

***SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***  
***DECEMBER 10, 2023***



***The Catholic Community of St. David the King***

***Fr. Jason M. Parzynski, Administrator***  
***Fr. Timothy J. Capewell, Pastor Emeritus***  
***Deacon Thomas Baker***

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:00 pm

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00 pm  
Thursday 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm  
First Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 am

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Open after weekend Masses

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am  
First Saturday 9:00 am

**DEVOTIONS**

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Following Monday Mass

**St. Jude Novena**  
Following Wednesday Mass

**Communal Rosary**  
Following Friday Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 8:00 - 8:45 am  
Tuesday 9:30 - 12 Noon

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## MASS INTENTIONS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 10, 2023**

*“ At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them  
because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” ~ Matthew 9:36*

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

#### ADORATION

**9:00 am Diane Balazikahle, sp. int.**  
req. by Andrea Meyers  
**Jack Ryan, sp.int.**  
req. by Andrea Meyers

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

#### ADORATION

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**9:00 am Peter Clark, dec.**  
req. by the Misiura family  
**Michael Bergamo, dec.**  
req. by Marie Luberto

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### ADORATION

*St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

**9:00 am Arthur Swartwout, dec.**  
req. by Betty Ann Garver  
**Faustino Ortiz, dec.**  
req. by the Bernstein family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

*St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

**9:00 am Nunzio LoCastro, dec.**  
req. by Frank & Marge Giampietro  
**Anne Marie Breittfeller, dec.**  
req. by Mary Jean & Jürgen Schmelzer

*Please pray for the sick in our parish  
and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### ADORATION

**9:00 am Rose DiCarlo, dec.**  
req. by Denise & Alfred DiCarlo  
**John A. Chadwick, dec.**  
req. by the Chadwick family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

**4:00 pm James Stokes, dec.**

*Sunday* req. by Linda Stokes

*Vigil* **Charles Airel, dec.**  
req. by Roseann Airel

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

**9:00 am Scott O'Connor, dec.**  
req. by the Wiener family  
**Barbara & Ron Russell, dec.**  
req. by Pete & Arlene Eckel

**10:30 am Joseph Hayko, dec.**  
req. by Bob Beekman  
**Michael Brilla, dec.**  
req. by the Leto & Todd family

**4:00 pm For the People of the Parish**  
**John J. & Anne Chadwick, dec.**  
req. by the Chadwick family

### THE TABERNACLE LAMP SHINES BEFORE ALL



**December 10 - December 23**

#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF REMEDIOS PASCUAL

*Requested by Violeta, Vivian and Rey*

### THE MARIAN CANDLE SHINES BEFORE THE BLESSED MOTHER



**December 10 - December 16**

#### SPECIAL INTENTION

*Requested by Cindy Sosa*



Please pray for the following soul  
who recently entered eternal life



#### CONSTANCE BRILLIANTINI

*Wife of Virgil Brilliantini*

Our prayers and condolences are with the  
Brilliantini family and friends.

### ADORATION

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
**8:00 am - 8:45 am**

**Tuesday 9:30 am - Noon**

**After Morning Mass:**

**Monday - Miraculous Medal Novena**

**Wednesday - St. Jude Novena**

**Friday - Communal Rosary**





## CHRISTMAS 2023 MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm - in the Church and Great Hall

6:00 pm and 10:00 pm - Church

*4:00 pm in the Church will be livestreamed*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

10:30 am & 12 noon

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1

**\*\* Please note time change**  
10:00 am



## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**This Thursday, December 14**

**6:30 pm**

Prepare for the birth of Jesus by joining us for our Advent Penance Service which will be held in the main church.

There will be several visiting priests assisting Fr. Jason in hearing confessions.



## A FILIPINO ADVENT MASS

### SIMBANG GABI

**Monday, December 18**

**7:00 pm**

## WEEKLY TITHING REPORT

### "GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

**Weekly Offering Total: \$26,702.00**

**Online Offering: \$11,868.00**

*(Online Offering is included in Weekly Offering Total)*

**Average Weekly Budgeted expenses: \$29,031.92**

**Individuals Attending: 933**

## NEW PARISH PHONE EXTENSIONS COMING

Our phone numbers are staying the same but new extensions will become effective around Dec. 6, after the printing of this bulletin. Watch your email for updates.

