

ST. CECILIA'S PARISH

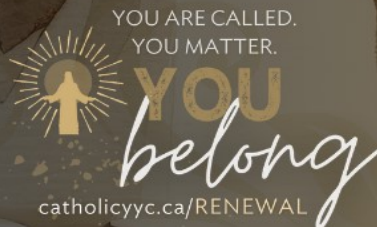
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YOU SAY THAT I AM
A KING

FOR THIS I WAS BORN, AND
FOR THIS I CAME INTO THE
WORLD, TO TESTIFY TO THE
TRUTH. EVERYONE WHO
BELONGS TO THE TRUTH
LISTENS TO MY VOICE.



JOHN 18:37



November 23-24, 2024

MASS TIMES & PARISH INFO

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Weekend Masses | Weekday Masses

Saturday 5pm

Sun 9am & 11am

Tues to Saturday

9am

First Friday Mass

7pm (no 9am Mass)

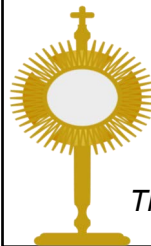
Confessions

Every Saturday 3 - 4pm
or by appointment



Adoration

Fridays 9:30am—6pm
First Friday: 9am—6pm



There must be at least 2 people at all times sitting with our Lord.

PARISH OFFICE

Office is closed on Mondays
Tues to Fri 9am to 4pm
Lunch break 12:00 – 1pm

Are you **NEW** or recent to our parish?

Welcome! If you have been coming consistently for 6 months or more, please pick up a registration form from our Information Desk in the foyer.



Every First Friday beginning with the 7pm Mass. Meeting concludes by 9pm.

Next meetings:

Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7

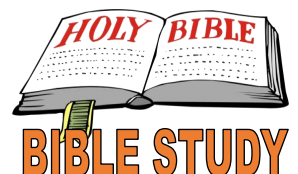
Prayer Shawl Ministry: last Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. New knitters welcome. Yarn is available.

Next meet: November 26th

Prayer shawls can be picked up from the parish library or parish office. They are free for everyone and make a wonderful comfort gift to someone in the hospital, those grieving, shut-ins, etc.



Acts of the Apostles | Every Tuesday after the 9am Mass in the boardroom. New members are always welcome!

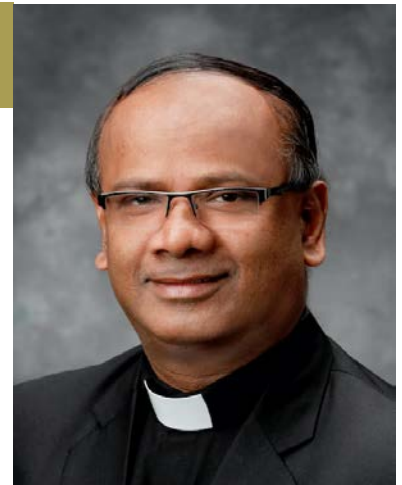


FR. PAUL'S COLUMN

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. COLUMBAN, ABBOT

NOV 23RD 24



St. Columban was born around the year 543 in the Kingdom of Leinster, on the southeast coast of Ireland. He was very **handsome** and was tempted by women and was eventually **advised by a nun to follow her example and flee from temptation by embracing monasticism**. His mother disapproved of this intention, when she tried to prevent him from leaving home by lying across the threshold of their home. St. Columban **courageously stepped over her**, exhorted her to trust in God, and told her **that he would obey the will of God** and go wherever God led him.

St. Columban lived a life of study, deep prayer, and severe asceticism, in accord with the ideals of Irish monasticism at that time. He was **ordained a priest** and **spent thirty years at the monastery**. St. Columban is remembered for **his zeal**, his **miracles**, his **authority over animals** who listened to his commands, his **rigorous monastic rule**, and his **pastoral guide** on the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession and the imposition of appropriate penances.

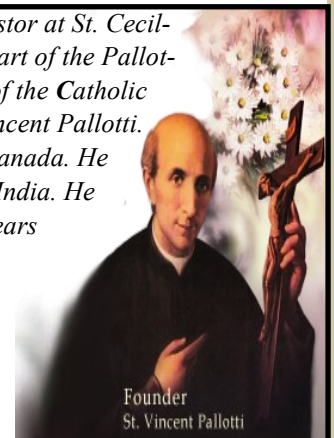
Pope Benedict XVI said **St. Columban** was “a man of great culture” who also “proved rich in gifts of grace.” The Pope recalled him as “a tireless builder of monasteries as well as an intransigent penitential preacher who spent every ounce of his energy on nurturing the Christian roots of Europe which was coming into existence.” **St. Columban** is the **Patron Saint of motorcyclists**.

