

# QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

*A Roman Catholic Church*

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ,  
sharing God's gifts and building the Church together,  
through word, worship and service.*

# FROM FATHER SIMON



Before Thanksgiving we oscillated between hoping and planning to gather in person to celebrate the national holiday. Some of us may have accepted that this may not be a wise decision and are uncertain if it will be the same for Christmas.

As we begin the season of Advent, our experience of the past holiday allows us to grieve about physically distanced celebrations but also allows us to move from the weight of that loss to the hope of possibility - from lament to creativity.

Advent looks back in order to look forward. The celebration of the first coming of Christ in the stable at Bethlehem has meaning and purpose because of hope and expectation of his second coming on the clouds of glory. Christmas is not simply a celebration of an event that occurred some two thousand years ago. This first coming of Jesus Christ includes his birth, public life and ministry, his death and resurrection and his continuing presence among us. This is what we celebrate in the Church's liturgy, especially the Eucharist; it is also at the heart of Christian mission which sees Christ present in every person, tribe, people and nation, as throughout the whole of creation. Advent is an effectual preparation for what is to come.

As such, Advent begins in penitence. Its color is purple, the symbol of preparation and forgiveness. We reflect on our lives, and realize our inadequacies. However, we do not remain focused on ourselves, for Advent calls us to look joyfully to God, who is coming to complete his salvation. Advent hymns and readings are thus full of happy expectation of his imminent second coming. Yet it is important to remember that we do not know the day nor the hour. Advent candles and Advent calendars count down towards Christmas Day, but the Advent season enjoins us not to put preparation off to tomorrow but to be ready now.

During this season of Advent, I invite you to give yourself the gift of a few moments each day to pray with your family around the Advent wreath. As the darkness of this pandemic seems to overwhelm us, gather with your family and light a candle and offer a prayer of hope for ourselves and our world, so that the coming of the Savior may bring comfort and joy to our ailing world.

If you live alone or just want to be by yourself, light a candle and just sit either with eyes closed or just watching the flame dance on the candle. Waiting. Quietly waiting for God to speak to you.

This is what Advent is all about. Listening to the quiet in our hearts, waiting for the whisper of God. Isn't this what we do as we wait for the wonder of Christmas, the birth of Christ? Isn't this what we have been doing for centuries as we await the return of Christ at the end of time? Wonderful waiting! Listening!

Blessings!!

Fr. Simon

# PARISH NEWS

## First Week of Advent

December 5, Saturday - Confessions at 8:30am

## Second Week of Advent

December 8, Tuesday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, 12 noon\* and 7:30pm. Reservations are required

December 12, Saturday - Confessions at 8:30am

## Third Week of Advent

December 13, Sunday - Share Christmas Santa's "Drive-Thru" 2pm to 4pm. Gifts collected at all of the weekend Masses under the porte cochere

December 13, Sunday - Elizabeth Ministry Worldwide Candle Lighting Memorial at 6:45pm in the basilica

December 15, Tuesday - Holiday coffee after all morning Masses

December 19, Saturday - Confessions at 8:30am

December 19, Saturday - Simbang Gabi, Traditional Filipino Advent Liturgy, 7pm in the basilica



## Fourth Week of Advent

December 21, Monday - Confessions at 7pm

December 24, Thursday - 8:30am morning Mass (no 6:30am Mass)



## Christmas

December 24, Thursday - Christmas Eve Masses at 2pm (family Mass), 4pm\* (family Mass), 6pm and Midnight\*

December 25, Friday - Christmas Day Masses at 7am, 9am\*, 11am and 12:30pm

## The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31, Thursday - Mass at 5pm\*

January 1, Friday - Masses at 7am, 9am\* and 11am

\*indicates the event is live streamed

## Worldwide Prayer Service & Candle Lighting to honor and remember children who have gone too soon



### Sunday Evening December 13

6:45 p.m. Program Begins  
7:00 p.m. Candle Lighting

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting service will be hosted by the Elizabeth Ministry of Queen of All Saints parish.

At 7:00 p.m. local time, family and friends around the globe unite in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died. Everyone is welcome to participate in all or part of the service as you feel comfortable.

We prefer you make a reservation. However, walk-ins are welcome. Guests will be asked for their name and phone number for contact tracing purposes only. Masks are required at all times.