## CONSIDERING A STOCK DONATION TO THE PARISH THIS CHRISTMAS?

The parish accepts donations of stock and other appreciated securities. This is a tax effective way to maximize your donation, while reducing your income tax burden.

If you would like to donate stocks or securities this Christmas, contact **Maggie at 609-275-7111, ext. 325** or **[mprovine@stdavidtheking.com](mailto:mprovine@stdavidtheking.com)** for more information.

## WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

As many of you know, I came to St. David the King in 2006 after retiring from my registered nurse career.

In 2021, I retired from my full-time manager position at the parish, but agreed to stay on part time to assist with special projects and to be a resource as needed.

The time has come for me to turn my full attention to family time and home projects, although I have a feeling the church projects are easier than downsizing belongings etc. So on December 15, I will fully retire from my paid position, for real this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the good people of St. David the King for the privilege of walking with you in happy times and difficult, sorrowful times. I have been so blessed to have had the chance to help and serve you over the last 17 years. Our interactions have fed my heart and soul and that is a priceless gift I will treasure always.

Please keep me in your prayers as I do you. Maybe we can do lunch some time.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year, full of hope in the Christ Child.

With love and gratitude, Cheryl  
aka Nurse Ellsworth



## YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTION

In his commentary on the Gospel of John, St. Gaudentius (d. 410) comments on Christ's words, "I am the true vine" (John 15:1). Noting the prophetic symbolism of wine in Genesis, ("He will wash his robe in wine and his garment in blood," Gen 49:11), St. Gaudentius here argues that this figure is fulfilled upon the cross of Calvary. In no uncertain terms, St. Gaudentius professes the ancient faith of the Church, affirming that the Eucharistic wine becomes the blood of Christ.

*"In this truth in which we live, one died for all and feeds all the individual churches by His immolation in the Mystery of the bread and wine. Having been believed, He gives life to them. Having been consecrated, He sanctifies those who are consecrating. This is the flesh of the lamb, and this, the blood. For the Bread who descends from heaven says, "the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" [John 6:51].*

*He rightly expresses His blood under the form of wine when He says in the gospel, "I am the true vine" [John 15:1]. He declares that wine is His blood, since it is offered in the form of His Passion. The blessed patriarch Jacob prophesied concerning Christ: "He will wash his robe in wine and his garment in blood" [Gen 49:11]. Indeed, He was to cover the robe of our body, His garment, with His own blood. Thus, He is the Creator and Lord of nature who produced bread from the earth, and brought about His own body from bread, because He can and promises to do so. He who made wine from water also made His blood from wine."*



## EXPERIENCE THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT AT ST. DAVID THE KING!

**December 13 - January 1  
Great Hall**

St. David the King is privileged to have the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit visit our parish. Please join us in taking advantage of this wonderful experience this Advent and Christmas during the Year of the Eucharist.

### *What is this exhibit?*

This traveling exhibit has been created by the Diocese of Trenton to assist those who will experience it to affirm belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based upon the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis to catalogue all of the Eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide.

<http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/>

## GUARDIANS OF THE EUCHARIST NEEDED

During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **two (2) guardians** are needed to ensure someone is present at all times during Adoration.

Volunteer sessions are 30 minutes. If you would like to serve as a Guardian of the Eucharist, please visit the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAFA728A5FB6-46297177-guardians#/>

## EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

### **Wednesday, December 13**

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Thursday, December 14**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Also open during 6:30 pm Penance service

### **Friday, December 15**

Closed

### **Saturday, December 16**

After 4 pm Mass

### **Sunday, December 17**

After all morning Masses

After 4 pm Mass - Eucharist Procession to Exhibit

### **Monday, December 18**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Adoration

### **Tuesday, December 19**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Adoration

### **Wednesday, December 20**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Adoration

### **Thursday, December 21**

9 am to 2 pm

6 pm to 8 pm Adoration/Confessions

### **Friday, December 22**

Closed

### **Saturday, December 23**

After 4 pm Mass

### **Sunday, December 24**

After 4 pm and 6 pm Christmas Eve Masses

### **Monday, December 25**

After all Christmas Day Masses

### **Tuesday, December 26**

9:30 am – 12 Noon

### **Wednesday, December 27**

9:30 am – 12 Noon

### **Thursday, December 28**

9:30 am – 12 Noon

### **Friday, December 29**

Closed

### **Saturday, December 30**

After 4 pm Mass

### **Sunday, December 31**

After all Masses

### **Monday, January 1**

After 10 am Mass

Eucharistic Procession to the exhibit and  
Adoration with Benediction



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### PRAYER GARDEN

#### *Paver & Plaque Dedications Available*

For **Christmas**, why not consider dedicating an item in our prayer garden as a gift for someone special or to honor a loved one, living or deceased. This is a long lasting gift that also supports our parish community.