Saying of the Saint

“Be gentle to the weak, firm to the stubborn, steadfast to the proud, humble to the lowly.” **St. Columban**.

Fr. Paul Raj, SAC has been the pastor at St. Cecilia's since November 2014 and is part of the Pallottine Fathers Community (Society of the Catholic Apostolate) whose patron is St. Vincent Pallotti. St. Cecilia's is his first parish in Canada. He comes from the Tamil province of India. He was also in the Philippines for 3 years serving and studying.

To learn more about the Pallottine Fathers please visit their website:
www.pallotti.org



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23

9:00am: †Clement

5:00pm: Int. Fay Mitchell—Birthday

Sunday, November 24

9:00am: †Felipé Borja

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased

Monday, November 25

No Mass

Tuesday, November 26

†Rodrigo Ballesteros

Wednesday, November 27

†Nicola Pagliano

Thursday, November 28

†José Natividad Paredes

Friday, November 29

9:00am: †Juanita Thibeault

Saturday, November 30

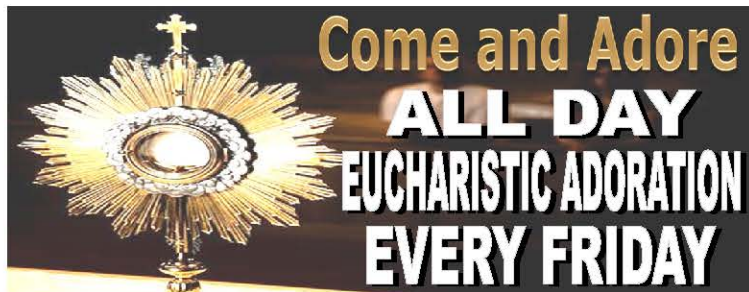
9:00am: Int. Ed & Aurora Juan—50th Wed. Ann.

5:00pm: Int. Ramon Reyes—health

Sunday, December 1

9:00am: †Augustine Kim Emeye

11:00am: All parishioners, living & deceased



Mass Readings

Saturday, Nov 23 (9am)

Revelation 11.4-12

Luke 20.27-40

Sunday, Nov 24

Daniel 12.1-3

Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Mark 13.24-32

Mon, Nov 25(no Mass)

Revelation 14.1-3, 4b-5

Luke 21.1-4

Tuesday, Nov 26

Revelation 14.14-19

Luke 21.5-11

Wednesday, Nov 27

Revelation 15.1-4

Luke 21.12-19

Thursday, Nov 28

Rev. 18.1-2, 21-23; 19.1-3, 9a

Luke 21.20-28

Friday, Nov 29

Rev. 20.1-4, 11-15; 21.1-2

Luke 21.29-33

Saturday, Nov 30 (9am)

Romans 10.9-18

Matthew 4.18-22

Sunday, Dec 1—1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16

1 Thessalonians 3.12—4.2 Luke 21.25-25, 34-36

The Pope's Prayer Intention Nov 2024



For anyone who has lost a child We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



Got bottles for refunding? We have a large, marked wooden box in the hall where the double doors are for those who wish to donate their bottles. All the refunds collected from these donations support our Youth Group. Please rinse bottles before donating.

The **Legion of Mary** will be establishing a new praesidium here at St. Cecilia's as part of the parish renewal program. This group will meet every Friday from 5pm to 6:30pm in the boardroom beginning November 29th. All those that have given your names will receive an email invitation. Any new member who would like to join please give your name to Fr. Paul.

KIDS COLOURING in the library next weekend
Nov 30/Dec 1 in preparation for Advent.



@bulletin

Email the parish office or scan the QR code to be added to the list. By signing up you can expect the following: **Help reduce our printing cost, Diocese News, Parish Alerts** (emergencies, last minute notices). Your email address is kept private and is not visible to anyone.



Parish News Update

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Our parish is very happy to offer to you a free subscription to FORMED, commonly dubbed "Catholic Netflix". Sign up by searching our parish postal code, register your email and enjoy watching!



Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong

cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his

UPCOMING BAPTISM PREP

CLASSES



Sat. Dec. 7 at 9:30am

Sat. Jan. 4 at 9:30am

Please sign up via the office.



The annual CWL Cookie Walk is next Saturday, November 30th! How does it work? When you arrive you will purchase a small container for \$15 or large container for \$25 and walk around the parish hall filling it with cookies! The container must be able to close.



Christmas Pageant 2024: If you want to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant which takes place at the beginning of the 5pm Mass on Dec 24th, sign up sheets are in the foyer.



