

a son is given to us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. - Isaiah 9:5 Christmas 2021

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PRINCE OF PEACE POLICY:

Anyone requesting a Godparent sponsor letter, a Confirmation sponsor letter, or a letter verifying church membership, must be a registered member of the Parish a minimum of six months.

ASSISTANCE FOR 65+ OR AT-RISK PARISHIONERS:

During this time where you may be selfquarantining due to your age or because you are high-risk, if you need assistance with grocery shopping or other high importance errands, please give our Parish Office a call at 757-547-0356. We will contact a parish volunteer to call you to assist you with your needs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK

December 19-26, 2021 Sunday, December 19 9:00 a.m. Mass 10:00-10:30 a.m. Youth Pop Shop Fair 11:00 a.m. Mass, livestreamed by Prince of Peace on Facebook at facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake or youtube.com 12:00-12:30 p.m. Youth Pop Shop Fair 1:45 p.m. Pre-Baptism Zoom Class Monday, December 20 10:00-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry Closed 7:30-9:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts/Venture Crew Tuesday, December 21** Mass, livestream followed by praying the Holy Rosary 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Wednesday, December 22 Mass, livestream followed by praying the Holy Rosary 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Food Pantry CLOSED** Thursday, December 23 Mass, livestream followed by praying the Holy Rosary 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 24 - The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas): Vigil No Daily Mass Second Collection - Catholic Charities 3:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Mass, livestreamed by Prince of Peace on Facebook at facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake or youtube.com 7:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, December 25 - The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas): Day Second Collection – Catholic Charities Mass, livestreamed by Prince of Peace on 10:00 a.m. Facebook at facebook.com/popchurchchesapeake

Sunday, December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 9:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Mass. livestreamed by Prince of Peace on Facebook a

or <u>youtube.com</u> No Confessions

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MASS RESOURCES

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

WTVZ channel 33 (MyTVZ) at 7:00 a.m.

Please invite anyone you know to tune into Catholic Mass on TV or watch online any time on Sundays at <u>www.HeartoftheNation.org</u>.

<u>MAGNIFICAT</u>

During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. *Magnificat* is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home at <u>https://us.magnificat.net/free.</u>

FREE RESOURCES

You may download these free resources for unrestricted, redistributable use here: <u>www.hometouchministry.com/covid19-resources-for-elderly-homebound</u>.

SUNDAY MASS WITH THE BISHOP

Sunday Mass with Bishop Barry C. Knestout can be found as a link at <u>richmonddiocese.org/livestream</u>.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 21 Francisco Rev Cuartero † 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Janet Grant † Wednesday, December 22 9:00 a.m. Andrea Pascua † Thursday, December 23 9:00 a.m. Timoteo Pascua † Friday, December 24 3:00 p.m. **Christian Pacomio** Mass Intention 5:00 p.m. Ruben Galutera Mass Intention 7:00 p.m. Fernando Crespo, Jr. † Saturday, December 25 10:00 a.m. Valentin Macasaet Mass Intention Sunday, December 26 9:00 a.m. Anthony Gravina † 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners † Denotes deceased *In order to keep with Canon Law, as of March 13, 2019, there will be

only one Mass Intention offered per Mass. The Mass Intentions already scheduled will be respected, but no new ones will be made on a date that another one has already been scheduled. Also, Mass Intentions for the repose of the soul and Special Intentions can be made at least 2 weeks before the requested day. The Parish Office will not be able to schedule Mass Intentions on the same week of the requested day. Thank you for understanding.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION:

It's time to register for Christian Formation Classes. Classes are \$55.00 or \$110.00 per family. Parents can register their child at <u>https://</u> <u>richmond.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/</u>. There are many options: Elementary Formation: Elementary-aged children in grades K-5th can attend in between the Sunday morning Masses from 10:05-10:55 a.m. January 9, 23 • February 6, 13, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27 • April 3, 24 • May 1

FRIDAY FAMILY FAITH: Family-centered formation takes place at POP once a month. The entire family attends together regardless of age and the remaining lessons for the month are completed at home and turned in at the next in-person class.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION: Middle and High School teens meet on Sunday nights. This is a holistic youth ministry formation that includes Church teachings, Spirituality, fellowship, and youth events. January 9, 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 20, 27 • March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 24 • May 1

<u>CLOW</u>: Children's Liturgy of the Word is currently in an online format on our website. The lessons are directed to children ages 4-6 years. Go to the website. Under the Christian Formation tab, click on the picture for Children's Liturgy of the Word to access the video.



