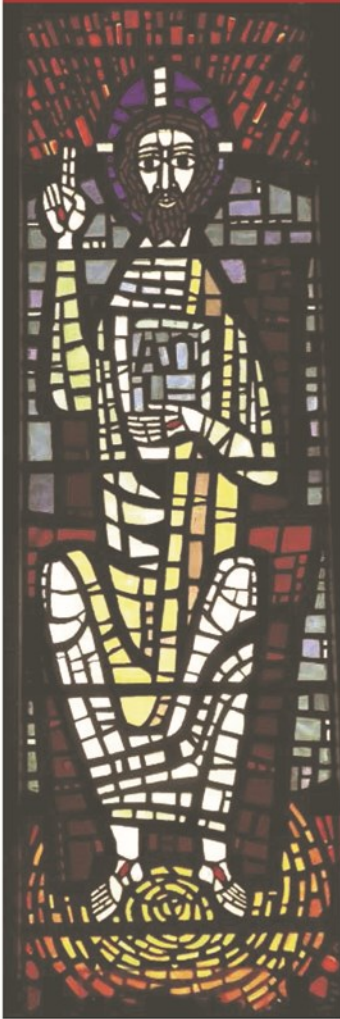


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Dear Newman Center Brothers and Sisters

Besides Christmas, there is so much happening in the next couple of months to inspire us to respond to our parish vision which is “Bringing the transformative power of Christ to all by becoming the intellectual center for innovations and best practices in all aspects of worship and ministry”.

Hopefully the programs that we offer will sharpen our vision and inspire our mission here at the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. Please contact me for more information about anything mentioned and look for more detail on our website and Sunday Bulletin!

The Food Recovery Program serves a nutritious meal each Friday evening from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. We have four teams of committed volunteers but please come on a Friday for a meal and spend time in community with those we are serving. It will give you an opportunity to see how you could become involved in some way during 2023. Hope to see you on January 3, 10, 17, 24 or 31!

Beginning on January 10, and concluding on April 25, Deacon John Supino and Jim Grant will co-facilitate 12 sessions on **“Vatican II in Plain English”** and will meet on Tuesdays as part of Faith Family and Friends from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The Series will begin with an Introduction to the Council, then focus on the four main documents: Revelation, Church, Liturgy, and the Church in the Modern World. This course will be unabashedly positive and interactive. Everyone is welcome to attend who wants to examine the new direction proposed by Vatican Council II, a “Second Pentecost” for the People of God. The final sessions will connect the Council to the Synodal Process which we are currently engaged in and offer us ways to see the “Signs of the Times” and what needs to be addressed by the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. Besides presentations and discussions, resources will be shared with all participants. At 61 years of age, the Second Vatican Council is as enlightening and vibrant as ever, and we hope you’ll see why, beginning January 10!

In February, the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center will be hosting **“Recognizing the Stranger”**, a Diocesan-wide community organizational training. This Leadership Training is scheduled for February 3 and 4 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The training is facilitated by IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) and will focus on how our parish can respond to the same challenges St. Paul addressed to the Church in Corinth (1 Cor. 11:-17-34) and truly act into what being “the Body of Christ” really means. IAF leaders recently returned from a group visit with Pope Francis regarding their work. This training will help attendees follow the Holy Father’s call to become the Synodal Church of Encounter and Accompaniment that is rooted in our baptism. It will also offer a renewed understanding of Christ’s presence among us in everyone, especially those who are marginalized.

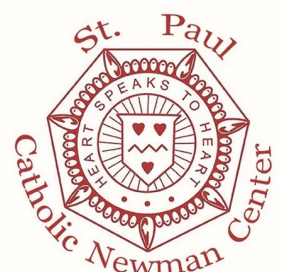
Interfaith Scholar Weekend, March 10-12, 2023. The theme is “Faith in a Multicultural Nation” with scholar, Reverend Paul Rauschenbush, President of the Interfaith Alliance. For more information please go to the website: interfaithscholar.org.

Enough for now! Beginning with a deeper meaning of Jesus’ Incarnation this Christmas, may we all learn to see Him, love Him, and follow Him in the “distressing disguise” which He assumes in our daily lives, as St. Teresa of Calcutta challenged us.

