

Merry Christmas

For unto *you* is
born this day, in
the city of David,
a *Savior*, which is
Christ the Lord
Luke 2:11



St. Hippolyte
Our Lady of Lourdes

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

MONDAY:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

TUESDAY:

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

WEDNESDAY:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

THURSDAY:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

*Christmas Eve:

Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

FRIDAY:

Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

SATURDAY:

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

SUNDAY:

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Dec. 21: Ron Maloney, Rhonda Weagraff
 Dec. 22: Breanna Heme, Mike Leech,
 Landon Pierce, Johanna Schneider
 Dec. 23: Christine Bornemann, Kristen Ferguson,
 Kitty Jehn
 Dec. 25: Cecile Richard, Chad Robinson
 Dec. 26: Bethany Holcomb, Gregg Kalinowski
 Dec. 27: Tom Brooks, Joe Grundy,
 Tyler Kalinowski

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 26 Paddy & Evelyn Padlan

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading

Adults – If you were to write three suggestions for those who follow Jesus, to keep them strong in their faith, what would you write?

Youth – John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus' coming?

Children – As we get closer to Christmas, name one thing you really want for your home or the world, such as peace, friendship, or food for the poor.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our gifts given in thanksgiving for what we have already received.

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,326	\$1,955
envelopes used:	34	39
Retired Religious	\$ 245	\$ 265
Building Fund last week:	\$ 265	\$ 200
envelopes used:	14	10

#iGiveCatholic

Saint Hippolyte: \$350 from 14 donors

Our Lady of Lourdes: \$385 from 11 donors

**Our parish also won a \$750.00 prize!

Across the 13-county Diocese of Erie, 1389 individuals donated \$243,498 in support of 111 Catholic organizations.

Catholic Services Appeal 2020:

Dio Assessment: \$27,618

of Gifts/Pledges: 101

Pledged: \$39,055 Received: \$37,080

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER:

Eternal God, Whom the heavens cannot contain, You have chosen as Your tabernacle the womb of Mary, the Virgin of Nazareth. Overshadow us with Your power, form us as Your daughters and sons and knit us together as Your holy people according to Your word. For You nothing is impossible, and so we offer You our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was, Who is and Who is to come, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, SAINT PETER CANISIUS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30am SH George Popovich (George & Betty Klein)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

Anticipated Christmas Liturgies:

5:00pm SH Mary Seeley (Steve & Kim Steider Family)
10:00pm SH Rosalie McCracken (Sandra Bowler)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30am OLL For the Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, SAINT STEPHEN

Anticipated Sunday Liturgy:

4:30pm SH Cliff Porter (Paul & Ruth Mercier)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27,

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30am OLL George Klein Sr. (George & Betty Klein)
10:30am SH For the Parishioners

THANKS FOR GIVING! “We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last week’s special collection. Donations will be accepted through the end of December. Place an envelope in the offertory basket or visit www.SupportTheSisters.org

THE PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) will meet on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:00pm at SH.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS will be broadcast on COOL 101.7 radio at 5:00pm from Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church. This broadcast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus as a way to help anyone who is shut-in or homebound due to the pandemic.

THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!

LOST AND FOUND...A mechanical lead pencil was found at Saint Hippolyte Church near the candles at the St. Joseph Shrine. Call the office at 814-789-2022 to identify and claim.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS



JOURNEY FROM ADVENT INTO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. The readings tell us about the events of

Joseph and Mary leading to the birth of Jesus. We now journey to the Christmas Season beginning with the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord on December 24 through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is a holy day of obligation along with the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God on January 1, 2021. January 3, 2021 is the day we celebrate the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord to celebrate the long wait of our Lord’s coming. After we celebrate the Feast of The Baptism of our Lord on January 10th the season of Ordinary time begins on Monday January 11th until February 17th the day before we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Many times people think that Christmas is over on December 26th which is not true for people of the Catholic Faith Tradition.

We as a Parish and our families will be following the CDC guidelines for so many of our Christmas activities and celebrations because of the pandemic. This year we missed our traditional Christ-Kindle name exchange and prayers along with the Journey to Bethlehem display. We will also miss our traditional preludes and singing by our choir for the Christmas celebrations. Everything seems to be different because we are still under the CDC guidelines due to the pandemic. We need to be creative in how we celebrate the season, especially by staying away from groups of people. Be safe!

