

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022



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Rev. Jason Thuerauf

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Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Saturday Mass (anticipatory) 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

National Holiday Mass Time: M-F 9:00 am

The Church is Open Weekdays

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Community Center & Office is Open

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

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Make your hearts firm, for
the coming of the Lord is at
hand. ~ James 5:8



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Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of St. Jude is formed in faith in Jesus Christ. We seek to grow in our faith through the proclamation of God's Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. We are dedicated to love and care for all God's people in their physical and spiritual needs. The stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure is conducted in a way that shows our gratitude to God for His blessings.

Christmas Services

Advent Penance Service

December 14th 7:00 pm in the church

There will be multiple priests available at the penance service.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:00 am

Stewardship

As a Stewardship Parish, we budget 10% tith of our offertory gifts toward charitable & worthy causes.

Weekly Offertory Contributions

December 3/4 Collection \$25,695.49

Year End Contributions \$28,500.00

Electronic Giving Signing up is easy with *Faith Direct!* Visit faith.direct/CO846 or text 'Enroll' to 720-713-3363.

Parish Tithing Through the support of our offertory contributors we have been able to donate \$18,980 during October/November to the following charitable and worthy causes:

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Alternatives Pregnancy Center
Birthline Inc of Colorado
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
CHARG Resource Center
Community Ministry
Denver Catholic Worker
Dominican Home Health Agency
Emory Elementary School Pantry
Family Promise of Greater Denver
Seeds of Hope
St. Jude 911 Outreach
World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!!

Our treasure - both money and all of the other things we possess - are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and for the good of others.



A Message from
Our Pastor

REJOICE!

Happy Gaudete Sunday, which is our 3rd Sunday of Advent. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "Rejoice." This Sunday we are called to rejoice—but why do we rejoice on this 3rd Sunday of Advent? We are not at Christmas yet.

Jesus gives a great reason to rejoice in today's Gospel when he gives a message to John the Baptist's disciples to take back to him. He says, "...the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Mt 11:5). What great news that is! John and his disciples would know that these things can only mean one thing: the Messiah has come!

Here, 2,000 years later, we know how the story goes—but imagine waiting for the coming of the Messiah and seeing many false prophets claiming to be him, and then finally seeing and hearing about the works of Jesus. You would be excited because you see the thing you have been patiently waiting for your whole life. The joy that would bring to you could not be contained. For us now, who know the story from beginning to end, it should likewise be exciting. We should be like a child awaiting Christmas morning, bursting with excitement—not for the gifts and decorations, but for the joy of the coming of our Lord in Bethlehem.

So, as you patiently await the end of this Advent season and joy of Christmas, let us rejoice. Rejoice, because what He brings should fill us with such joy that it cannot be contained. Rejoice, for we are almost there. Rejoice as you patiently await the fulfillment of what was prophesied long ago: the coming of our Lord to free us from our sins. Rejoice!

Fr. Thuerlauf



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EVENTS/REMINDERS

Catholic Daughters Lunch & Learn

Catholic Daughters Court Madonna of the Mountains #2035 will be sponsoring a Lunch & Learn for 3 weeks in Advent. Bring a sack lunch and drink and join us as we watch programs on Formed.org to help prepare our hearts to receive Christ at Christmas. The dates and times are:

December 13th at 12 noon
December 20th at 12 noon

All sessions will be in the
Community Center LL.

Bethlehem Arts to Visit Us

View a Beautiful Collection of Hand Carved Statues & Gifts from the Holy Land the weekend of **December 17th & 18th** after all the Masses! Featuring Olive Wood Statues: Jesus Christ, Virgin Mary, Angels & Saints, Crosses & Crucifixes, Rosaries with Holy Land Soil, Nativity Scenes, Wall Art & More!

Bethlehem Handicrafts will showcase a collection of beautiful olive wood carvings & gifts from the Holy Land following each Mass. Help support Christian artisans in Bethlehem during these unprecedented times. With almost no tourists allowed in the Holy Land since early 2020, most Christian families have not made any income. These Christian families are struggling due to the major increase in the cost of living brought on by conflicts around the world. We have taken it upon ourselves to do what we can to help make these difficult times less painful for our Christian families back home, giving them the courage and belief that, even in the most difficult of times, we will all prevail and pass through this together.