Please contact Kathy Haring at [kmharing@gmail.com](mailto:kmharing@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.  
Hosted by the Queen of All Saints Parish Elizabeth Ministry

## RECTORY OFFICE CHANGE

With new restrictions in place due to the growing number of COVID-19 cases, we at Queen of All Saints are doing our part for your safety and the safety of the parish staff. The rectory will be open from 9am to 1pm, Monday through Friday. We strongly encourage you to communicate with us by telephone at 773-736-6060 or email [qasoffice@qasparish.org](mailto:qasoffice@qasparish.org) for any business. It is important that we follow the directives of the civil authorities and venture out only if there is absolute need.

Outside of that time, we will regularly check phone messages and email, so please do not hesitate to leave a voicemail or email message.

If something needs to be picked up or dropped off, please call to make arrangements.



Thank you for your understanding. We must do our part to help provide a safe environment for our parish community.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Has someone close to you recently died? Are you riding a rollercoaster of feelings as you grieve? It is said that "time heals," and that is true. However, it's what you do with your time that helps the healing process. It is also helpful to have fellow companions to bring you comfort and support during this difficult journey.



We invite you to come to our Bereavement Group meeting. Please note: **A mask is required and we will social distance. If you are unable to attend in person, accommodations can be made via zoom.**

**When: Sundays, November 29 (today), and December 6 and 13.**

**Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Where: Holy Name Room (6277 N. Keene Ave.)**

For more information or to register, please contact Sheila Morrow at 773-383-4405 or [smorrow@qasparish.org](mailto:smorrow@qasparish.org)



# SANTA'S DRIVE-THRU for Share Christmas

**Be a part of our QAS Santa's Drive - Thru as  
Santa's elves dance their way to your car to  
collect donations.**

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm - 4 pm.**

**Help bring joy and hope to families who might otherwise  
not be able to celebrate the holiday season!**



## **Ways to give:**

- Order through - [Catholic Charities Giving](#)
- Bring a gift card - Target, Walmart, Amazon, Jewel ...
- Bring an item – toy, book, clothing (child or adult), kitchen items, diapers...

**Socially distant photos with Santa will be available.**



**Any questions please contact Laurie Vlasic @ 312.282.4975 or  
[vlasicl@yahoo.com](mailto:vlasicl@yahoo.com).**

**\*If you prefer to bring your item to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, our  
elves will be accepting donations under the porte cochere.**

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RCIA

Last Sunday five RCIA inquirers participated in the Rite of Acceptance. In the Rite of Acceptance there is a change in identity where those previously known as inquirers become catechumens and candidates.



The Church officially welcomes the catechumens and candidates as disciples, members (although not yet full members) of the household of faith. During the rite they are literally marked with the cross of Christ by both the priest and their sponsors. The rite is the "first consecration by the Church" for those seeking Christian initiation.

After the Rite of Acceptance our now catechumens and candidates begin the period of the Catechumenate which will continue until Lent. During this period, the initial conversion is deepened and appropriated. Each person comes to know more and more deeply the love of God in her or his own life and in the midst of the church community. A further dive into the beauty of the church focusing on liturgical living, the sacraments, and the Catholic life will be the focus of our RCIA sessions.

The church community also takes responsibility at this time to lift up the candidates and catechumens. The church is meant to be a source of support and prayer. Please continue to pray for our five amazing women in RCIA. If you would like to send them a card of support and encouragement please drop it off at the rectory.

## QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS ORNAMENT



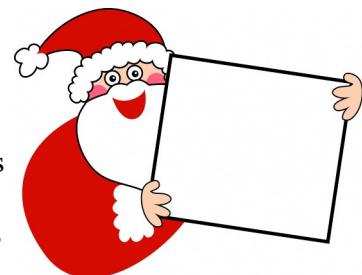
Celebrate Queen of All Saints with a Queen of All Saints Basilica Ornament for \$10. Ornaments are available at the rectory. To purchase one or more please call the rectory at 773-736-6060.

## LETTERS FROM SANTA

November 28th through December 18th  
Santa's Mailbox is located on the west wall of the rectory porch at 6280 N Sauganash Ave.

*Attention All Children and Parents in the Parish*  
The Women's Auxiliary has contacted Santa to ask if there is a special way the children of Queen of All Saints can communicate with Santa during the global pandemic. We have good news! Santa has authorized a special mail box to receive letters from our parish children (and children of all ages). Since he cannot visit with each child in person this year, he is asking for children to write him a letter (maybe with the help of their parents or grandparents) and drop it in the special mail box on the west wall of the rectory porch. His elves will be collecting the letters until Friday, December 18th. He will be sending a letter back to everyone who writes him in the hopes of spreading a little extra Christmas cheer.