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING

December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." – Luke 1:45

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

December 24, 2021, The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas): Vigil 1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 2nd Reading: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

December 25, 2021, The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas): Day 1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-14

December 26, 2021, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



"And this will be a sign for you: you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2021 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. (live-streamed) and 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 2021 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed) No Vigil Mass or Confessions

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD MASSES: Friday, December 31 Blessed Virgin Mar

Saturday, January 1

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God 10:00 a.m. Mass (live-streamed) No Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 23, 2021 through Friday, December 31, 2021. Business hours will resume Monday, January 3, 2022.

OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD					
DATE	WEEK ENDING CURRENT MONTH	E-GIVING	WEEKLY NEEDS	OVER/(SHORT)	
Offertory 12-5-21	\$5,336.90	\$8,358.00	\$12,303.00	\$1,391.90	
Offertory 12-12-21**	\$7,873.00	\$6,073.00	\$12,303.00	\$1,643.00	
Offertory 12-19-21					
Offertory 12-26-21					
Total	\$13,209.90	\$14,431.00	\$24,606.00	\$3,034.90	
*Amount in () indicates negative • ** Immaculate Conception collection included					
Capital Improvement 12-12-21:				\$10,748.00	
Food Pantry 12-12-21:				\$20,971.00	
Haiti 12-12-211:				\$16,108.00	
Diocesan debt (BLUE env) funds 12-12-21:				\$5,224.00	
Homeless Meals 12-12-211:				\$6,987.00	
UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:					
Catholic Charities	December 24/25, 202	21			
PoP Capital Improvement	January 15/16, 2022				
Respect Life Collection	January 22/23, 2022				

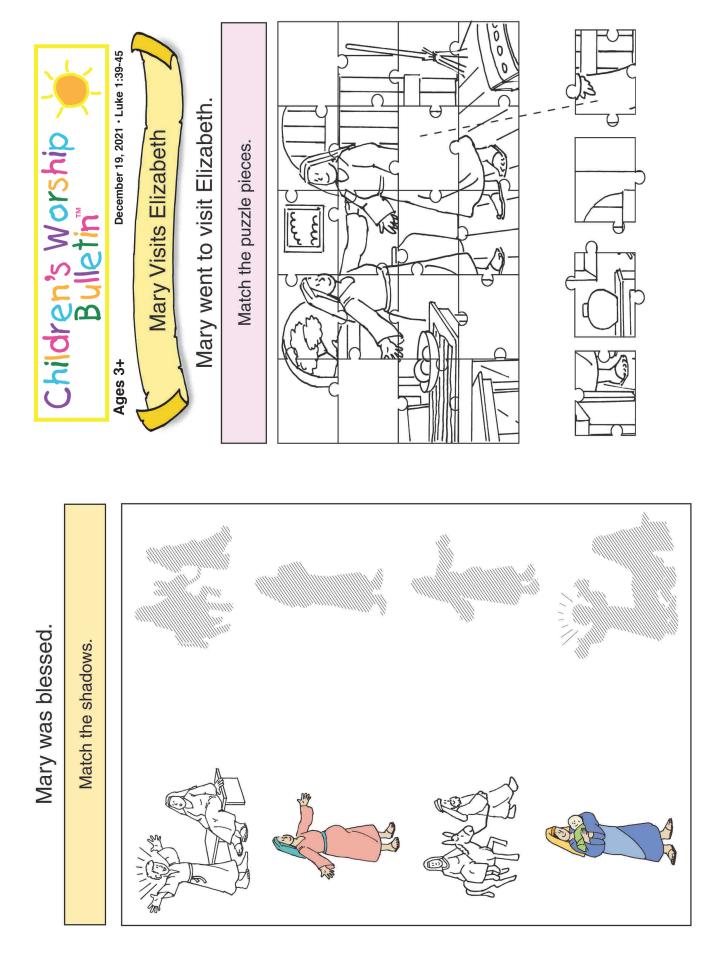
2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal Building Our Family Faith

As of December 9, 2021, we have raised \$69,841.73 on a target of \$39,320.00 putting us at 183.60% of our goal vs. raised target. Thank you for your support as this year's project will upgrade our video and audio systems.