Garrison Access Open on Weekends

The Garrison Street entrance to the parking lot question has been resolved. The City of Lakewood will be installing 2 gates. St Jude is responsible for opening them 1 hour before and closing them 1 hour after weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, Holy Days, the annual parish picnic, and Ash Wednesday. Appropriate signage will redirect traffic to the Florida Avenue entrance when closed.

HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRIES



Militia Immaculata meets the 2nd Monday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the lower level of the Community Center.

Light of God Prayer Community meets Thursdays at 10:00 am in the church basement focusing on Jesus Christ through prayer, song, & scripture all with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. The meeting concludes at 11:30 am. Come join us. For more information please call Marion Budz at 303-973-2613.

Fellowship of Light meets every Wednesday, in the St Benedict room (church basement) from 9:00 am -11:00 am. Currently we are focusing on different aspects of our faith through a DVD series titled "God in America". All are welcome. Questions? Contact Maria LaBreche at 303-986-2017.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary Makers



Our next meeting is **Monday, Dec. 12th** from 9-10:00 am in the Community Center LL. We meet the 2nd Mon. of every month. You can also pick up supplies and make rosaries at home! Call Maria 303-986-2017

Raphael Book Club meets every Thursday afternoon from 1:00-2:30 pm in the St. Benedict room (church basement). Come join us for a good book, discussion and friendship. Contact Margie at 303-358-2752

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Jude Young Adults will be hosting our Christmas party on December 13th at 7 PM. This event is open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s looking for community within our parish. We'll be watching Christmas movies & enjoying eggnog. Bring a gift (\$10 cap) for the White Elephant. Text Joey Adams to RSVP & for logistics to 650-608-1017.



Important: Please be aware that the IRS requires all charitable donations for the year 2022 be made no later than Dec 31, 2022. **All donations for the year 2022 must be in the office or postmarked by Dec 31, 2022.** (Our office will be closed Dec 25-31, 2022.)

Bulletin & Pulpit Announcements

Bulletin Announcements are due Monday one week prior to Sunday publication. Announcements are to be short due to limited space and are to be run one or two weeks prior to the event. Announcements for the bulletin are to be sent to bulletin@saintjudelakewood.org

Pulpit Announcements are to be short, up to 110 characters (two sentences). Please submit one week prior to Mass to Rhonda at rmcintyre@saintjudelakewood.org

Flocknote Announcements may be sent to Tyler Eberle at teberle@saintjudelakewood.org

Handbell Ringers workshop

Saturday, January 21st, 10 a.m. to noon in the church

All are welcome to attend this fun hands-on workshop to learn more about playing handbells or to refresh your memory if you have played before. We will be starting a handbell choir after this workshop and will play on Easter morning at the 9:00 a.m.

Mass. Whether or not you think you want to join the choir, you are welcome to attend the workshop. Space is limited so please RSVP to Brenda at bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org



Christmas Food Baskets Donation

We are in need of all food for Christmas.

Hams, stuffings, pasta sauces & noodles, peanut butter & jelly, canned soups, canned fruits/cranberry sauce, canned yams.

Please place non-perishable food in barrels in the foyer of the church or on the cart in the entrance to the Community Center. Bring hams or turkeys to the office weekdays 9:00-3:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble the Christmas Gift Bags on Thursday & Friday, December 15th & 16th and the Christmas Food Baskets assembly on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Community Center lower level.

Adopt-a-Family Program for Christmas

Our Adopt-a-Family Program for Christmas is in full swing. **Gifts are to be returned by Wednesday, December 14th to the Parish Office.**



Thank you so much for the support your showed our youth by purchasing socks, shirts and stickers. Through your generosity, we raise over \$800 to support our youth. If you ordered something and had it sent to the parish we will reach out to you when it has arrived to come and pick it up.

Stay Connected

Family Status

Do you have a change in your family status, or have you moved, have a new phone number or a new email address? If you have any updates, please notify us at: mail@saintjudelakewood.org

(911) **Outreach Assistance** for those facing temporary financial setbacks within our area: financial assistance is often available for rent assistance, utilities, food, etc. Please arrange for an appointment by calling 303-882-2253.

Stay connected with St Jude!

Join Flocknote today to receive texts or emails about what is currently happening at our parish.



Go to www.flocknote.com/stjudelakewood or text stjude to 84576.

Christmas Cards for Father Bob

Father Bob is delighted to get Christmas cards from you! You may mail them or drop them off at the Parish office and we will forward them to him.



