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Sunday 9:00a.m.

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Thursday 9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m.

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Fr. John's pasta sauce is available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Jars are \$8.50 and come in Divine Tomato Basil and Spicy Arrabiata.

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## Chapel Candles

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## The Wrath of God Gave Us Thanksgiving

Dear Friends,

Pope Paul III, not Paul VI of *Humanae Vitae* fame, now St. Pope Paul VI, but Pope Paul III of *Sublimus Deus* fame, is who we should thank on this Thanksgiving Day holiday. *Sublimus Deus* (The Sublime God), an encyclical letter issued in 1537, some 45 years after Columbus came to America, **stated that, "Indians and all other people who may later be discovered by Christians, are by no means to be deprived of their liberty or the possession of their property, even though they be outside the faith of Jesus Christ; and that they may and should, freely and legitimately, enjoy their liberty and the possession of their property; nor should they be in any way enslaved... It also called for the evangelization of the native Americans who wished to receive the Christian faith.**

In 1614 a few years before the arrival of the Mayflower, Captain John Smith (of Pocahontas fame) sailed from America back to England and left his Lieutenant Thomas Hunt behind to load his other ship with dried fish. Hunt instead lured some native Americans on board and subsequently kidnapped them, intending to sell them as slaves in Europe. Hunt came to port in Malaga, off the coast of Spain. Fortunately for the Indians (as the Europeans called them) Spain was a Catholic country adhering to the moral teachings of Paul III and so opposed the slave trade and the enslavement of the Indians. One of those Indians was Tisquantum, whose name means **"the wrath of God" but better known as Squanto. The Spanish Jesuits intervened and freed Squanto and some of his companions. Somehow Squanto communicated to the Spanish priests that he wanted to go home, except they had no idea where his home was. The Spanish Jesuits would have probably baptized Squanto so to ensure his status as a free man.**

Squanto made it to London, where he stayed for three years trying to get back to North America. In those three years Squanto learned the English language and became familiar with the customs of the white man. Finally, a British merchant agreed to let Squanto sail with him to North America and after six years Squanto made it back to his homeland. Upon arriving, he found out that his tribe had been decimated by disease and not a single member of his tribe remained. Squanto was captured by the Wampanoag tribe; whose leader was a man named Massasoit.

In the winter of 1620 the Puritan Pilgrims arrived on the Mayflower on the shores of New England. After a brutal voyage they had to face a brutal winter in a foreign land. Because of the kidnapping and the disease that previous Europeans had inflicted on the native Americans, the native people were not happy to see the new arrivals. Being the dead of winter when they arrived, the Puritans could not plant and so they resorted to stealing bushels of corn from the Indians. Not exactly a way to ingratiate themselves with the natives. That of course set the Puritans up to **come face to face with the "wrath of God".**

For some reason, Squanto, Tisquantum (the wrath of God) put aside any resentments and wrath he had towards the Europeans for his kidnapping and the decimation of his tribe and got the chief Massasoit to agree to send him to negotiate with the Puritans rather than attack them. History would surely be different if Squanto had not helped the new arrivals survive --- helped the very same people who had introduced new diseases that helped cause his own people not to survive.

Squanto negotiated a fair deal for the theft of the corn and taught the Pilgrims how to plant, fish and survive in this land. Of course, much to their surprise, Squanto spoke perfect English. The Pilgrims were convinced that Squanto was sent by God for their assistance. Little did they know the complete role that divine providence had played in their survival. Ironically, the very anti-Catholic Puritans were saved through the efforts of the likely baptized Catholic Squanto, whose life was spared enslavement because of the efforts of Spanish Catholic priests and Pope Paul III.

This Thanksgiving, if you are worried about a problem in your life or your family or your business, remember that the hand of divine providence is already working to bring forth the solution. And sometimes in order to come to fruition, divine providence comes to depend on the selfless actions of one person, who is willing to put aside his or her pain and need for justice so to open the door for others to live.

**That's how our Thanksgiving got its start. Our gratitude list goes back through many generations and individuals who helped us get to this moment because they somehow allowed divine providence to work through them. Are we willing to let divine providence work through us by putting aside our concerns and like Squanto using our scars and wounds to allows others to survive and thrive?**

Love, Fr. John B.

## Pray With Us

## Mass Intentions

November 28: First Sunday of Advent  
 9:00a.m.: Dorothy Brauneis†  
 11:00a.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of  
 Lourdes Parish  
 1:00p.m.: Joseph T. Michael II†

November 29:  
 For Healing for Alice Kotlar

November 30: Feast of St. Andrew  
 Tom McKee†

December 1:  
 Eleanor Krezel†

December 2:  
 Bob Birchler†

December 3: Memorial of St. Francis Xavier  
 Recently Deceased Members of our Parish &  
 Their Families

December 4: St. John Damascene  
 8:30a.m.: Ryan Finn†  
 4:00p.m.: Frank Krezel†

December 5: Second Sunday of Advent  
 9:00a.m.: Laux & Nabbefeld Families  
 11:00a.m.: Ron Gillmeister†  
 1:00p.m.: for the Parishioners of Our Lady of  
 Lourdes Parish

## Readings for the Week

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
 Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—  
 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday  
 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle  
 Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday  
 Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

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

Friday: Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest  
 Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Saint John Damascene, Priest and  
 Doctor of the Church  
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—  
 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent  
 Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk  
 3:1-6

## More Opportunities for Prayer:

Miraculous Medal Novena: join us each Monday  
 after daily Mass (excluding most holidays or  
 whenever the office is closed) to pray to Our  
 Lady. Prayers take approximately 15 minutes.  
 Booklets with the prayers will be provided and  
 collected following the Novena.