SUNDAY MISSAL

2024-2025



The Sunday Missal is available in the church store for \$5 each while supplies last.

Cakes this weekend have been very generously sponsored by Certified Alarms. If you would like to sponsor a monthly cake, the cost is \$150.



We take care of the order and pickup! We are accepting sponsors for Nov-Dec 2025. Thank you so much to everyone who has been sponsoring months!



St. Vincent de Paul Society

403-252-2790 ext. 223



Our Lord worked among the blind, the lame, and the helpless innocents as a servant of God. He calls us to continue to do the same giving glory to God our father by serving our brothers and sisters who need our love and care. We pray, " Lord, help us to see the needs of others and be willing to help. Amen.

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Fruit
Chunky Soup
Pasta Sauce
Canned Brown Beans
Kidney Beans

Overview of scheduled events:

Nov 24: St. Cecilia **FIESTA** potluck and music night, 5:30pm potluck, music 7pm

Nov 30: CWL Cookie Walk in the Hall

Nov 30/Dec 1: Library Kids' Colouring for Advent

Dec 3-5: Diocese-Wide Advent Mission over Zoom, parish gathering 7pm-8:30pm

Dec 8: Simbang Gabi Filipino Mass

Dec 9-14: St. Vincent Christmas Hamper packing **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED**

Dec 20: **Advent Penitential Service**, 6pm-8pm

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5pm & 11pm

Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass 9am & 11am

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Mass 5pm & 11pm

Jan 1: New Year's Day Mass 9am & 11am

SACRAMENT CLASSES

Confirmation Class 3: Dec 19, 7pm

1st Rec Class 4: Dec 28, 10am

1st Rec Class 5: Jan 11, 10am

Confirmation Class 4: Jan 16, 7pm

Our schools:

**St. Matthew School**
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stmatthew.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

**St. Cecilia School**
Weekly Newsletter
<https://secure.smores.com/n/dh3q1>

**St. William School**
Monthly Newsletter
<https://stwilliam.cssd.ab.ca/newsletters>

**ST. CECILIA FIESTA:** Our annual musical fiesta, in honour of our patroness, will be held this Sun. Nov 24th. Doors open at 5pm for a shared finger-food potluck at 5:30pm, followed by the music program at 7pm (only those bringing food for the potluck are meant to share in it please).

The CWL would also like to thank all the bakers and buyers of the Christmas cakes. Every single one was sold!



Together in Action (formerly known as the Annual Bishop's Appeal) makes it possible for the Diocese to financially support ministries and programs that help families, individuals and communities (Elizabeth House, Mission Mexico, Care of Retired Priests, Vocations, etc). **THESE DONATIONS CONTRIBUTE TOWARD YOUR TAX RECEIPT**

2024 TIA GOAL: 31,539
Raised: \$10,385



In Memoriam

In this month of Remembrance, we would like to again offer our condolences and prayers to all the families who have lost loved ones this past year, particularly those of the following who has passed on: †Marjorie Tetz, †Manuel Vaccaro, †Phyllis D'Souza, †Bruce Ross, †Vicki Baran, †Clive Lloyd, †Gil Wilde, †Emilie Capulong, †Shamini Peiris, †Cristina Novata, †Gertrude Schachinger, †Jason Borromeo, †Barry Kilb, †Gladys Evans, †Theresia Planicka



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT dePAUL

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2024



Thank you for your support over the past year. If you can give financially please use our envelopes in the pews. Cheques must be made out to Society of Saint Vincent DePaul or SSVP St Cecilia

We have a charitable number and will issue Tax Receipts. Make sure that your name and address is on the envelope. Our funds are low at this time due to the very busy year we have had.

We have put up our Angel Tree. Please take an angel from the tree and bring back a gift card as Indicated on the back.

Again, this year we will be giving Gift Cards to the families instead of toys etc Family members and ages will be on the Angel. We would like to give a Gift Card from a department store if possible. (Walmart is the favorite with our families) If you are giving a Gift Card, make sure that the dollar amount is on the card.

The Gift Cards should be in increments of \$20 or \$25.

When giving a Gift Card please hand it to a St Vincent DePaul Member who will be on hand near the Food Box. This ensures the safety of the Card.

Please place all food donations in the wooden Food Box near the entry to the hall.

The Gift Cards and Food Deadline is Sunday Dec 8. All gift Cards and food must be in by then.

The sign-up sheets are out. If you can help on any day of our schedule, please sign your name and phone number.

