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*To Serve as He Served, To Live as He Lived,
and To Love as He Loved.*

Third Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

*Whoever has two cloaks should
share with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.*

Luke 3:11



GAUDETE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2018



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.—English
6:00 p.m.—Polish
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:00 Noon, and Polish at 1:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday—6:00 p.m.
Thursday—7:00 p.m. in Polish

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Prayed weekdays before the 8:30 a.m. Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Held every Thursday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (after 8:30 am Mass); concluding Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Greg Lorens	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Thomas Campana	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Rev. William Holbrook	<i>Resident Priest</i>
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Mrs. Joanna Szeplotko	<i>Parish Secretary</i>

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - 9:15am to 7:30pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 9:15am to 5:15pm
Saturday - 10:00am to 2:00pm
Sunday—Closed

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SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The special grace of this Sacrament offers the Lord's healing strength, peace and courage to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized or about to undergo surgery. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have someone anointed.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated twice a month: the first and third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. (some exceptions due to Holy Days and liturgical celebrations). Please call the Parish Office to register for the program and to set a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Archdiocese of Chicago guidelines for marriage preparation ask that a minimum of six months be set aside for preparation for marriage. No firm date for a wedding will be set until the conclusion of the couple's first meeting with the parish minister. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Monica. No Sunday weddings are scheduled.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/HOUBOUND

If you or a family member are in a local hospital or are homebound and would like to have a visit from a priest, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Ministers of Care are also available to bring Communion to those who are confined at home and are unable to attend Mass, either temporarily or on a continual basis. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday — Friday before the morning Mass (please ask for a priest in the sacristy), Saturday from 3:00 to 3:50 p.m., and 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. (English and Polish). Individual confessions available by appointment.



ST. MONICA ACADEMY

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Monica is a welcoming Catholic faith community.
Proclaiming the power of the Word of God, we join together in the celebration of the
Eucharist and all Sacraments. We aim to follow Jesus Christ —*

TO SERVE AS HE SERVED, TO LIVE AS HE LIVED, AND TO LOVE AS HE LOVED.

OUR PRAYERS

MONDAY, December 17, 2018

8:30 a.m. — † Victoria Krautter
 † John P. Partipilo
 † Joseph Zagotta
 6:00 p.m.— † Souls in Purgatory
 • John Baruch - God's Blessings

TUESDAY, December 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. — † Esper Cobarrubias
 6:00 p.m. — † Pat Perilli
 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2018

8:30 a.m. — † Joseph Carpino, Jr.
 • Jennifer Catalano-George - Birthday Bless.
 6:00 p.m — † Andrew J. Zumer
 • Maggie Enriquez - God's Bless.

THURSDAY, December 20, 2018

8:30 a.m. — † Reynalda Sawa - 1st Death Anniv.
 7:00 p.m — *Mass in Polish*

FRIDAY, December 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. — † Elisa Alverio
 6:00 p.m. — † Daniel T. Schiffer

SATURDAY, December 22, 2018

4:00 p.m. — **SIMBANG GABI - BP. KANE**
 † Deceased Members of the Dorney Family
 † Deceased Members of the Heneghan Family
 † Roxana Malandrino
 † Pat Perilli
 6:00 p.m.— *Mass in Polish*

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

7:30 a.m. — † Rose Mary Bohn
 9:00 a.m. — † Debra Giannini
 † Martin McNeela
 † Frank & Irene Sokol
 10:30 a.m.— • God's bless. & care of the BM for David
 12:00 p.m.— † Elizabeth Verbeke Mrowiec
 † Patrick Fitzpatrick
 1:30 p.m.— *Mass in Polish*
 † Vincente Alvarado
 † Edward Świątek
 † Józef Bęben

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER

Dorothy Ptack

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Arnott Family	Irena Dudek	Henrietta Pinkowski
Mary Allegretti	Carole Edwards	Deacon Ed Podgorski
Carole Bacarella	Mary Lu Forte	Sharon Petrozz,
Carol Batjes	Richard Gonsiorek	Bridie Regan
Alice Baxter	Gladys Garzon	Paula Riveron
Marilyn Bell	Monica Gathman	Augie Sansone
Judy Biala	Roberta Gols	Tim Sheehan
Adam Burek	Edward L. Hausner	Bernadette Schmidt
Jo Buscemi	Kerri Horan	Harriet Skiba
Sylvia Boulahanis	Michael Kelly	Steve Skubski
Paul Bowers	Timothy Kim	Denise Slaski
Cindy Cisek	Aimee Mayuga	Ida Traczyk
Grace Cleys	Ruth Miner	Ralph Volgarino
Joan Craig	Dolores Nieciecki	Laura Wysocki
Lucille Clark	Cathy O'Hara	Elizabeth Wright
Eugene Dunaj	Jose Perez	

and all the sick and aged of our parish...

