

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2022

The Church of The Guardian Angels

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Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m. at GA

10:00 a.m. at St. Nick

Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

(Mass in Spanish)

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m. bilingual at
St. Nick

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30
p.m.

Tuesday—Thursday:

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Horario de Misas

Misas dominicales:

Sábado : 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m.

Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa en
español)

Misas diarias:

Martes: 5:30 p.m.

Miércoles: 8:00 a.m.

Jueves : 8:00 a.m.

Viernes: 6:00 p.m. bilingüe en San
Nicolás

Reconciliación:

Sábados : 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Sábados : 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

MATTHEW 1:23

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<p>BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS</p> <p>If you have anything to submit for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas, email bulletin@gachaska.org by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before. Any photographs must be in .jpg format.</p>	<p>GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!</p> <p>Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email inbox? You can! Text GACHASKA to 84576, add your email address, and join the "Bulletin" group.</p>	
	<p>RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!</p> <p>¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Envíe un mensaje de texto con GACHASKA al 84576, agregue su dirección de correo electrónico y únase al grupo "Boletín".</p>	<p>ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN</p> <p>Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulletin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Cualquier fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.</p>

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony Vanderloop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at GA from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. or by appt.

Matrimony: Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony Vanderloop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Martes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38
Miércoles: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;
Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Jueves: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lc 1:57-66
Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Domingo: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27 29;
Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13;
Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12;
Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Maintenance Expenses Paid: \$13,989 (Church Chiller Compressor Upgrade and Voltage Monitor, Sacristy Rain Gutters and downspout, re-roof rectory garage, repair rectory porch roof)

Fund Balance: \$213,282

Year-To-Date 7/1/22—12/05/22

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$271,755	\$24,940
Sunday Collection	\$186,062	\$21,336
Electronic Giving	\$81,559	\$6,320
Total Contributions	\$267,621	\$27,656
Amount above or below	-\$4,134	+\$2,716

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:
Year-to-date 7/1/22—10/31/22
Contributions \$12,642



SAINT JOSEPH: A MAN OF FEW WORDS

How many recorded words do we have of Saint Joseph in the Bible? Zero! And yet Joseph is the man closest to Jesus. Saint Joseph, therefore, shows us that silence is often a lot more powerful than talking. Without Joseph, God's plan of redemption could not have unfolded in the blessed way that it did. But Joseph was a man of intense silence who we could surmise was just as content to let the focus be on Jesus and Mary.

God speaks the language of silence. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10), the Bible teaches us. God's action in our lives is gentle, tender, and subtle like the morning dawn that comes. I remember my own ordination. After preparing for that great day for many years, the only things I really said was, "present" and "Amen." For a husband and a wife, it is often true that they need not say anything, but simply be in each other's presence to experience their love for each other. Being present becomes more important than doing or saying because their love for each other is understood and shared.

In our gospel on this 4th Sunday of Advent, Joseph is perplexed. He is afraid of the scandal that Mary's pregnancy would cause. He thought she became pregnant by another man and he did not want to expose her to the shame that this would cause. So he decided to divorce her quietly. But in the silence of a dream, the angel of the Lord appeared to him and reassured him to take Mary as his wife. He did as the angel commanded him under the very extraordinary circumstance of Mary being pregnant. He could not have understood this! But yet he was faithful. What extraordinary faith! But the faith that he had would not have been possible without listening to his God. Then, Christ came to the world in the silence of a night in the land of Israel. Our gospel accounts of the Nativity scene do not record any words spoken by Joseph or Mary once they found a place to lay their son. Saint John of the Cross comments, "The Father spoke One Word," which was his Son, "and this Word He speaks always in the eternal silence and in silence it must be heard by the soul." Saint Joseph, then, teaches us the value of silence during this season of Advent.

Take some time to be still before the Lord. It is not too late! I wish you all a very beautiful Christmas.

Father Tony

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Remember a loved one with a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund. You can use the envelope provided in your packet for Christmas flowers or place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas flower fund" and drop it in the collection basket.

Please remember to include your loved ones name with your donation.

MAINTENANCE ENGINEER POSITION OPENING!

The Churches of Guardian Angels in Chaska and Saint Nicholas in Carver seek a Maintenance Engineer in a full-time or nearly full-time position. Qualifications include 3 or more years demonstrated success in a similar capacity in the field of maintenance. Please consult the parish website, www.gachaska.org, under the "About Us" tab for a more complete summary, job description, and application instructions. Thank you for considering the position. If you know of someone who would be a suitable and interested candidate, please encourage them to apply. Thank You.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection.