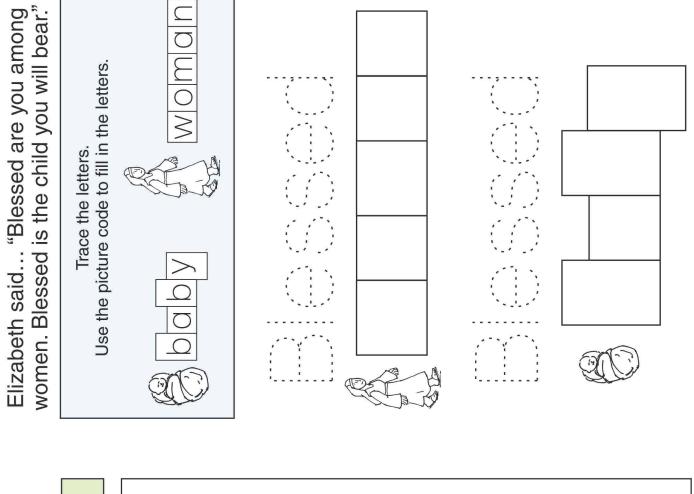
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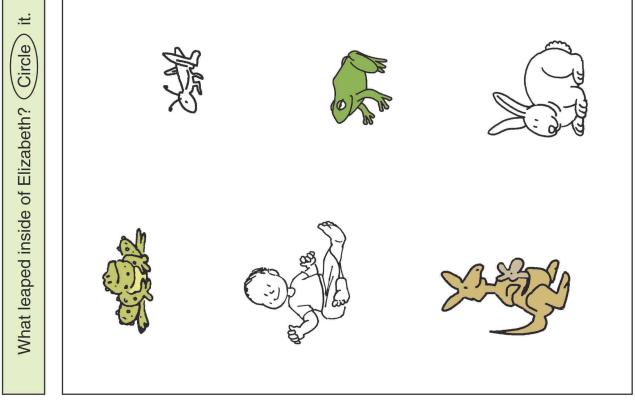
Prince of Peace received a \$60.00 *Living Our Mission* deposit for a total of \$107,627.79 collected. Thank you for your continued support.





Trace the letters. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, ÷ Circle the baby leaped in her womb.





2021 TAX STATEMENTS:

If you are interested in obtaining a financial statement of your 2021 contributions to Prince of Peace, please visit our website popparish.org. On the website, click on "My Giving" under "Support Your Parish" drop down. Follow the instructions on the My Giving page to log into your My Own Church account or to set up an account. When available (late January 2022), you are able to download your tax statement. If you do not have access to a computer, you may drop off your self-address stamped envelope (to help offset costs) and place it in the box in the commons during Mass or office hours. If you have any issues with your ParishSoft account set up or have any questions, please contact Karen Pacomio at <u>karen.pacomio@popparish.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 757-547-0356.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

We strive to live the love of Christ by sharing it with those in our community.

HELPING OUR HOMELESS CHESAPEAKE NEIGHBORS:

As I am sure you are all aware, we have several ongoing programs to support our homeless neighbors within Prince of Peace and also partnering with many other churches in the area. Sadly, with the events of the last 2 years, we have seen a significant increase and need in Chesapeake. We have established an Amazon Wishlist of what we call "shelf stable" items. This is a quick and easy way to buy items we use every week and would be a wonderful way to support this ministry if you don't have time to make sandwiches etc....it is as easy as going to this link via the QR Code below, ordering and having them sent to POP, the address will be available for you to choose once you go to checkout!! If you have any questions at all, please just email me at: cooeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you so much!! You have no idea



how much this will help so many!!! If you prefer to have me email you the link just sent me a message at the email provided above

FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN FOOD PANTRY

The year 2021 is coming to a close and all the pantry volunteers, on behalf of our Guests, wish to express their sincere gratitude to you, who contributed Food and Financial support over this past year. In your absences, we received all the praises making us feel humble and as though we were in God's presence. We wish there were a way to share this feeling of Joy and Love with you, other than just using words. Each of you represent the Light of Christ. All the accolades given, come to us by the Holy Spirit through our Guests, and they are meant for you as well. May God continue to bless you and your Family Members and your Light shine bright as the stars. Please consider a year end Gift to the Food Pantry General Fund and/or the Food Pantry Endowment Fund (Never Ending Gift)

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE



----CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS----

Liam, our new Director of Liturgical Music is calling out to ALL people who would like to serve as part of our adult choir, or our junior choir, and/or our instrumental ensemble (formerly "orchestra"). Junior choir is for any child aged 6-17, and adult choir is for all those 18 and above. You do not have to be able to read music to sing in either choir – you will learn the basics! The instrumental ensemble is open to all ages, provided you can play an instrument and read music (at least a little). If you wish to serve as a cantor, please reach out to Liam also.

In order to join, Liam needs your support – please email him directly (<u>liam.</u> <u>lees@popparish.org</u>), or speak to him after Mass sometime, to register

your name for any of the above groups. We will be starting our musical groups after the new year, and rehearsal schedules will be released at that time. We need people to sign-up now. Our music families are going to be filled with FUN and GREAT MUSIC!



ADVENT: FROM THE WEBSITE OF THE UNITED STATES CATHOLIC BISHOPS:

Advent

Advent (ad-venio in Latin or "to come to") begins the Church year and consists of the four Sundays before Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent Devotions: the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday during Advent. Advent prayers prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent Wreath

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Advent Prayers

Advent prayers call to mind our preparation for the Lord's coming on Christmas and His second coming at the end of the world. The Advent theme of preparing one spiritually requires special Advent prayers focused on waiting, watching, and hoping for the Lord's coming. Many Advent prayer books include daily prayers, while others involve the writings of popular Catholics including Pope John Paul II or Fulton Sheen. Other prayers are meant specifically to be said along with an Advent wreath.