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

US Army

Eric Ambriz
 James Ambriz
 Kurt Beyer
 Tom Bobek
 Daniel Clark
 Michael G. Dobija
 Justin Elazegui
 Walter Fernandez
 Robert Gullett
 Andrew Kupinski
 Jesus O. Lebron
 Conner Mahoney
 Jack Maksymec
 Erik Malenock
 Andrew Perez
 Julio Rios
 Michael Rivera
 Andrew Thomas
 Christopher Walsh
 Michael Zadlo



US Army Reserve

Jason Adamczyk
 Roman Gronke
 Keith Maslon
 Sean O'Grady

US Coast Guard

Christine Ambriz

US Air Force

Michael Brimie
 Zachary Muldoon
 Matt Olken
 Michael Rice
 Anthony Villalpando
 Laurel Walsh
 Kevin Valdez

US Marines

Vincent Bertucci
 Gage Cygnar
 Lukas Czynczyk
 Dominic Davila
 Caitlen Ferrarell
 Benjamin Juhasz
 Mathew Lynn
 Steven Meyer
 Kevin Rasmussen
 Christopher Ryan

US Navy

Jeremy Bloom
 Justin Chovanec
 Zachary Corrado
 Daniel Jarosz
 Clay Presny
 Riley Schoen
 Steven Stancy
 Richard Whitman
 Nick Whitman

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
 Protect them as the protect us.
 We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen*



ADVENT
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 IN ENGLISH & POLISH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
7:00 PM—9:00 PM

ST. MONICA PARISH

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, Gaudete Sunday, is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice! This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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St. Monica Parish Welcomes All to Experience
the Beautiful Liturgy of
SIMBANG GABI
CHRISTMAS 2018
Saturday, December 22

A traditional evening Mass known as
"Simbang Gabi" has long been a widely
celebrated and distinct part of the Filipino culture

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Celebrant
Bishop Francis J. Kane
Homilist
Fr. Mario Quejadas

Mass begins at 4:00pm
Followed by reception in Beyenka Hall

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GAUDATE—REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work. Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank everyone who purchased a gift for the children of St. Thomas. Because of your kindness and compassion these children will have a bright Christmas this year. Your continued support of this very important is very much appreciated.

Thank You



The scouts and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 943/Cub Pack 3943 would like to extend our extreme gratitude and thanks to Pastor Fr. Greg Lorens, Ass. Pastor Fr. Thomas Campana, families of the scouts, and the wonderful parishioners and staff of St. Monica Parish who all came out and generously supported our 25th All you Can Eat Pasta Dinner. It was a terrific success. All proceeds will help in aiding our wonderful upcoming scout activities.

A HUGE SCOUT THANK YOU!



CHRISTMAS FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR CHURCH

If you wish to remember your loved ones with a contribution for the flowers for the liturgical décor, adorning our church throughout the Christmas season—we welcome your gift. The flowers will be displayed from Christmas Day, December 25, 2018 through The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019.

Please fill in the form below and place it with your offering in an envelope marked “**Christmas Flower Memorials.**” Donations can be dropped in the weekend collection basket or delivered to the Parish Office. All memorials will appear in the CHRISTMAS SEASON BULLETINS. *Thank you for your generosity!*

- PLEASE PRINT -

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A LETTER FROM CARDINAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop
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November 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the weekend of December 8-9, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.” This analogy has certainly been born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social services agencies—allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

Since the inception of this annual event nearly 30 years ago, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been one of the most generous donors to this collection for those who have labored long and hard in the vineyards of the Lord. I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join with me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

Sincerely in Christ,

Card. Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

SAINT MONICA PARISH

Christmas Schedule

SIMBANG GABI

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00 PM - SIMBANG GABI

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM - FAMILY MASS

10:00 PM - POLISH "PASTERKA"