MARCH FOR LIFE

SAVE THE DATE

Circle **January 22, 2023** on your calendar! March for

Life Rally will take place! More information about Mass time, bus rides, to come by January 1, 2023.

CATHOLIC MUTUAL NOTICE: CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS

Guardian Angels, St. Nicholas, and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis want to remind you to be aware of cybercriminals, their scams, and malicious emails or links. If you shop online, be aware cybercriminals are shopping for your personal information and money. Avoid shopping online while using free public Wi-Fi, it's not secure. Do not click on pop-up messages or posts that are too good to be true. Also, be aware that cyber criminals commonly send emails or texts with fake tracking numbers and surveys with malware that steal personal information. Be wary of any links and before clicking on a link, hover your mouse over it and look at the URL to see where the link is actually taking you. Remember, you don't need to click a link, you can go to trusted websites on your own.

Be suspicious of emails and texts with links to fake charities that may give the appearance of looking real but aren't. Instead of clicking on a link to donate, make sure to use the charity's authorized website. Research the charity and its website to confirm legitimacy. Keep in mind most non-profit web addresses end with ".org" and **NOT** ".com". Contact organizations through trusted channels. Call the organization at its publicly listed phone number. Do not trust phone numbers or email addresses giving in messages. If a charity asks you to donate cash, gift cards, Bitcoin, or wire transfer it's likely a scam. Likewise, parish priests, employees, and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will not send a text or email asking for gift cards, Bitcoin, or to wire money.

Finally, if you or someone you know is a victim of a social media scam, report the matter immediately to the social media website, the local police department, the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center online at www.ic3.org/complaint/default.aspx/, and the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

PREPARE AS AN ARCHDIOCESE—PASTORAL LETTER

After three years of prayer and listening events with thousands of participants, small group meetings, video series, and a Synod Assembly with nearly 500 voting delegates, Archbishop Bernard Hebda released on Christ the King weekend (November 19-20) his first pastoral letter. Entitled, *You Will Be My Witnesses: Gathered and Sent from the Upper Room*, the document is accessible and inspiring, and well lays out Archbishop Hebda's vision of a new model to renew this local church.

Read, pray about, and share the pastoral letter found here: www.archspm.org/synodletter

“KNOWN BY GOD” RETREAT FOR MOTHERS GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN BABY

*Tuesday, January 10th, 9 a.m.—2 p.m., Saint Charles
Borromeo in Saint Anthony*

All mothers grieving the loss of a stillborn or miscarried baby are invited to the “Known By God” retreat for grieving mothers. This retreat includes large group talks based on healing, small group sharing, prayer, fellowship, lunch, and more. The link to the registration is on the Archdiocese events page.

YOUNG ADULT EVENING PRAYER: CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Tuesday, December 20th, 7-8 p.m., Zoom Session

Young adults ages 19+ are invited to pray online together with SSND and other young adults from across the U.S. and Canada during the fifth night of our annual nine-day candlelight Christmas Novena in preparation for the birth of Christ. The novena is beautifully sung/chanted by the sisters. Learn more and register at www.ssnd.org/events/12-20-22

HUMAN TRAFFICKING; FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

*Tuesday, January 10th, 7-8:30 p.m.,
All Saints Catholic Church, Lakeville*

All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville invites you to learn about human trafficking in our area and how you can help others move from darkness into light. Detective Jim Dronen, from the Lakeville Police Department, will be presenting, along with a human trafficking victim/survivor. Free-will offerings are appreciated as well as donations of personal care items. Mature and difficult content.

DONATE STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS TO THE PARISH—A GREAT WAY TO GIVE!

Dear Parishioners,

If you are thinking of making year end gifts to the Parish, please consider these options:

1. You can donate appreciated stock and mutual funds directly to the Parish. If you choose to itemize your deductions, you receive the tax deduction as a charitable contribution for the full value of your donation. You also avoid paying tax on any gains, so there is a double benefit to you. Also, the Parish pays no tax either. It's a win-win and helps your donation go farther!
2. For those of you age 72 and older, you can donate your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account directly to the Parish. In this case it would not count as a charitable contribution but you avoid paying any income tax on this amount, and the Parish receives the full benefit.

Feel free to contact me at (612) 210-5780 if you have questions as to how to set up the above with the Parish. Please also note that it is very important to request that any checks or other donations mailed directly to the Parish have your name indicated. (Sometimes it is unclear to the Parish as to who it is from!) Thank you and God Bless!

Mark Sanda
Parishioner

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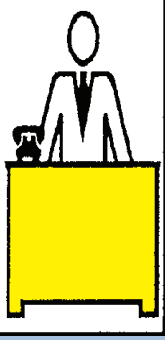

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