Visit <https://www.eriescd.org/christmas.html>

A COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will be held at Saint Agatha Church in Meadville at 2:00pm today, December 20th. All are encouraged to attend.

A PRAYER FOR WORLD HEALTH — Almighty and Ever Loving God, Creator of all things, in You we place our trust and guidance during this coronavirus pandemic. Hear the prayers we offer for our elderly and those with chronic health conditions, who are most vulnerable. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Allow Your heavenly knowledge to direct our medical professionals and researchers to find a solution for this sickness. Bless, with Your divine protection, doctors, nurses and first responders and surround us all with Your love. Guide those in authority, O Lord. By the wisdom of our leaders and public health officials, along with the integrity of our citizens, may harmony be restored. Look also with favor on the families and friends who mourn those who have died from this illness and comfort them in their loss. Console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in your Eternal Kingdom. Calm this terror that threatens us. Protect our families, neighbors and friends and restrain our fears and anxiety. Grant that health, the fruit of life, may reign throughout the world. Amen.

Join us this Christmas

Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.
at Saint Hippolyte

Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. at
Our Lady of Lourdes



NEW YEAR'S EVE

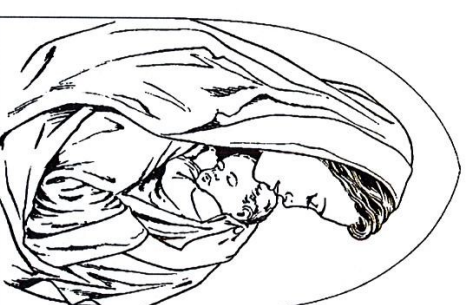
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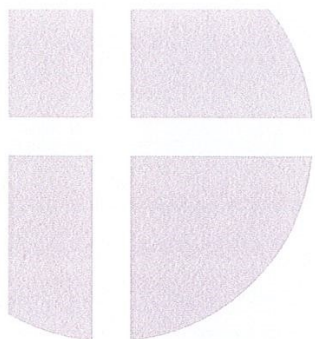
6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

10:00am at Saint Hippolyte





The Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 20, 2020

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Christmas is almost here! Have you blessed your Christmas tree yet?

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

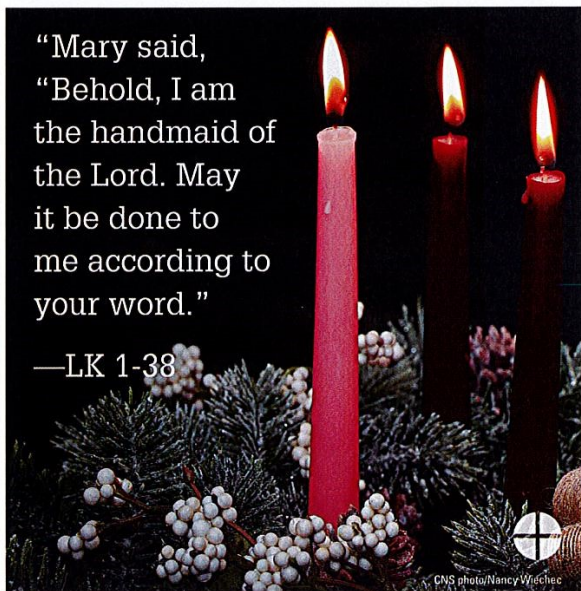
R/. Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

"Mary said,
"Behold, I am
the handmaid of
the Lord. May
it be done to
me according to
your word."

—LK 1-38



One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Titus 3:4 (lines 4-7) or Ezekiel 17:22 (lines 22-24 4; I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this

sign of our faith in the Lord.

R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on

which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the

Lord. R/.



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

That the joy of Christmas may always be in
our homes, let
us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our
hearts and in the

world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

After the intercessions the leader invites all
present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God,

we praise you for the light of creation:

the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:

the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the
Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:

he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of
Peace,

who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives

be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree

come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

The leader concludes the rite by signing
himself or herself with the sign of the cross
and saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace
and joy, now

and forever.

R/. Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night





and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

—*From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



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