Prayer of Blessing For Your Home Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of all people, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let Your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Light the first purple candle

Prayer:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that come upon us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer:

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures:

Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke: 1:26-38 Matthew 1:18-24 Stir up our hearts, O Lord,

that we may worthily serve You

with hearts purified by His coming:

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Light 2 purple candles.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer:

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save Your people. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures:

 Micah 5:2
 Isaiah 2:1-5

 Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11
 Matthew 3:1-6

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Light 2 purple candles and the rose candle.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer:

O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at Your command, come and show us the way to salvation. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures:

Isaiah 9:6-7	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
John 1:19-34	Philippians 2:1-11

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Light 3 purple candles and the rose candle.

Prayer:

Pour forth Your power, O Lord, and come: Assist us by that mighty power, so that by Your grace and merciful kindness we may swiftly receive the salvation that our sins impede: Who lives and reigns with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Alternate/Complementary Prayer:

O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in Your hands, come and show us the way to salvation. (From Christmas Prayers, Victor Hoagland, C.P.)

Scriptures:

Malachi 3:1-5	Romans 8:18-25
Isaiah 52:7-10	Revelation 21:1-4

(Optional) CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

Light 3 purples candles and the rose candle. Light a white candle placed in the center.

Prayer:

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of Your Word made flesh.

Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to Your Word

that we may bring Your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (From The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing Co.)

ADDITIONAL ADVENT RESOURCES

- United States Catholic Bishops Website: Prayer and Worship: <u>usccb.org</u>
- Diocese of Richmond Website-Office of Worship: <u>www.</u> <u>richmonddiocese.org</u>
- Free Daily Advent Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron: https://adventreflections.com/
- Catholic Relief Services: <u>www.crsfairtrade.org/advent</u>

Alternate/Complementary Prayer:

Let the just rejoice, for their Justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice,

- For their Savior is born. Let the captives rejoice, For their
 - Redeemer is born.

Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, For their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, For Jesus Christ is born. *St. Augustine of Hippo*

lohn 1:1-18

Titus 2:11-14

Scriptures:

Isaiah 9:1-6	
Luke 2:1-20	



Prayer:

Praver:

We beseech you to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of your coming enlighten our darkened minds: You who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the

to prepare the paths of Your Only-begotten Son:

Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ORATIO IMPERATA

God our Father, We come to You in our need To ask Your protection against the 2019 N-Coronavirus, That has claimed lives And has affected many.

We pray for Your grace For the people tasked with studying the nature and cause Of this Virus and its disease And of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts That they may minister to the sick With competence and compassion, And of those governments and private agencies That must find cure and solution to this epidemic.

We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon.

Grant us the grace To work for the good of all And to help those in need.

Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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these people, and all who are kept from joining us due to their health...

(NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS)

Dick DeLong, Mary Finch (MC), Jane McGee, Joseph Rejuney, Annie Armstrong, Delores Forehand, and Susan Ott.

CHESAPEAKE HEALTHCARE CENTER:

Clair Saar, Mary Thatcher, Laverne Barks, Joyce Clair, Mark Walker, Anna Phillips, Deanna Barancyzk, Rafaela Martinez, Edward Wickley, David Laughlin, and Elizabeth Bolmarcich.

AT HOME:

Bonnie Gallimore, Gene DiPascale, Maureen Kelly, John Heerema Jr., Doris Moyer, Joseph Evan, Patty and Al Russell, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, Paul Michael Thomas, Leigh Armstrong, and Doris Anderson.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Let us pray for all those currently in the hospital

PRAYER TO END THE CORONAVIRUS:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world. and for all our families and loved ones. the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS:

In preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with an infant, the parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session at Prince of Peace. Sessions are being held by Zoom until further notice. The sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. The next session scheduled at Prince of Peace:

• Sunday, December 19, 2021

Parents are asked to register for the sessions by visiting our parish website at popparish.org. Go to the sacrament tab and scroll down to Baptisms. Anyone with questions, please contact Sister Dolores at the parish office.

ADULT CONFIRMATION:

For any adult Catholic who has never been Confirmed, sessions are held throughout the year. For more information, please call Sister Dolores at the parish office or email her at Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

<u>RCIA:</u>

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church??? Prince of Peace parish community offers the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) process for those adults seeking to learn more about and join the Catholic Christian Faith. RCIA is for those who are not yet baptized and also for Christians of other denominations who choose to seek full Communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in learning more about the RCIA journey, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office at 547-0356, or email <u>Sister.Dolores@popparish.org</u>.