Sacraments

Baptisms: A pre-baptismal session is required for parents and godparents. Please call the office at 303-988-6435 before or after the child's birth, before you choose godparents, to register. The **next class is January 28, 9am-12pm** in the Community Center lower level.

Marriage: Those who wish to be married at St. Jude Church must be registered in the parish for at least one year. Sons and daughters of registered parishioners may also be married here. A 12-month preparation period is required. Please call the office at 303-988-6435 and talk to Deacon Mike.

Anointing of the Sick: In the case of serious illness in the family, please call the office immediately at 303-988-6435. Do not wait until death is imminent. When the office is closed, you will be directed to the emergency line.

Funeral Arrangements: Call the office 303-988-6435.

Organizations Involved with St. Jude

Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2035
Court Madonna of the Mountains

We meet the first Saturday of every month in the Lower Level Community Center from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The next regular meeting is January 7th It's an organization that helps parishes and communities through the Religious and Charitable Apostolates of the Church. Join us this year to serve those in need. For more information call Juanita Halverson 303-986-2452.



Sack Lunch Sunday



Please support Volunteers of America to help feed the poor. Bring your lunches with 2 sandwiches per sack along with other typical lunch items: water or juice; fruit, vegetables and cookies or chips on **February 12th** prior to the 11:00 am Mass.

Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council #16052



The council meets on the 1st Tuesday for an Officer's Business meeting and the Membership Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday in the church basement with a rosary at 7:00 pm. For questions, contact John F. Oldani, Jr. at 303-564-7806

Welcome New Parishioners!

If you are new to our parish and have not registered, please pick up a registration form at our welcome desk in the gathering space.

The committee will also give you a welcome bag! You can also go to the office during business hours or go online to saintjudelakewood.org and register! Don't forget to sign up on Flocknote!!

Scripture Readings

Monday: Rv 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10/Jdt 13: 18-19/Lk 1: 26-38/Lk 1: 39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 34: 2-7. 17-18. 19 & 23/ Mt 21: 28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6-8. 18. 21-25/ Ps 85: 9-14/ Lk 7: 18b-23
Thursday: Is 54: 1-10/ Ps 30: 2 & 4-6. 11-12a and 13b/ Lk 7: 24-30
Friday: Is 56: 1-3a. 6-8/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 7-8/ Jn 5: 33-36
Saturday: Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17
Sunday: Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Rom 1: 1-7/ Mt 1: 18-24

Pray for the sick parishioners of our parish

(Names will remain for one month)

Katie Liedtke, Stephanie Colborg, Dana Mullins, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Donald Sandner, Stephen Roberge, Warren Zimmerman, Fred Clarke, Tom Zupancich, Johnny Griffey, Mary Aymani, Suellen Reeves, Lucille Beaudrie, Eugene Beaudrie, Katlyn Fitzpatrick, Bob Cummings, Jeanine Kennedy, Donna Gallenback, Emillo Alderate, Gary Landry, Paula Landry, Douglas Sawyer, Rich Evans, Rita Jo Van Driel, Joanie Losacco, Pedro Arreola-Rodriguez, Angie Bordonda, Elsie Lunsford, Bill Kennedy, Paul Hofer, Karen Szuela, Jim Gillcrist, George Stock (*Our apologies for the mistaken report of George's death - he is still in need of your prayers*)

Pray for the deceased parishioners of our parish

+ Mike Taylor, + George Hovorka

This Week at Saint Jude

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17	Sunday 18
8 am Mass - Anedo 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Rosary Makers 10:00 Militia Immaculata 4:00 pm Adoration 6:30 pm Catholic Biblical School Class	8 am Mass - Schaffer 8:30 am Rosary 12:00 pm Catholic Daughters Lunch & Learn 6:30 pm Special Ed Class 7:00 pm Small Study Book Club 7:00 KC Membership mtg	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Fellowship of Light 6:30 pm Middle School Youth 6:30 pm RE Classes 7:00 pm Advent Penance Service	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Christmas Gift Bag Assembly 9:00 am CBS Book Club 10:00 am Light of God Prayer Group 1:00 pm Raphael Book Club 1:00 pm Friends of Faith Book Club 5:45 pm RCIC 7:00 pm RCIA	8 am Mass - Thuerauf 8:30 am Rosary 3:00 pm Divine Mercy	8:00 am Christmas Food Basket Assembly 3:30-4:30 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass - Reycraft Bethlehem Olive Wood Sales after Mass	Bethlehem Olive Wood Sales after all Masses 7 am Mass - Thuerauf 9 am Mass - Reycraft 11 am Mass - Thuerauf (with Children's Liturgy of the Word) 12:30 pm High School Youth Ministry 2:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