**We will be packing hampers the week of
December 9th with
delivery on Saturday, December 14th**



Christmas Poinsettia Donation Envelopes in memory of a loved one can be found on the Information Desk in the foyer. Names will be published in the Christmas Letter. You can put the envelope in the collection basket, the marked drop box at the pamphlet rack, or bring to the office. Please have all envelopes in by December 17th.

Groceries for Christmas Hamper for Family of Four

The following items are what we have planned to put into our Christmas Hampers. We need the following items. Bring any non-perishable food item listed below and put in the SSVP Food Box located in the foyer before Dec 8

Beverages

- 1 tin Coffee or Jar of Instant
- 3 pkg Juice 1 litre (Apple Orange)
- 1 pkg Tea (Box or Sack, 72/100)

Dry Products

- 1 pkg Cookies Pkg 400g
- 1 pkg Crackers (soda) P 450g
- 4 pkg Jello (Assorted)
- 4 pkg Kraft Dinner
- 1 pkg Macaroni 900g
- 1 bag Rice long grain 907g
- 1 pkg Sugar Pkg 2kg
- 1 pkg Spaghetti 900g

Fruits Canned

- 3 tins Peaches or Pears 398ml
- 3 tins Pineapple Chunks (Tidbits etc)

Miscellaneous

- 1 jar Cheez Whiz 1kg
- 1 jar Ketchup 1L or 750ml
- 1 jar Mayonnaise 890 ml or 500ml
- 1 jar Oil Canola 946ml
- 1 tin Spaghetti Sauce tin 600ml

Seasonal Items

- 1 box Chocolates

Breakfast Foods

- 1 box Cereal Cornflakes or Cheerios
- 1 jar Jam (re; family size) 500ml
- 1 pkg Pancake Mix 1kg complete (add water only)
- 1 jar Pancake Syrup 750ml
- 1 jar Peanut Butter(family size) 1kg

Soups (canned & dry)

- 3 tins Chicken Noodle 284ml
- 3 tins Mushroom 284ml
- 3 tins Tomato 284ml
- 3 tins Vegetable 284ml
- 8 pkg Dry Soup pkgs

Vegetables Canned

- 3 tins Vegetables 341ml
- 1 tin Tomatoes 398ml
- 4 tins Beans in Tomato sauce
- 2 tins Red Kidney Beans

Meats Canned

- 3 tins Flakes of Ham 184g

Fish Canned

- 3 tins Tuna 170g

Sundry

- 2 bars Hand Soap
- 1 box Kleenex
- 2 pkg Toilet Paper
- 1 Bottle Shampoo 300ml
- 1 tube Tooth Paste



**These items
are needed by
Sunday, Dec 8**



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ARE
called**
YOU MATTER.
YOU BELONG.
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Diocesan News

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Become a Catechist in the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Program for 3-6 years old | The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a time-tested approach to faith formation. In a retreat-like atmosphere, with hands-on materials designed just for them, children hear the Word proclaimed and grow in their relationship with God. The most essential treasures of the Christian faith, from scripture and Liturgy, touch each child's heart and lead to deep contemplation, prayer and joy. **A Level 1 Training Course for catechists will be offered at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary.** The course is a minimum commitment of 90 hours, with readings and written work required.

Location: Ascension Catholic Parish, 1100 Berkshire Blvd NW, Calgary, Alberta
Dates: Part A, **February 13-18, 2025**; Part B, **July 14-19, 2025**

Register online: cgsac.ca/courses-1 by Jan 10, 2025. For more information, please contact: Katy Morrison, katymorrison1@mac.com or call 403-370-9487.

Check out new **career opportunities** in the Diocese:

[Various Positions with Clear Water Academy](#)

[Various Positions with Calgary Catholic School District](#)

[Various Positions with Covenant Health](#)

[Various Positions with St. Mary's University](#)

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GATHER IN OUR
PARISH, AND JOIN THE
PRESENTERS ONLINE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

| DEC 3 TUE | DEC 4 WED | DEC 5 THU |
|---|--|--|
| Speaker Brett Powell ■ FORM MISSIONARY DISCIPLES IN CHRIST | Speaker Bishop Scott McCaig ■ BE A CHURCH OF ENCOUNTER AND WITNESS | Speaker Mary Rose Bacani Valenti ■ STRENGTHEN FAMILY LIFE |

7 PM TO 8:30 PM

YOU
ARE
called
YOU MATTER.
YOU BELONG.