12:00 AM - MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30 AM - MASS IN ENGLISH

9:00 AM - MASS IN ENGLISH

10:30 AM - MASS IN ENGLISH

12:00 PM - MASS IN POLISH

ST. STEPHEN DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 AM - MASS IN ENGLISH

6:00 PM - MASS IN ENGLISH

7:00 PM - MASS IN POLISH



SOLEMNITY OF MARY - THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:00 PM - VIGIL MASS IN ENGLISH

7:30 PM - VIGIL MASS IN POLISH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR

10:30 AM - MASS IN ENGLISH

6:00 PM - MASS IN ENGLISH

7:30 PM - MASS IN POLISH

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Listopad 2018

Drogie Siostry i drodzy Bracia w Chrystusie,

Podczas weekend 8-9 grudnia parafie naszej archidiecezji przeprowadzą kolektę na rzecz Funduszu Emerytalnego Osób Zakonnych. Jest to doroczna zbiórka, z której skorzysta 31,000 emerytowanych zakonnic, braci i księży – kobiet i mężczyzn, którzy poświęcili swoje życie na służbę Bogu i Kościoła.

Podczas Światowego Dnia Życia Konsekrowanego Papież Franciszek zauważył, że „Nie ma rozwoju bez korzeni i nie ma rozkwitu bez nowych pędów”. Ta analogia z pewnością zrodziła się w życiu Kościoła Stanów Zjednoczonych. Starsi zakonnicy byli korzeniami, które założyły katolickie szkoły, szpitale i agencje usług społecznych, pozwalając rozkwiąć pokoleniom katolików. Dzisiaj przykład starszych sióstr i braci zakonnych inspirowało młodszych członków zakonów do wytrwania w misji i służbie.

Jednak wiele wspólnot religijnych walczy o zapewnienie bytu swym starzejącym się członkom. Większość spośród emerytowanych osób zakonnych pracowało przez długie lata pobierając niskie wynagrodzenia, co spowodowało duże luki w oszczędnościach emerytalnych. Wzrost kosztów opieki zdrowotnej i zmniejszone dochody składają się na walkę o zapewnienie im odpowiedniej opieki. Wasza ofiara na rzecz Funduszu Emerytalnego Osób Zakonnych zapewni istotne fundusze na leki, opiekę pielęgniarską i wiele więcej. Pomoże także religijnym wspólnotom wdrażać dalekosiężne strategie emerytalne, nawet wtedy, gdy ich członkowie nadal służą Ludowi Bożemu.

Od momentu powstania tej dorocznej kolektki, blisko 30 lat temu, Archidiecezja Chicago jest jednym z najbardziej hojnych ofiarodawców na rzecz osób, które tak długo i ciężko pracowały w winnicy Pana. Rozumiem, że jesteście proszeni o wspieranie wielu cennych dzieł. Zapraszam Was jednak abyście ofiarowali tyle, na ile Was stać. W dziękczynieniu za ich wierną służbę, dołączcie wraz ze mną do kolektki na rzecz Funduszu Emerytalnego Osób Zakonnych i do modlitwy o Boże błogosławieństwo dla starszych zakonnic i zakonników naszego narodu.

Szczerze oddany Wam w Chrystusie,

Arcybiskup Chicago

III NIEDZIELA ADWENTU

Oto Pan Bóg przyjdzie.

z rzeszą świętych nam przybędzie.
Wielka światłość w dzień ów będzie
Alleluja, alleluja. /3x

Archanioł Boży Gabriel,

Posłan do Panny Maryi,
Z Majestatu Trójcy Świętej,
Tak sprawował poselstwo k`Niej
Zdrowaś, Panno, łaskiś pełna,
Pan jest z Tobą, to rzecz pewna".

Panna się wielce zdumiała
z poselstwa, które słyszała.
Pokorniuchno się skłoniła;
jako Panna wstrzeźliwa
zasmuciła się z tej mowy,
nic nie rzekła Aniołowi.

Ale poseł z wysokości,
napelnion Boskiej mądrości,
rzekł Jej: Nie bój się Maryjo,
najszcześniejszaś, Panno miła,
znalazłaś łaskę u Pana,
oto poczniesz Jego Syna.