In prayerful and grateful solidarity,
Jim Grant, Social Justice Volunteer Advocate

Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



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Sinban Gabi Mass

Thursday, December 22 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

SIMBANG Gabi, which literally means “evening or night Mass,” is a Filipino Christmas tradition. As a devotional practice in the tradition of the novena, it is a series of nine evening Masses usually celebrated during Advent from December 16-24, in preparation for Christmas Day.

Simbang Gabi originated from the *Missa Aurea* (*golden Mass* or *Angel's Mass*) practiced by the Roman Catholic Church. The tradition was introduced by the Spanish friars at the start of the Catholic evangelization of the Philippines, specifically to allow farmers to hear mass before going to the fields in the morning.

Simbang Gabi is not just a tradition that is celebrated because we need to do so. It is a way for us to worship and praise God. It is the spiritual preparation for Christmas, in commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ...

Furthermore, this religious tradition encourages community development and camaraderie among parishioners through a common effort of prayer, celebration, fellowship and charity. Finally, for Filipinos living overseas — especially in the United States — observing *Simbang Gabi* helps maintain a connection with their roots in the Philippines.

But no matter the language, the place or the time this revered Filipino tradition is observed and celebrated, when you pray and attend the *Simbang Gabi*, you realize how truly universal, significant and important the Christmas spirit is for every Christian. *Simbang Gabi* in its very essence provides a very strong indication of the depth of faith among the Filipino people.

Asian Journal online magazine:

<https://www.asianjournal.com/entertainment/events/simbang-gabi-a-revered-filipino-christmas-tradition/>

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

CHRISTMASTIDE

Office Hours 2022-2023

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

OFFICE CLOSED

TUES-THURS 12/27-12/29

OPEN 9AM-3PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED

TUES-THURS 1/3-1/5

OPEN 9AM-3PM

Daily Masses will be celebrated as usual except on days when the office is closed.



Confessions will be heard as scheduled on Thursdays from 4pm to 5:45pm.

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From FR. BYRON MACIAS, CMF

From Fr. Byron Macias, CMF

In the Gospel today the Angel reminds us to not to be afraid no matter how dark things may get.

Saint Joseph is at a moment in which he wants to divorce Mary quietly. After all, his fiancé is with child and the child is not his.

At this dark moment of Joseph's life, God comes to his rescue. God sends a message through the angel: "do not be afraid" (Mt 1:18-24). Joseph gives God a chance. Joseph chooses to believe in God's crazy plan! Joseph teaches us that no matter how complicated or dark life may get, God will come to our rescue to remind us: "do not be afraid." The same God who rescued Joseph, Mary, sinners and saints, will pull you out from the darkness into the light.

I pray that we have the grace to listen to God's messengers and I pray that we have the grace to be God's messengers when others fall into darkness!

Adoration

We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Please consider adopting a 30-minute-slate to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Signup sheets will be at the front desk after Masses. Please invest a half hour to strengthen your spirituality and to receive grace. Contact me for more information.

Thank you –Birthday!

My heart is humbled by your warmth and love. Thanks for your kindness and generosity. We filled up two suitcases with stuffed animals thanks to your generosity! The stuffed animals will be delivered in Riobamba, Ecuador, to the poor children by Epiphany! Thanks for such an amazing birthday gift!

Fr. Paul

As Christmas approaches, please send some love to Fr. Paul as he continues his ministry in Canada:

Fr. Paul Keller, CMF
Holy Cross Parish
685 Walkley Road
Ottawa, Ontario K1V 6R8
Canada

I am sure he would love to hear from you.

Christmas Masses

We are happy to announce that we will have two Christmas Masses on Sunday, December 25: 10:00am and 12:00pm. Hope to see you there!

I will also take this chance to wish you a blessed Christmas. May this holy time fill your heart with hope, the hope that shines brighter than ever from that little manger in Bethlehem. Christmas happens because so much has God loved the world that He sent his Only Son so that we can have a life with meaning, with hope and God's protective grace. Feliz Navidad!

Saintly Quote

"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men." -St. Ambrose of Milan

Have a Laugh

What do grapes sing at Christmas? 'Tis the season to be jelly.

WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE

Christmas Gift Wrapping

Bring your Christmas gifts to Church to let us help this Sunday, December 18.

Let us wrap them for you when you come for Mass for a donation to raise funds for World Youth Day!

Save the date and help us by allowing us to help you.

**Please help send our Youth
and Young Adults to
World Youth Day in August 2023**



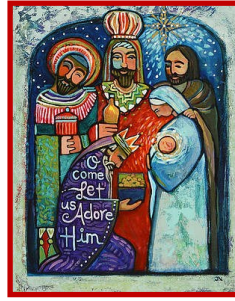
PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of December 18 to December 25, 2022

- **Sunday, December 18**
Hanukkah: Eight-day Festival of lights begins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDMoklVYsvU>
1865 Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ends slavery
Watch Ava Devaney's documentary "13" here:
<https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/13th>
2000 :International Migrants Day, Established by the United Nations <https://nationaltoday.com/international-migrants-day>
- **Tuesday, December 20**
1956: 27 year old Reverend Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Reminds bus boycotters in Montgomery That "We came to see that, in the long run, It is more honorable to walk in dignity than to ride in humiliation"
- **Thursday, December 22**
1791: U.S. Bill of Rights ratified.
1958 Dr. W.E.B DuBois' message to the All-African People's Conference:
"You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a continent to regain! You have freedom and human dignity to attain"
- **Friday, December 23**
1972 Rabbi A. J. Heschel who marched with Reverend Dr. M.L. King, Jr. died.
Watch this 1972 interview, months before he died:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEXK9xcRCho>
No Food Recovery Program this week or next.
Join us as we resume this ministry on January 6.
(see Matthew 25: 31-46)
- **Saturday, December 24**
Christmas Eve

For so much more, visit the SPCNC website:
CSUFnewman.com/ministries
and scroll down to "Peace and Social Justice"

Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate
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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

INVITE YOU TO

Mass and Dinner with Fresno-Area Farmworkers

Saturday, January 7, 2023

5:00pm Mass | 6:30pm Dinner

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a "Día de los Reyes Magos" (Feast of the Epiphany) celebration as Councils from the Fresno area, and as far as Southern California, join efforts to thank our local farmworkers for the hard work they do every day to bring food to our tables.

Please contact Council 9445 Grand Knight- Bruce Myers-
at 559-286-8712 or BruceEMyers@gmail.com

Please note: Donations made to Council 9445 are NOT considered tax deductible.

Special thanks to Jen Norton for the use of her artwork.
www.jennortonartstudio.com



Giving Tree

Thank you to all who have already returned your Angels and Gift Cards. If you forgot to bring them in last week, you can drop them off at the office and we will make a special effort to get them delivered.

If you have any questions or need more

PARISH REGISTRATION

There are times you may need to provide verification of membership at the Newman Center, especially regarding the reception of any Sacraments and by Church law that requires strict record- keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish. To qualify for any verification the following criteria is required:

Hence, personal registration, active involvement and participation in worship and other activities on a regular basis are required to receive any documenting letter (e.g. for purposes of being a Catholic sponsor/godparent) of membership in St. Paul Catholic Newman Center.

You can register at the front desk, or through our website. We also ask that you check in with the Parish Office if you have moved and periodically to verify that your contact information is current.

A 2022 Holiday Message

from John Prandini, M.A., Director of Adult Ministries

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year!

I want you to know that I am so very grateful for all the support you have given me throughout 2022! Your faithfulness to the Newman Center and your efforts to continue the mission of Christ Jesus in sharing the love of God always gives me reasons for joy.

In the coming year, 2023, my ministries will be offering several opportunities for you to grow spiritually and in community with one another.

Prayer and Life Workshops will begin on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm from January 11 through April 19. These Workshops provide the opportunity to experience various methods of prayer to help you develop a closer walk with Christ Jesus and to see how prayer can change your life and give you peace.

Faith, Family & Friends – Our Parish Religious Education and Faith Formation Program for EVERYONE. Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

The Story and Promise of Vatican II is a Catholic Faith Topic series of classes that will be presented by Deacon John Supino and Jim Grant on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm during Faith, Family & Friends, but is **open to everyone**.