Save the dates (Dec 3-5): Join us from 7 to 8:30 pm for an inspiring Diocesan Advent Mission featuring three renowned speakers reflecting on our Pastoral Renewal priorities:

Tue, Dec 3: Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver) on *Forming Missionary Disciples*

Wed, Dec 4: Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate of Canada) on *Being a Church of Encounter and Witness*

Thu, Dec 5: Mary Rose Bacani Valenti (Salt + Light TV) on *Strengthening Family Life*

Our Catholic Women's League is holding a winter clothing drive for Kids, Youth and Teens for the next week. We are accepting donations of coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and mittens. No boots and no scarves please. All donations will go toward keeping a Calgary student warm this winter season. Donations can be dropped off on the weekends after Mass to the storage room in the foyer.



WANTED:

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**Men who would like to
make a difference!**

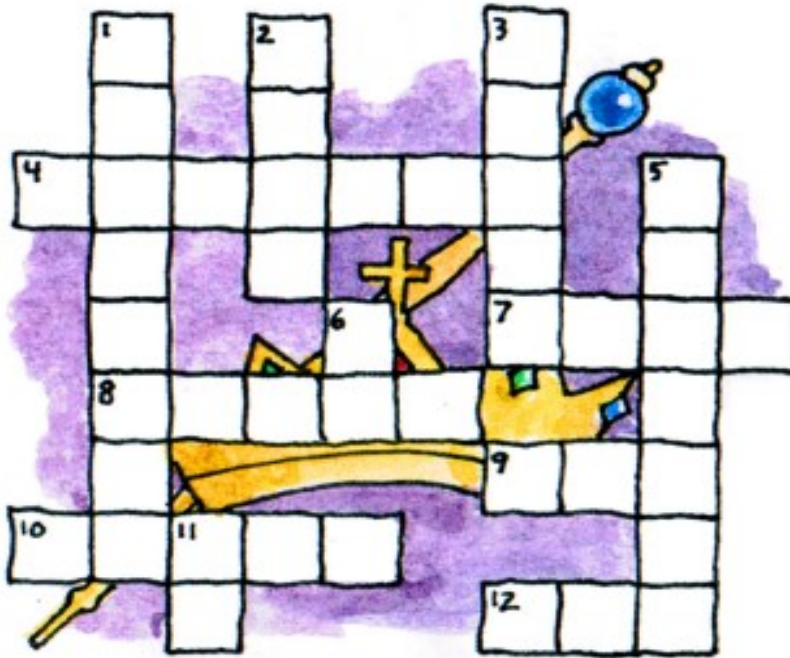
Len White: 403-271-6055
or fs4878@kofc.ab.ca

Knights of Columbus

KIDS' PAGE

Christ the King Crossword

Revelation 1:5-7



Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

D=down
A=across.

(3D)_____ Christ is the (1D)_____
(4A)_____, the firstborn (11D)_____
the dead and ruler of the (2D)_____s of
the earth. To (12A)_____ who loves us and
has (8A)_____ us from our (7A)_____
by his blood, who has made us into a
(5D)_____, priests for his (9A)_____ and
Father, to him (6D)_____ (10A)_____
and power forever and ever. Amen.

OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS
GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING
FREED KINGDOM JESUS

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| Campus Flowers | Sandra Dawson | 403 259-3829 | Youth Coordinator | Veronica Planicka st.cecilaparish.youth@gmail.com |

ROOM BOOKINGS

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| Mon | Nov 25 | |
| Tues | Nov 26 | 9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Bible Study (Boardroom) 7:00pm—RCIA (Auditorium) |
| Wed | Nov 27 | 9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Sunday Choir Practice |
| Thur | Nov 28 | 9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 7:00pm—Parish Council, Renewal Team, Finance Council (Boardroom) |
| Fri | Nov 29 | 9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—Adoration All Day 3:00pm— Divine Mercy 5:00pm—Legion of Mary—(Boardroom) 6:00pm—Couples For Christ (Hall + Aud) |
| Sat | Nov 30 | 9:00am— MASS (rosary at 8:30am) 10:00am—CWL Cookie Walk (Hall) 3:00pm-4:00pm—CONFESSION 5:00pm— MASS 6:00pm—Advent Colouring for Kids (Library) |
| Sun | Dec 1 | 9:00am— MASS 10:00am—Advent Colouring for Kids (Library) 11:00am— MASS 12:00pm—Advent Colouring for Kids (Library) 1:00pm—Couples For Christ (Aud) |



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This year's Simbang Gabi (*pronounced as sim-bung gu-bee*), a Filipino vigil mass prior to Christmas, will be held on December 8, 2024 at 7:00pm here at St Cecilia's. Caroling starts at 6:30pm. All are invited. Potluck signup sheet and other info is located in the foyer, by Divine Mercy table.