

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today is beginning of the last week before Christmas. As we light the four candles on our Advent wreath, let us ask God to prepare our hearts and our homes, our communities and our world for his coming to live with us.

THE READINGS:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12, 14a, 16

The promise to David, ancestor of Jesus

Romans 16:25-27

Christ is the manifestation of the mystery kept secret for long ages

Luke 1:26-38

In a certain sense Mary lived her *Eucharistic faith* even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that *she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word*. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood.

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 55

Offertory Collection	December 11, 2005	\$1133.00
	Religious Retirement	\$514.00

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 10th – 24th in memory of Michael Burke by M/M James Burke.

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are March 21, 23, and 25, 2006. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 17,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 18,	9:00 AM (rip) Louise Saxton by Paul & Janice Matarese
Monday,	December 19,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	December 20,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	December 21,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	December 22,	8:00 AM (rip) Paul Stapp by Chris Stapp
Friday,	December 23,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	December 24,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased) 7:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 25,	9:00 AM (rip) Jane Mitchell by Dr. Agatha Anstreicher

Confessions –Wednesday, December 21st, confessions will be heard at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for Christmas.

Stop Senate Bill 80 – In June of last year, the Delaware State Senate by a vote of 14 to 7 passed Senate Bill 80 titled “The Delaware Regenerative Medicine Act, Prohibiting Human Reproductive Cloning, and Authorizing Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research.” The Delaware State House of Representatives will consider and vote on this bill on January 12, 2006. If passed, Governor Minner will sign this legislation into law legalizing the killing of human embryos for scientific research purposes.

We urgently need every eligible voter to contact their Delaware State Representative to voice their opposition to Senate Bill 80. With the Christmas holiday upon us, it is not a convenient time, but it is the only time, and the only chance we have to stop this evil and dangerous legislation. The preferred method of contact is a written letter. The second most effective contact is by phone, while the third is e-mail. **If you are uncertain of the name of your State Representative, this information is available from the Board of Elections at 577-3464.** (The State Representative for Delaware City residents is: Rep. Richard Cathcart, phone number – 577-8723). The following address for Legislative Hall in Dover is the same for all State Representatives: The Honorable (Representative's name here), P O Box 1401, Legislative Hall, Dover, DE 19903.

Contact your State Representative Today! Keep the letter respectful and brief. Write legibly or type. Give specific examples of why you oppose SB 80:

- Some people say we have an urgent need to perform destructive embryonic research to cure disease. But they are wrong. Cures are more likely to come from other research programs. Embryonic stem cell research has not cured one person.
- Cures of diabetes, spinal cord injury, Alzheimer Disease appear much closer with other approaches and adult stem cell research. Harvard researchers are ready to begin trials for Type I diabetes with non-stem cell treatment.
- The bill bans “reproductive cloning” only if a live birth is an intended result. It does not ban cloning a human being with intention of allowing growth and development through the months prior to birth. This is not a practice that Delaware should endorse.
- Polls indicate that a majority of Americans do not want cures at the cost of other lives, even lives as small as a few hundred cells.
- We have death row inmates with likely death, but we do not allow harvesting of their organs for research.

Specifically ask them to oppose SB 80:

-I ask you to vote “NO” on January 12.

-I strongly urge you and your colleagues to reject SB 80.

Sign your name, include your address and request a response.