Scripture Reflection and Discussion of the upcoming Sunday Mass readings is offered by Tina and Matt teNyenhuis on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, during Faith, Family & Friends, but is **open to everyone**.

Parent Effectiveness Training sessions will also be offered on Tuesday evenings, 6:00pm to 7:00pm during Faith, Family & Friends on selected dates.

Couple Communication Classes for Marriage and Relationship Enrichment. Relationship Communication specialists Cheryl and Dave Belden will be offering Couple Communication classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm during February and March during Faith, Family & Friends, but is **open to everyone**. Classes will teach vital communication skills to enhance relationships.

A **Lenten Book Study** will be offered on Thursdays during Lent from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. The book is *The Passion and The Cross* written by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OFM. Fr. Rolheiser states, "For Jesus, the hidden secret that holds the key to everything is the cross: the wisdom of the cross and the brokenness of the one who died on the cross. If we grasp that reality, we will have the key to understand the rest of life; if we do not grasp that wisdom, the meaning of life will always be somewhat of a riddle to us."

A **Married Couples Day-Retreat** will be offered on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The retreat will be facilitated by Dave and Cheryl Belden of the Healthy Marriage Coalition/Grow Your Marriage organization and will utilize a Prepare/Enrich Couples Communication Assessment.

Marriage Preparation is offered throughout the year for those preparing for the sacrament of Marriage. The next Marriage Preparation Day-Retreat is Saturday, February 25.

Grief Support Group sessions will be offered on Monday evenings, February 27 through April 3 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm for those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Men's Morning Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am following Monday morning Mass.

Monthly Saturday Men's Coffee Group meets on the first Saturday of each month, 7:30am to 9:00am to share our spiritual wisdom, form friendships and reflect upon and discuss Scripture readings.

And of course, I am available to meet with you for **pastoral and spiritual guidance regarding relationship, parenting, and grief support**. I will also be continuing my online Ignatian Spirituality and Word On Fire ministries.

For information contact me, John Prandini, at prandinij@csufnewman.com



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-ups to purchase Christmas flowers will be in the foyer before and after Masses this weekend. Please consider taking part in our long standing tradition of donating in memory a our loved one to decorate the sanctuary of our Chapel for the Christmas season.

Flu Season

We want to remind everyone to practice healthy habits as we gather for Mass and other events here at the parish. Bottles of hand sanitizer and masks are placed near the chapel entrance. *(Please only take what you need for Mass so they are available for others.)* We will continue our practice of consuming the Eucharist under the species of the Body only until further notice. We will also remove the baptismal font unless there is a baptism during or immediately following a Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2021		2022	
December 5	\$43,245.07	December 4	\$32,925.03
December 12 ACH	\$13,586.45	December 11	\$8,571.19
December 19 ACH	\$20,108.88	December 18 ACH	
December 26	\$21,906.15	December 25	
DECEMBER 2021 TOTAL	\$98,846.55	DECEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$41,496.22

Parish Information

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday:

7:30am | 9:30am
11:30am | 7:00pm



WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday / Wednesday
8:00am
Thursday | 6:00pm

COMMUNION SERVICES:

Tuesday / Thursday
8:00am
Friday | 8:00am

RECONCILIATION:
Thursday
4:00pm to 5:45pm

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through
Thursday
9:00am to 3:00pm
CLOSED FRIDAY

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center
invites you and your family
to celebrate Christmas with us in worship:

Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24

4:00pm Family Mass
6:00pm Vigil Mass
9:00PM Night Mass

Christmas Day Masses
Sunday, December 25

10:00am & 12:00pm
Mass of the
Lord's Nativity

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Wishing you all a joyous and faith-filled Christmas!

POLICY FOR ALL PARISH COMMUNICATION

The Newman Center's Communication's Team is in the process of reviewing policy and procedure for all communications (i.e. print, web, social media, etc.) within the Newman Center community. In order to ensure continuity of our mission, Catholic identity, Newman Center brand, grammar, content, standard of quality, etc. it is important to establish guidelines and best practices. Therefore, all information associated with St. Paul Catholic Newman Center must reviewed by a member of the Communications Team prior to being printed, posted, or distributed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

All bulletin information must be submitted by 10:00am Wednesday to guarantee insertion in Sunday's bulletin. Email to Communications@csufnewman.com.

