

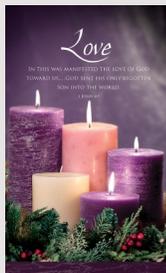
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December 18th, 2022

4th Sunday in Advent



Sunday Masses

9:15 am & 8:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30 pm

This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (12/20):

Music Rehearsal: 7pm

Saturday (12/24):

Christmas Eve Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday (12/25):

Mass: 9:15am

FATHER PATRICK NEARY, C.S.C., APPOINTED NEXT BISHOP OF DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD

The Holy See announced that Pope Francis has appointed Father Patrick Neary, C.S.C., a member of Congregation of Holy Cross, as the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Saint Cloud. His episcopal ordination and installation as bishop of Saint Cloud has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 14. Vespers will take place on Monday, Feb. 13.

The appointment was announced Dec. 15 in Washington by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-elect Neary succeeds Bishop Donald J. Kettler, who will serve as apostolic administrator until Bishop-elect Neary's installation.

"No one is more surprised than I am to be asked to serve as bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud," Bishop-elect Neary said. "Yet I have always trusted that Christ has guided me through every stage of my life as a priest. I so look forward to meeting everyone who is a part of this diocese, my new family. I especially ask God to help me build on the legacy of Bishop Kettler and all the clergy and personnel who serve in the diocese with zeal and devotion. Please pray for me that I can be a faithful and loving servant to all of you."

Bishop Kettler said he is very excited about the appointment. "Father Neary is tremendously qualified with his experiences as a pastor, seminary rector, formation director and missionary. I am very appreciative that he said yes to the call to serve the people of this diocese as their bishop, and I welcome him warmly to Central Minnesota."

Bishop-elect Neary was born on March 6, 1963, in La Porte, Indiana, to Jacob and Marybelle Neary. He is the first-born of six children and has five sisters. His family belongs to St. Joseph Parish in La Porte, where the Neary siblings attended St. Joseph's Grade School.

He graduated from La Porte High School in 1981 and entered the undergraduate seminary with the Congregation of Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame, he spent a semester at Anahuac University in Mexico City, where he learned Spanish. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in history.

After completing his novitiate year in Cascade, Colorado, Bishop-elect Neary began his M.Div. studies in 1986 at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California. In 1988, he spent the entire year at the congregation's seminary in Santiago, Chile, where he practiced his Spanish.

He professed perpetual vows with Congregation of Holy Cross on Sept. 1, 1990 and was ordained a priest at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame on April 1, 1991, by Bishop Paul Waldschmidt.

In 1994, Bishop-elect Neary was assigned to the University of Notre Dame and worked in the Office of Campus Ministry, primarily ministering to Latino students at Notre Dame and serving as R.O.T.C. chaplain.

In 2000, he was appointed assistant rector at Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame and in 2004 was named rector of Moreau Seminary for a six-year term. He served on the Provincial Council of the U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers from 2003-2010 and served on the Vocation and Formation Commission of the General Administration for the Congregation of Holy Cross in Rome from 2002-2010.

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When he finished his term as rector, Bishop-elect Neary was asked to run the congregation's seminary in Nairobi, Kenya, for two years to train a new team of formation personnel and build up the seminary program. He began his service in Nairobi in June 2010. The following year he was elected district superior of Holy Cross in East Africa and moved to the district headquarters in Uganda. There he served two three-year terms as district superior and finished his time of service in East Africa in January 2018.

Since July 2018, Bishop-elect Neary has served as pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland, Oregon.

The Diocese of Saint Cloud encompasses 16 counties in Central Minnesota. It includes 131 parishes grouped into 29 Area Catholic Communities and a Catholic population of approximately 125,000 people.

Love – Theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

When I think about the meaning of love, I recall these words of Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr: "When I speak of love, I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response [to suffering and injustice]. . . . I am talking about something strong and powerful. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is . . . the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality."

Mother Teresa affirmed the capacity of each of us to be "a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world."

Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, spoke about the centrality of love in creating the Beloved Community: "The final word is love. . . . To love, we must know each other. We know God in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is

a banquet, and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship. We have all known the long loneliness, and we have learned that the only solution is love, and that love comes with community."

This "Love" calls us to seek the common good – "to work for a just world," wrote Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, "where there is neither servitude, oppression, or alienation. It is to work for the advent of the Messiah."

Fr Richard Rohr invites us to consider these days of Advent as "more than a sentimental, reminiscent waiting for a new baby Jesus." He encourages us "to focus our anticipation on the eternal and cosmic Christ, beyond and before the child in the manger. . . . the Christ that is forever being born in the human soul and history."

As we live into the final days of this year's Advent season, I recall a poem by Madeleine L'Engle, American author, entitled "The Risk of Birth"

This is no time for a child to be born,
With the earth betrayed by war and hate,
And a nova lighting the sky to war.
That time runs out and sun burns late.
That was no time for a child to be born -
In a land in the crushing grip of Rome:
Honor and truth were trampled by scorn -
Yet here did the Savior make his home.
When is the time for love to be born?
The inn is full on the planet earth
And by greed and pride the sky is torn -
Yet Love still takes the risk of birth.

Rohr reminds us that "Christ has 'come again' – and again and again – in every created thing, drawing creation toward greater wholeness, fullness and union. . . . [Thus], our cry of, 'Come, Lord Jesus' is not a cry of desperation but an assured shout of cosmic hope." <https://www.ncronline.org/spirituality/soul-seeing/soul-seeing/life-headed-somewhere-good-advent>

This Christmas, may we open our hearts to Christ's Love and our voices to shouts of "Cosmic hope."

Kevin LaNave, Peace and Social Justice Coordinator, Christ Church Newman Center

"Thank you, Kevin, for these insightful words. Yes, May we make ever more room in our hearts for love."

Shalom

Fr. Mark Stang

Canonical Administrator

Parish Prayers

Anne Fields	Helen Trisko	+Carol Reiter
Nancy Huber	Carol Agnes	+Ed
Penny Zook	Brett Wise,	Schnettler
Waletzko's	son-in-law of	+Jim Pehler
grandson	Kevin & Vickie	+Denise Keller
Isaac	Strobel	+Mary Kelley,
Kathy Wil-	Cathy	sister of Barb
liams	Wieme's	Grachek
Kevin & Melis-	mother,	+Jennifer
sa Kruger's	+Carol Skoien	Symalla
brother Mark	†Katie Waletzko	+Elaine Quella
Linda Urbik	†Don Prom	+Bob Huber
Dave & Caroline	†Renee Miller	+Dawn New-
Williams's son	†Will Ellen-	ton
Jeff	becker	+Roy
Courtney	†Stanley	Hoelscher,
Vorell's father	McElhone	brother of Jay
Paul Snyder	†Bill Schroeder	Schroeder
Grace Bellicot	†Vern Cronin	+Robert Sur-
Doug Nieters	†Donald Lardy	ma
†Mil Voelker	†Sallie Belli-	+Geneva
Tom Keaveny	cot	Cameron
Isla Johns	†Deborah	Kevin LaNave
Aaron Volker	Rodriguez	Kevin
Gene	†Valerie Meinz	Eisenschenk
Hoelscher	†Bette Bartos	
Millie Moran,	†Rich Theisen	
sister of Jay	+Mike	
Schroeder	Schmiesing,	
Kelly Hoppe's	brother of	
mother-in-law	Sharon	

Mark Your Calendar:

Advent Reconciliation:

Dec. 18—Holy Spirit at 1pm

Dec. 19—St. Anthony at 6:30pm

Christmas Masses:

Dec. 24—Holy Spirit at 4pm

St. Anthony at 4:30pm

Newman Center at
5:30pm

Dec. 25—St. Anthony at 8am

Newman Center at
9:15am

Holy Spirit at 10:30am



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