



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 5, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### WELCOME!

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

#### WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am  
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

#### CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before  
7:00am Mass  
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm  
Other | By Appointment

#### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm  
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm  
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:*

*"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,*

*MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.*

*EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED*

*AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."*

—LUKE 3:4-5

### PARISH CLERGY

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DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# READINGS FOR DECEMBER 5, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Reading I

Bar 5: 1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

### Reading II

Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### Gospel

Lk: 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Nov. 21, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
<b>Regular Env. (44)</b>	\$ 3,475.00	\$ 88,689.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 363.00	\$ 18,946.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,581.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 1,368.00	\$ 7,097.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,448.00
<b>Online Giving (53)</b>	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 57,430.00
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	(\$ 40.00)	
<b>Retired Religious</b>	(\$ 265.00)	
<b>Human Devpt.</b>	(\$ 385.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 8,891.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 8,201.00	\$ 177,317.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 189,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 799.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 11,683.00)</u>

**FYE 2021** (\$ 15,462.00)

## Your Contributions to God and Parish

Nov. 28, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week	Year-to-Date
<b>Regular Env. (43)</b>	\$ 4,599.00	\$ 92,388.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 777.00	\$ 19,723.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 335.00	\$ 2,916.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,647.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,483.00
<b>Online Giving (49)</b>	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 59,939.00
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	(\$ 496.00)	
<b>Human Devpt.</b>	(\$ 55.00)	
<b>Retired Religious</b>	(\$ 145.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 9,501.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 8,805.00	\$ 186,122.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 198,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 195.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 11,878.00)</u>

**FYE 2021** (\$ 15,462.00)



### Sunday, December 5

8:00am Frank Cross  
10:00am Bernard Banto

### Monday, December 6

7:00am Hodes Family, SI  
8:00am Anthony Gamma

### Tuesday, December 7

7:00am Jost Family  
8:00am Hodes Family, SI  
7:00pm People of the Parish

### Wednesday, December 8

7:00am Jimmy Feser  
8:00am Sabiha Hanna  
4:30pm Bryan Kreitler

### Thursday, December 9

7:00am Joseph Grana  
8:00am Rev. Mark s. Ebert

### Friday, December 10

7:00am Bryan Kreitler  
8:00am Paul Blackburn

### Saturday, December 11

7:00am Jim Faulkner  
4:30pm Lillian Chrzanowski

### Sunday, December 12

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Marcia Matreci





# ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

St. Raphael the Archangel Church  
6040 Jamieson Avenue

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Join us for an evening of prayer, music and fellowship as we celebrate the joy of the advent season and our preparations for Christmas.

Speakers include Catholic educator and diversity consultant, Danielle Harrison, as well as inspirational radio personality Sandi Brown, of JOY FM, sharing thoughts on maintaining grace with ourselves and with others and the joy found in waiting for Christmas. Music provided by Ray and Mary Anne Braun.

All women are welcome and encouraged to invite family and friends.  
Donations for Our Lady's Inn are appreciated.

**Sunday, December 5**

**Doors Open at 6:00pm | Program: 6:30pm**

**Hot Drinks & Mini Donuts Following the Service**



Contact Anne Browning at [annabelle\\_lea@hotmail.com](mailto:annabelle_lea@hotmail.com) or Melissa Schneider at [melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.schneider2008@gmail.com) for more information.

## ST. RAPHAEL ADVENT ANGEL TREE

Our Advent Angel Tree is back this year and we will once again sponsor Peter & Paul Community Services. In addition to a meal program, P&P offers various services to those who are homeless, many of whom are living with mental illness, addiction, or long-term medical conditions. Our parish will provide gifts for residents of the Supportive Housing program that opened in 2014. Garfield Place Apartments provide clients with a permanent place to stay while also providing supportive services, including a nurse, occupational therapist, and educational classes on topics such as financial literacy and healthy eating. The “gifts” we donate will go to the current residents.



