Matt 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

CSJ BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

There will be no book discussion group for December so that everyone can reflect and enjoy the Christmas Spirit! Please join us for our next book discussion meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 6:30-8:30 pm in the lounge to discuss, John Vailant's ["Fire Weather, A True Story from a Hotter World."](#) Everyone is welcome to participate! Join us each month for a new book. Contact Grace Reale with questions or future suggestions at graceereale@gmail.com

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 6PM—Caroling. Meet at the C+CC to carol around the RPI Campus

SUNDAY, DEC. 17 3 PM at Our Lady of Victory
BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE

Join us and bring a friend. This candlelight service of hope and comfort, acknowledges the difficulties many of us face...a loss or hardship such as death, an illness, a financial concern, loss of a job, an addiction, depression...or other reasons that makes celebrating Christmas a struggle. In the midst of our pain and sadness, there is the promise and comfort of the Lord. In-person and [livestreamed](#).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

COFFEE HOUR Weekly coffee hours are held after the 10AM and 5PM Sunday Masses. Please come and meet your fellow parishioners! Help is always needed and sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS GIVING THROUGH THE PARISH

Each year, during this season of giving, our parish community supports Unity House with gifts of grocery store gift cards. To donate to this collection, please place Price Chopper/Market 32 or Hannaford Gift Cards in an envelope, with your name, address and "Christmas Giving" on the outside of the envelope. Cards can be placed in the collection basket, dropped off or mailed to the C+CC. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous. Thank You!

NOTES

WELCOME Fr. James Donlon will be visiting on Fri., Dec. 8 for both Immaculate Conception Masses.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING PEOPLE

SUFFERING IN WAR If you want to help with humanitarian aid to those suffering in the conflict in Israel/Gaza, we recommend Catholic Relief Services as a non-political organization that effectively serves people in areas of conflict and catastrophe. You can help by giving at: www.crs.org.

HALLOW Christ Sun of Justice has partnered with Hallow to encourage all parishioners to surrender it all this Advent season and prepare your heart for Jesus like never before with readings from the works of C.S. Lewis, voiced by award-winning actor and the voice of Aslan in the Narnia movies, Liam Neeson. Jonathan Roumie and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, will guide us through prayer and reflection on these powerful writings to prepare our hearts for Christmas and rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming into this world and into our hearts

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 10,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription. Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer, and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Register today by scanning the QR code here or visiting Hallow.com/pray (App store) to get started.



C+CC NEWS

IN THE NORTH—Exhibit by artist, Virginia Bryant OCT— DEC. 30. Artist information can be found [here](#).

PIANO RECITAL—Students of Sophia Vastek DEC. 3 1 PM. More info can be found [here](#).

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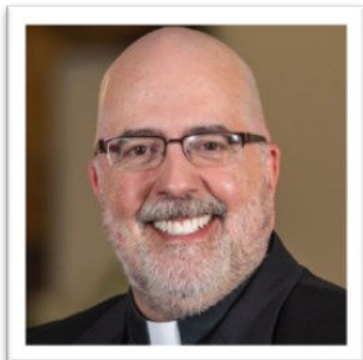
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~Campus Connection~



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It has to be said, right up front, that Catholics love blessings. We will bless almost anything: Water, candles, meals, our children, animals, boats, wedding rings, palms, ashes, salt, eggs, houses, new cars, and all kinds of people: sick people, old people, engaged couples, mothers, students, teachers.... We have a blessing for almost anything.

But what is a “blessing,” exactly? A blessing is a formal prayer that acknowledges God’s goodness, gives thanks, and asks God to preserve, protect, or sanctify whatever—or whoever-- is being blessed.

To someone unfamiliar with the tradition, this might seem like so much superstition. But at it’s most basic, a blessing is a prayer that takes an everyday object or person, and directs us to look through them to see the good that God is doing. Blessing prayers are an acknowledgement that all of creation belongs to God, and that the things we have been given all come from God’s generous hand.

A blessing prayer isn’t magic. Like all prayers it changes mostly the one doing the praying, helping us to see that the goodness of God reaches into every part of our world, and into every situation of our lives. Our joys and our sorrows, our evening meals and our palm branches, our anniversaries and our new years—all are occasions to give thanks to God. That’s what blessings are for.

There are many books of blessings available. One I like a lot is available from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops through their web site. It’s called [“Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers.”](#)



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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Upcoming Events- December Edition

Monday: 7pm Bible Study, C+CC Lounge

Tuesday Nite Newman Pizza: join us for our last dinner of this semester.
6:30pm @ HH

Thursday: 7pm Knights of Columbus, C+CC Lounge

Saturday (9th): Caroling after 5pm Mass followed by hot cocoa and treats

After Masses next Saturday and Sunday, December 9th and 10th, we will be distributing Final Exam Care Packs to students. These bags of treats, along with the promise of continued prayer, are our University Parish and Rensselaer Newman Foundation gift to our students.

Click the image below for information on the challenge!



Got a suggestion? A question?

Contact Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson, MDiv, (spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com or watsot4@rpi.edu) or Newman Student Leaders Cameron Yergeau (yerbec@rpi.edu), Toby McDonald (mcdont7@rpi.edu), Riley Scritchfield (scitr@rpi.edu) and Joey Trosa (trosaj@rpi.edu).