Not sure what to write?  
We can help! Santa would like to know your name, age, a few of your favorite accomplishments this year, the name(s) of your friend(s) or siblings, and a special gift you are hoping to receive. Santa will try to respond quickly with a message of Christmas cheer, and the recipe for magic reindeer food.



Parents, if you are able, we would appreciate a small donation of \$5 to go towards the stationery and postage from the North Pole. Additional funds raised will go towards the WAX annual contribution to the UPP.

## RESERVATIONS FOR MASS

Our Mass attendance has been increasing each week, especially the 9am Mass. We encourage everyone to make a reservation so that you are guaranteed a seat. Those without reservations may have to wait to be seated or may be turned away if we are at capacity. Please note, reserved pews will be held only until ten minutes after Mass begins. After that time those who are waiting will be seated.



**Filipino-American Community Association**  
**Queen of all Saints Basilica**

invites you to

**the 32<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Simbang**  
**Gabi**



**Queen of All Saints Basilica**

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**Saturday, Dec 19, 2020  
at 7:00 p.m.**

*Anticipated Mass No Reception*

*Mass will be live-streamed*

**Reservations are required** and will open on December 2nd for parishioners. The reservation information will be shared to non-parishioners one week before the Simbang Gabi. We will strictly follow the guidelines from the Archdiocese and practice safety protocols when attending Mass—wearing face masks, social distancing and hand sanitizing.

Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena of Marian masses before Christmas to prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Mother of God. The celebration of Simbang Gabi shares a rich Filipino tradition with our fellow QAS parishioners, friends from the community and other parishes.



For more information send inquiry to [facaofqas@gmail.com](mailto:facaofqas@gmail.com) or contact:

Maureen Isidoro 312.838.1110

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## PERSONAL BENEFIT, COMMON GOOD

### ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



#### INCREASE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The state program Invest in Kids offers a transformational opportunity for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools through tax credit scholarships (TCS). Children in our state from low-income families will have access to new scholarships to attend non-public schools. Tax credit scholarships cover up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for students. Scholarship eligibility is based on a family's income. For example, a student could receive a scholarship if his/her family income is less than \$72,900.

#### LOWER YOUR TAX BILL

Invest in Kids provides Illinois state income tax credits to individuals and corporations that contribute money to an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). SGOs are independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to eligible students from low-income families. Individuals and corporations may receive a credit for their Illinois state taxes equal to 75 percent of donations to an SGO. Individuals can designate their donation to a school or subset of schools.

### INVEST IN KIDS IN THREE EASY STEPS



#### 1. APPLY FOR A TAX CREDIT AT [MYTAX.ILLINOIS.GOV](http://MYTAX.ILLINOIS.GOV)

Applicants are required to have a MyTax Illinois account. Visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs) for step-by-step instructions for creating an account and applying for the tax credit.



#### 2. DONATE TO AN SGO WITHIN 60 DAYS

Once the application is approved, donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization, such as Empower Illinois or Big Shoulders Fund SGO, within 60 days.



#### 3. DESIGNATE TO CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

During the donation process, donors have the option to donate to a specific Catholic school or the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools.

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# STEWARSHIP

*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts and building the Church together, through word, worship and service.*

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT: A FRUITFUL TIME FOR THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

Even in a “normal” non-COVID year probably nothing challenges a Christian steward’s use of time as much as the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Each year, we marvel at the irony of it: a time to honor and ponder God’s great mystery, the Incarnation, somehow falls prey to a time of stressful shopping (even on-line), endless “to do” lists, strained checkbooks, and guilt over what’s not getting done. Sometimes those non-stop Christmas tunes begin to grate on our senses.

How does the Christian steward answer this challenge to devote time to reflection and prayer while incorporating the best and most fruitful of our cultural traditions into what should be a very festive season?

“I just don’t have time,” is the frequent lament of the holiday season. But the Christian steward is aware that we all have the same amount of time, and to each is given an opportunity of returning the first fruits of that time back to God. The season of Advent offers just such a grace-filled opportunity.



Please consider what we can give back to our parish, in our time, talent and treasure, in response to the great gifts God has given us.

## TODAY’S READINGS

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.”  
- Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance.

Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 12 TO NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Donation Type	Amount	Users
Envelopes	\$14,433.25	177
Loose Donations	\$454.00	n/a
Electronic Giving	\$10,259.50	223
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,146.75</b>	
<b>Fiscal YTD Total</b>	<b>\$496,514.52</b>	

thank you!