Jezus nazwiesz imię Jego,
będzie Synem Najwyższego;
wielki z strony człowieczeństwa,
a niezmierny z strony Bóstwa,
wieczny Syn Ojca Wiecznego,
Zbawiciel świata całego".

Powietrzem moim jest | 2x

Obecność Twoja w sercu mym.
Powszednim chlebem mym (2x)
Twe żywe słowo dałeś mi dziś.

Bez Ciebie nie mogę już żyć
Dla Ciebie me serce chce bić.

SPOWIEDŹ ADWENTOWA WTOREK, 18 GRUDNIA



7:00 PM– 9:00 PM



Ave, Ave Maria! Ave Maria Jasnogórska

Ave Mater Domini, Matko Chrystusa
W cieniu krzyża. Ave Matko Zwyczajna
Dziś na swe dzieci z łaską patrz

Każdy dzień jest dla nas zwiastowania dniem
Kiedy Anioł Gabriel nagle wszedł
Oto Służebnica Pańska oto ja
Według słowa Twego niech stanie się

Ave, Ave Maria! Ave Maria Jasnogórska!
Ave Mater Domini, Matko Chrystusa
W cieniu krzyża; Matko nie daj mi upaść
A gdy upadnę pomóż wstać

Nie znajduje w sobie żadnych innych słów,
Hołdów, błagań, zdań piękniejszych niż:
Zdrowaś Mario łaskiś pełna z Tobą Pan
Bądź błogosławiona wśród Niewiast Ty

Ave, Ave Maria! Ave Maria Jasnogórska!
Ave Mater Domini, Matko Chrystusa
W cieniu krzyża. Ave, Ave Maria!
Tobie zawierzam, to co mam!

Spuście nam na ziemskie niwy

Zbawcę z niebios, obłoki,
Świat przez grzechy nieszczęśliwy.
Wołał w nocy głębokiej;
Gdy wśród odstępstwa od Boga
Czart panował, śmierć i trwoga,
A ciężkie przewinienia—Zamkły bramy zbawienia.

Ale się Ojciec zlitował
nad nędzną ludzi dołą,
Syn się chętnie ofiarował,
by spełnił wieczną wolę;
zaraz Gabryel zstępuje
i Maryi to zwiastuje,
iże z Ducha Świętego pocznie Syna Bożego.

STEWARDSHIP & SCHEDULES



DECEMBER 2ND

SUNDAY MASSES

ENVELOPES (Registered Parishioners)	\$	5,019.20
LOOSE (Visiting/ Unregistered Parishioners)	\$	2,320.39
SUNDAY MASSES TOTAL	\$	7,339.59

E-Giving	\$	N/A
Mailed Envelopes	\$	514.00
Children's Envelopes	\$	44.00
Grand Total This Week	\$	7,897.59
St. Monica Academy	\$	55.00
Facility Maintenance Fund	\$	1,707.47
All Saints' Day	\$	5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	562.00
All Souls' Day	\$	5.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$	20.00
Thanksgiving	\$	49.00
Weekly Difference (\$9,700.00 Budgeted)	\$	- 1,802.41
Year-to-Date Difference	\$	- 19,990.34
Actual Weekly Collection-to-Date	\$	203,109.66
Year-to-Date Goal	\$	223,100.00

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER	December, 2	Regular Sunday Collection	Facility Maintenance
	December, 8	Immaculate Conception	None
	December, 9	Regular Sunday Collection	School Development
	December, 16	Regular Sunday Collection	Retirement Fund for Religious
	December, 23	Regular Sunday Collection	None
	December, 25	CHRISTMAS	None
	November, 30	Regular Sunday Collection	None



Your support is greatly appreciated. God Bless You!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 22	4:00 pm	SIMBANG GABI			
Dec 23	7:30 am	H. Bass	S. Bass	H. Bass	TBD
	9:00 am	L. Ciesielski J. Cwynar C. Cwynar	D. O'Donnell B. O'Donnell	L. Ciesielski	T. Robaczewski J. Robaczewski
	10:30 am	S. Hilger D. SanBuenaventura	J. Hilger S. Hilger	K. Wyszowski	J. Ostrowski TBD
	12:00 pm	C. Devine TBD	TBD	M. Enriquez	TBD

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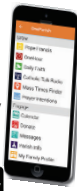
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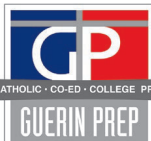
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