Divine Mercy Devotion: a staple devotion in our  
 parish for over 20 years, Divine Mercy meets  
 each Thursday at 1:00p.m. with a social following  
 in Madonna Hall. Join us as we pray to obtain our  
 Lord's mercy on us and on the whole world.  
 Contact Fred Malcolm for more information at  
[divinemercyprayers7@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercyprayers7@gmail.com).

## Book of Healing &amp; Comfort

THE BOOK OF HEALING AND COMFORT is for the  
 names of people who are sick, not for the de-  
 ceased. The names of the sick will remain in the  
 BOOK for six months and they will be prayed for  
 at Mass. Please do not repeat the same name  
 in the Book within the sixth month period.



Please pray for:

*John Gregory Schutz*

That he may know the eternal joy of God's reign.

## Serve With Us



**FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.**

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within a short distance of your home. When in need, they call us. *Your monthly gift to St. Vincent de Paul-OLL will help the poor to pay their bills and celebrate the grace of God's love at Christmas AND throughout the entire year.*

### ADOPT A FAMILY

We are preparing for our annual Adopt a Family program. Your annual Christmas gift will enable us to help less fortunate families experience the joys of Christmas and bring hope to many children.

If you would like to make a special gift for the 2021 Adopt a Family, please place your cash or check in an envelope marked SVDP-OLL and write SVDP Adopt a Family on the memo line. Your clearly marked envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or at the office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### THRIFT STORE

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is not scheduled at this time to return to Our Lady of Lourdes for the pickup of donations.

Donations of clothing and household items are gratefully accepted at the back door of the Society of St Vincent de Paul store at 12751 W Bell Rd. in the Crossroads Towne Center across from the R H Johnson entrance to Sun City West. Larger items or a large group of donations can be picked up by the truck at your home by calling 602-254-3338.

See the parish website, [ololscw.org](http://ololscw.org), or join us on Flocknote for all the up-to-date information about events in our parish! Don't miss the Catholic Daughters Advent Brunch or their annual Cookie Walk!



*Our Lady's Guild*

Our Lady's Guild last workshop of 2021 is November 22. We will start again in January, meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am. Come meet the Ladies and make plans for next year.

We will be working toward a Craft Fair to be scheduled in the fall. For a successful fair we need lots of creative ideas and the ladies to put them into action. All women of the parish are invited to join Our Lady's Guild. God gave everyone a talent and we need yours to help us be successful. Please think on it!

Our next meeting is our Christmas Luncheon on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a.m. Tickets are available in the office or on the parish website.

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### Your Sacrificial Giving - November 14

#### Plate Giving

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$12,543
Mission Giving	\$939
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$10,250
Total Plate Giving This Week	\$23,732

#### Other Giving Inside the Parish

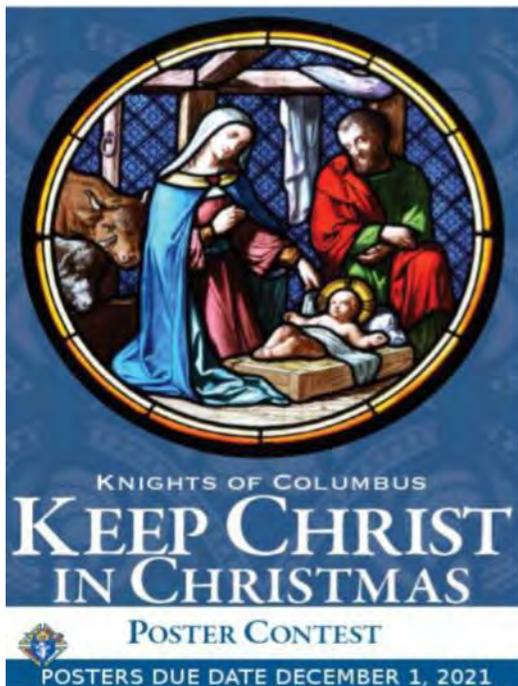
Maintenance Fund	\$539.50
Christmas Flowers	\$35
Easter	\$25

#### Other Giving Outside the Parish

Respect Life Ministry	\$240.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,292
Special Needs Appeal	\$10



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Our Knights of Columbus Council invites all the children and young people of the parish to participate in their poster contest! For more information, go to <https://kofc11809.org> or contact Mike Hug at (602) 568-6652 or [mhugskofc@gmail.com](mailto:mhugskofc@gmail.com)

## Join Us



## Breakfast with Santa

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Madonna Hall  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 2021 FROM 8:00AM – 11:00AM  
TICKETS \$7 FOR ADULTS CHILDREN FREE WITH PAYING ADULT  
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 6 AFTER MASS

Enjoy a buffet brunch with Santa Claus! Brunch will be served through the air as guests "catch" flying pancakes served by the Knights of Columbus. Along with pancakes, the buffet will include sausage, orange drink and coffee.

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