To dedicate a plaque or paver or if you have any questions, contact Maggie Provine at 609-275-7111, ext. 325 or [mprovine@stdavidtheking.com](mailto:mprovine@stdavidtheking.com). Order forms are also available at the Parish Office.

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### COLUMBIETTES WRAPPING GIFTS SATURDAY, 12/17 & SUNDAY 12/18

#### **Don't enjoy wrapping gifts or don't have the time?**

The Columbiettes will be wrapping holiday gifts again this year at Market Fair on Route 1 South.

**When: Saturday, December 17 &  
Sunday, December 18**

**Where: Market Fair, 3535 Route 1 South  
Available: All Mall Hours Open**

*Free will offerings gratefully accepted  
Donations will be given to charity*



### SOCIAL CONCERNS



### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND

**Gift return: December 10 by 11:30 am**

Please support this wonderful project and make a child's Christmas brighter.

### LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION

### AN ADVENT PROGRAM EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

**Sunday, December 17**

Please join us on December 17 after the 4 pm Mass as we process to the Great Hall for Adoration and to view the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibits.

We invite you to spend some expectant time waiting and preparing to celebrate the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

Join us for as little as 5 minutes or an hour. We hope to see you on December 17.

### 2024 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLAN THIS FESTIVAL

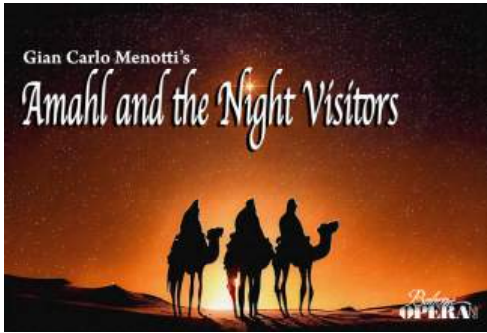
If you have a love for Christmas and want to help keep Christ in Christmas in addition to having the desire to bring the heart of Christmas to Mercer County right here at Saint David the King, then this planning committee might be for you!

Fr. Jason is looking for 20 people to form a Christmas Festival Committee to begin planning our first ever parish Christmas Festival for **November 29 -December 1, 2024!**

This envisioned festival will have everything from an ice skating rink, food truck vendors, games and activities for the whole family, making Cookies with Mrs. Claus, Giant Tree Lighting and Christmas Carols, Live Nativity, and even an opportunity to visit with Santa (aka St. Nicholas)!

The idea is grand, but simple, we bring the joy of Christmas to the parish and weave throughout catechesis about the real meaning of Christmas!

To share in this creative vision and evangelization effort, contact Fr. Jason at [FrJason@StDavidtheKing.com](mailto:FrJason@StDavidtheKing.com).



**Next Saturday, December 16**  
**6:00 pm**  
**St. David the King Great Hall**

**Boheme Opera NJ Presents**  
***Amahl and the Night Visitors***

**TICKETS**  
**Adults: \$30**  
**Children 12 & Under: FREE**

*A portion of all proceeds will be donated to  
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Special Note: Although children aged 12 and under will be admitted for free, tickets are required for them so we can monitor the number of children 12 and under who attend the performance.

**To purchase tickets or get more information, visit:**  
**<https://www.bohemeopera.org/amahl-and-the-night-visitors>**



### PRAY THE ROSARY

Join us every Friday for Mass at 9:00 am followed by recitation of the Rosary.

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Are you unable to receive communion due to Celiac's disease or a gluten intolerance?

We have low gluten and super low gluten hosts available that are approved by the USCCB for use at Mass. Please notify a staff member or see one of the ushers upon arrival at Mass so that one can be given to Father for consecration. The priest celebrating the Mass will have the consecrated host at Communion.

If you would like more information about low gluten hosts, contact **Maggie Provine** at **609-275-7111, ext. 325** or **[mprovine@stdavidtheking.com](mailto:mprovine@stdavidtheking.com)**.



### WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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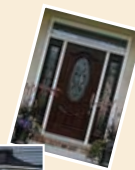
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