*We know that everyone will be not able to attend Mass in person, including for reasons of being in a vulnerable population.*

*Our alternatives for giving will remain in place. We welcome those who can drop off their weekly envelope at the end of Mass or at the rectory, or mail their envelope to 6280 N. Sauganash Ave, Chicago, or through some form of electronic giving. The best way for electronic giving is to arrange regularly scheduled donations through our GiveCentral portal. Please go to our parish website at qasparish.org, click on the GiveCentral logo in the middle of the page and follow the easy prompts.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, November 29 (First Sunday of Advent)

All Sunday Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish

## Monday, November 30 (St. Andrew, Apostle)

School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS Homebound, George Stegmaier, Alma and George Brown, Mary Sciacca, Julius Yballe, Jerry Toigo

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

## Tuesday, December 1

Deceased members of the QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, James Sullivan, Charles J. O'Connor, Bornschlegl and Morcinek families, Seymour Brown, Salvy Monastero

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

## Wednesday, December 2

Basilica Fund members, Ruth Stegmaier, Gaspar Erdelyi, Ria Erdelyi, Richard F. Scheuer, Eleanor Alf, Delmar Thomas

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

## Thursday, December 3 (St. Francis Xavier)

Fernando Hernandez Dominguez, Paul Crilly

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

## Friday, December 4 (St. John Damascene)

Helen and Jerry Martin, Lucy, Mario and Leo Matteucci

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

## Saturday, December 5

Dr. Salude Rodriguez Roque, Anthony DD. Rodriguez, Laurence Nee, Raymond Budzban, Joe Kilroy, Kate and Bill Meeker

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Please Pray for All Recently Deceased**

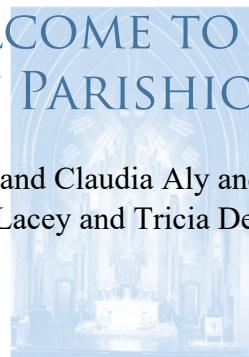


## WEDDING BANNS

Giovanni Mosquera & Marjorie Gudani  
Daniel Biasco & Megan Sorenson

**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW PARISHIONERS**

Keltan and Claudia Aly and family  
Donald Lacey and Tricia DeMarco



# QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

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	Rev. Msgr. Wayne F. Prist
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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....9:00am-1:00pm  
*Please call or email us before visiting the rectory.*

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## Queen of All Saints School

Pre K-3 through Grade 8	
Principal.....	Emily Carlson
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## Visit Our Website

Queen of All Saints Basilica.....[www.qasparish.org](http://www.qasparish.org)  
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Rectory fax number.....773-736-6099  
Email .....[qasoffice@qasparish.org](mailto:qasoffice@qasparish.org)

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil .....5:00pm  
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am, 12:30pm

## Daily Mass

Monday-Friday.....6:30, 8:30am  
Saturday.....8:00am

## Holy Day Masses

Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day Mass schedule

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....After the 8:00 am Mass until all are heard

## To Register in the Parish

Please contact the rectory office.....773-736-6060

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism. If it is not possible for you to come to the rectory, please call the rectory to make arrangements. The sacrament of baptism for infants is celebrated on Saturdays. Please call the rectory for the exact schedule. A baptismal preparation class for the parents is required. Please contact the rectory for further details. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

## The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

## Find Us on Social Media

Facebook - Queen of All Saints Parish - Chicago

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# OTHER NEWS

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** - Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** - God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** - Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

*Please join us online for Sunday Mass at [gasparish.org](http://gasparish.org).  
Click on "Livestream Mass". We livestream Mass at 5pm and 9am.  
Recorded Mass is available after 6pm on Saturday.*

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE
<b>December 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>5pm</b> - Fr. Simon Braganza
<b>7am</b> - Fr. Jesudas Gudime
<b>9am</b> -Fr. Robert Heidenreich
<b>11am</b> - Fr. Michael Cronin
<b>12:30pm</b> - Fr. Edward Grace



## CONFESIONS

We celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday mornings following the 8am Mass. If you are not attending the Mass, the priest usually begins at 8:30am and will continue until all are heard. Enter through the southwest Keene Avenue doors. Don't forget your mask! We will also have confession on Monday, December 21st at 7pm.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MASS ATTENDEES

As required by the Illinois Department of Public Health and for contact tracing purposes, please notify the rectory if you test positive for COVID-19 within two weeks of attending a liturgical service in the basilica. Any and all personal information will be kept strictly confidential.

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