Mass Intentions

+ William Sinclair	+ Leo H. Schneider	+ Alan Guillaudeu	+ Leo H. Schneider	For the Intentions of Msgr. Raymond Jones	+ Austin, Luke, and Cecilia Riggi	+ Jim Burrows The Intentions of the James & Karen Boma family For the Parishioners of St. Jude
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OF INTEREST

Healing from Divorce Program for Catholic Families

Please join us for this Healing from Divorce Program for Catholic families. Topics include grief, forgiveness, communication with children, annulments, and more. This workshop is being held at two locations:

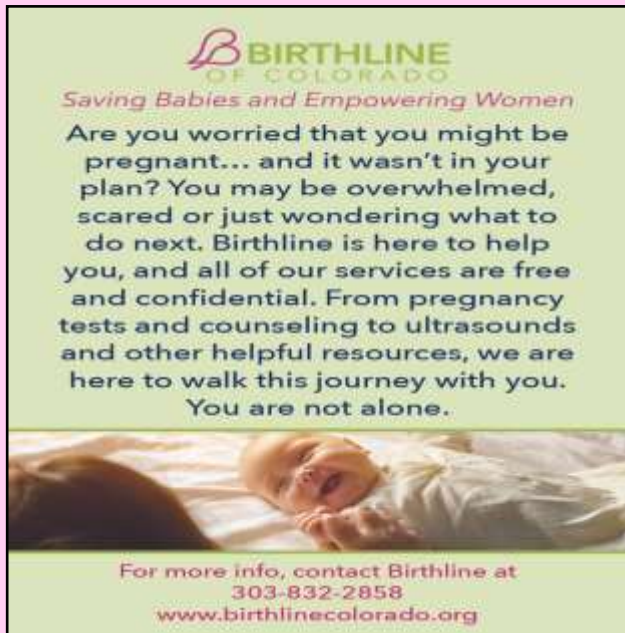
St Mary Parish in Littleton starting January 9th from 7-8pm for 10 weeks.

St Thomas More, Centennial - Starting Jan 9th from 6:30-8:30pm for 12 weeks

Register with Deacon Mike Seback at mseback@stmarylitleton.org

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The Action Center collects stamps to sell in bulk to stamp collectors. **They accept 1st class mail, cancelled stamps or unused stamps.** (They don't accept machine stamped letters, pre-paid envelopes, non-profit or pre-sorted stamps.) *The basket is located in the church office. Thank you for your donations.



Knight of the Month, August 2022, Ralph Pautz

Since becoming a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 16052, Ralph Pautz has been active in many of the functions of the Council as well as St. Jude parish. At the Family Breakfast, Ralph is there from beginning to end primarily preparing the popular chili egg recipe. He helps out at the Parish picnic with the early morning setup as well as serving at the K of C food tent. As part of the Christian Service food basket preparation, Brother Ralph is always there helping. Ralph and his wife Ruth are regulars at the 8:00 AM daily Mass and Ralph frequently brings extra vegetables grown in his garden for the parishioners. We congratulate Brother Ralph Pautz!



Family of the Month, August 2022, Dennis & Delores Puffer

Brother Dennis Puffer became a Knight in 2017 and has been active in the Council ever since. He currently serves as the Council's Financial Secretary. His wife Delores assists him as needed in that position. Dennis worked diligently on the recent Peach Sales to ensure its success and is the first to greet attendees at the Family Breakfasts. At the Parish picnic, Brother Dennis helps the Knights set up and serve at the food tent. Dennis also participates in a Men's Faith Sharing group comprised largely of Knights at Saint Jude. Delores is a member of the Saint Francis Circle helping with that great ministry and both are Eucharistic Ministers at the Parish. St. Jude community is fortunate to have Dennis and Delores Puffer involved as dedicated parishioners. Congratulations!

Help Our Parish Receive Multiple \$1,000 Grants

The Catholic Foundation launched a limited time challenge that provides \$1,000 unrestricted grants to our parish. You can participate by leaving any charitable planned gift in your will through The Catholic Foundation, and a \$1,000 grant to our parish is issued to use now. The Catholic Foundation is here to help you achieve your charitable goals while helping our parish with long-term success.

Call Deacon Steve Stemper, Lisa Kukura or Joshua Gideon at 303-468-9885 for more information.

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