Please return your gift NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19. DO NOT wrap your gift - but DO attach the tag to the gift so we can be sure it gets to the correct person.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, allowing us to provide needed support to this organization that is working hard to improve and change lives for the better. Thank you to all who are able to participate in this Advent Season of giving to those in need.

## WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: *“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,”* many parish communities are committed to St. Louis Winter Outreach as a Ministry of Mercy.

*“As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me.” (MT 25:31-46)*

As winter approaches, our homeless “brethren” will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, we ask your help in providing meals to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter, 1315 Ann Street, on the following days.



DATES: SATURDAYS (1:00pm drop off)  
DECEMBER 11, 2021

JANUARY 8, 2022

FEBRUARY 12, 2022

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

9 x 13 Casserole (Meat, Vegetable, or Breakfast)

Dessert - 12 to 24 servings

Food items may be store-bought. All dishes must be brought baked, frozen, wrapped, and marked. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parking Lot at 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to drop off or have picked up from your home ahead of time.

For more information, to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email [maryem@brick.net](mailto:maryem@brick.net).

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11- 12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12 -13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15- 16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## **Laudato Si': "Praise be to You" - Care of our Common Home**

When we speak of the "environment," what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society that lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves. We are part of nature and thus in constant interaction with it. Currently, we are not faced with two separate crises - one environmental and the other social - but one complex crisis that is both social and environmental. *LS: 139*

## **From St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our families, and to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? If so, please have the family call the parish office for referral to St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and the poor celebrate Christmas.

## **LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11 - 12, 2021**

<b>4:30pm</b> <b>George Kerry</b>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>Amy Ruggeri</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>Mary Faith Green</b>
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## **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, December 8, in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

## **Holiday Update**

Please note, due to the upcoming holidays, the bulletins are due to the publisher earlier than normal. Therefore, please submit any bulletin items as soon as possible.

# ALTAR SERVERS

## **SERVERS FOR DEC. 6 - DEC. 12, 2021**

### **Monday, December 6**

8:00am	Jude Potts	Helen Potts
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### **Tuesday, December 7**

8:00am	Christian Bernadt	Jake Anstey
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### **Wednesday, December 8**

8:00am	Ava Christlieb	Chase Sitzes
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### **Thursday, December 9**

8:00am	Ryan Schneider	Brandon Young
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### **Friday, December 10**

8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Anna-Grace Guenther
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### **Saturday, December 11**

4:30pm	Claire Fuhr Addison Pfeiffer	Lucas Fuhr
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### **Sunday, December 12**

8:00am	Henry Dirnbeck Paddy Meier	Charlie Dirnbeck
10:00am	James Browning Christian Conception	Mac Teeter



## Ladies' Club Christmas Party

Join us for the merriment! The Ladies' Club Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 16, at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Bring a wrapped "Favorite Thing" gift valued at \$15-20 if you want to participate. Also, please bring a side dish. Watch the bulletin for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Krissy Sullivan at 314.608.9983.

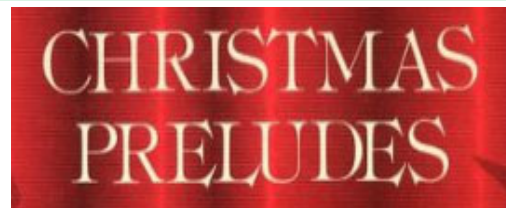


## Christmas Preludes

The choir will perform a variety of Christmas carols for 20-30 minutes before the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve (carols at 4:00pm) and before the 10:00am Mass on Christmas morning (carols at 9:40am).

## Christmas Presentation

The choir will present "A Christmas Journey" program before the 10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (presentation at 9:30pm). "A Christmas Journey" will portray, in words and song, the thoughts, hopes, and fears of those involved in the journey to Bethlehem.



## Guidelines for Christmas Masses, 2021

Our parish leadership is continuing to closely monitor all updates from the Saint Louis City Health Department and the Archdiocese of Saint Louis to make our celebration of Christmas as safe as possible this year. As of November 30, 2021, here is our plan for Christmas Masses:

- Use hand sanitizer as you enter and leave the church.
- Drop off your offertory gift in the baskets located at the Highfield and Jamieson entrances.
- Thank God for the gift of being able to attend Mass together in Church.