PRAYERS:

♥ Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Roxanne Castillo	Teresa Sandoval
Joan Renner	M.J. Abella
Margery Toll	Marilyn Schutt
Kristal Lowe Limon	Chris Wicklund,
Abigail Love	Hillary Lockard and baby
Linda Alvarez	Susan Yokum
Julissa Mojarras	Clemente Eustaquio
Estefania Medina	Mary Peterson
Mary Garr	Grace Peterson
Kathy Papagni	Andres Silva Haro
Michael Vienna	Magdalena Lovejoy
Issac Orozco	Roxanne (Roxy) Castillo
Diana Mock	Koleen Madrigal
Sandra Barrie	Daniel Flores
Nettie Shute	Matt Payne
Sandy Keith	John McConico
Dan Dungy	John Alvarez
Isabel Wiggins	George Baeza
Monica Becerra	Beau Gendron
Alice Schultz	Kathleen McConico
Dick and Jan White, Sr.	Julia Joaquiz
Joanne Bauer	Joe Koontz
JoAnn Myers	Luz Capalad Marchiones
Monica Baker (Lucido)	Ricardo Magdaleno
David Toll	Charlie Prasad
Susan Olson	Alan Demascus
Mary Yoakum	Antonia Cobarrubias
Maria Coronel	Mary Fasi
Clara Marrone	Anita Torre
Penny Mull	Theresa Wilson
Judy Marchi	Lorraine Chavez
Raymond Ram	Clem Louie
Nacho Flores	Mary Peterson
Walt Whelan	Jeff and Mari Millar
Martin Zapata	Casey McKee
Carl Britto	Jane Worsley
Hannah York	Benita Lankford
Lexi Leon	Patty Russell
Sally Caglia	Janet Fusselman
Camila Carouso	Antonia Cobarrubias
Michelle Coyle	Benita Lankford
Fr. Kevin Bray	Doris Ceballos
Diane Decker	Barbara Barrows
Tommy Estep	Melody Ruvalcaba
Jeri Maxwell	
Eugene Benavidez	
Peter Mai	
Javier-Maria Alonso	

To better serve our Faith Community we try to update our list of prayers regularly. Therefore, we have the following policy:

Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed unless otherwise notified.

If deceased, names are only published the week they died.

If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 559-436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the ["Prayer Requests"](#) tab.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Isaiah 7:10-14/Romans 1:1-7/Matthew 1:18-24

7:30am	Mass for John and Rose Barretto	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Lai Pham	Chapel
	Confirmation Preparation Year One	Cardinal Newman Hall
11:30am	RCIA Dismissal	Community Room
	Mass for John Murao Jr.	Chapel
	Confirmation Preparation Year Two	Cardinal Newman Hall
12:45pm	Baptisms (Group)	Chapel
2:00pm	Baptism Prep Class	Community Room
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass	Chapel

Catholic Charities Truck

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1:5-25

8:00m	Communion Service	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class	John XXIII
	Young Adult Bible Study	John XXIII
6:30pm	RCIA – Catechumen	Cafeteria

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Isaiah 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
10:00am	Funeral	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Luke 1:39-45

8:00am	Mass for Steve C. Carrillo	Chapel
8:45am	Advent Lectio Divina	Community Room
6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Library

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass Intention of Ross Teragouchi	Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Luke 1:57-66

8:00am	Mass for John Brechmann	Chapel
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Luke 1:67-79 (Weekday)

Isaiah 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (Vigil)

Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2:11-14/Luke 2:1-14 (Night)

3:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
4:00pm	Mass for Sr. Clare Therese Hernandez and Donald Frey	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Pacencia Miclat	Chapel
9:00pm	Mass for Mary Knowd	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 62:11-12/Titus 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20 (Dawn)

Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (Daytime)

10:00am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
12:00pm	Mass	Chapel

RECONCILIATION

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center
Thursday, December 22 from 4:00pm to 5:45pm

Two priest will be present to hear confession.

St. Anthony of Padua Penance Service

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Monday, December 19 at 7:00pm

Multiple priest will be present to hear confession.

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