### *Before You Come To Mass*

- Thoroughly wash your hands.
- Please bring a mask or face covering with you in compliance with the mask mandate of Saint Louis City.
- If you are sick, under a quarantine order, or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and participate in Mass virtually.

### *When You Arrive at Mass*

- All pews will be open and social distancing will not be enforced. Please be aware of this, especially if you plan on coming to our 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve, which is normally standing room only.
- Please wear your mask as you enter the church until you leave the church building. There will not be incense at any of the Christmas Masses to facilitate safe mask wearing.

### *Reminders*

- Clergy will also wear masks except when proclaiming the Gospel and preaching.
- The pews are sprayed with disinfectant daily and the entire church is mopped as well.
- Twice per week, our cleaning company sprays the church with Virex, a chemical that is certified safe for hospitals and nurseries, but kills all viruses, including COVID-19.

*If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please contact Fr. John or Msgr. Stehly. Thank you and let us continue to pray for the gift of being able to celebrate Christmas safely together this year and beyond!*

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ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

# BLACK & GOLD AUCTION

MAY 7, 2022

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## Auction Donation Blitz!

Black Friday is almost here! While out holiday shopping, please consider picking up an item or two to donate to the Auction.

Donations valued at a minimum of \$75 and received in the Parish Office between 12/6 and 12/17 at 12pm will be entered into a drawing to win one (1) ticket to our in-person auction this year, as well as some goodies from one of our favorite partners, Southside Wine and Spirits. The winner of the Auction Night Package will be announced on 12/17.

Please attach a donation form to your item so you get credit for donating!

Check out our Auction page on Facebook by searching  
“St. Raphael the Archangel Black and Gold Auction.”

Our Auction Wish List on Facebook lists some of our most desired items for this year’s event.

Questions? Need to make special arrangements for an item drop off?

Contact: Katie Meier [katiemeier82@gmail.com](mailto:katiemeier82@gmail.com)

SRA Parish Office Hours for Item Drop Off

Monday-Thursday 7:30a-4:00p

Friday 7:30a-12p





## Advent, 2021

Advent Healing Services (all begin at 7:00pm in Church and will be livestreamed)

*December 6*

*December 13*

### Weekly Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday

6:40-6:50am

Saturday

6:40-6:50am and 3:45-4:20pm

### Special Confession Times

Advent Confessions

December 11, 2:00-4:20pm

"Last Call" Confessions

December 20, 6:00-8:00pm

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday, December 3, after 8:00am Mass - 2:15pm; no reservation required

Each Wednesday of Advent 3:00-9:00pm; reservation required

### Schedule of Masses for Feast Days

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

December 7, at 7:00pm

December 8, at 7:00am, 8:00am, and 4:30pm

### Schedule for Christmas

<i>Christmas Eve, December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Day, December 25*</i>
4:30pm	8:00am
10:00pm	10:00am

\* Even though this is a Saturday, there will be no confessions from 3:30-4:20pm and no 4:30pm Mass as the Mass would count for Christmas and not for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 26) - 8:00am and 10:00am Mass

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1) - Not a Holy Day of Obligation - January 1 at 7:00am

Feast of the Epiphany (January 1 and 2) - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

## A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

## Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

## Christmas Light Tour and Santa Claus

When: Saturday, December 11

Time: 5 – 9 p.m.

Where: Cardinal Ritter Senior Services Campus, 7601 Watson Road.



Enter the Campus at 7601 Watson Road and follow the luminaries. Drive around following the luminary-marked path all throughout the Campus.

Come to see our beautiful holiday decorations and be greeted by Santa Claus as you enter Our Lady of Life . Santa will have treats for all the children.



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### Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate item(s):

☐ New Parishioner

☐ Please Contact Me

☐ New Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone#