

Domenichino, *John the Baptist Points at Jesus*, 1621-1628, fresco, detail; Basilica di Sant Andrea della Valle, Rome, Italy; USPD

"PREPARE THE  
WAY OF THE  
LORD, MAKE  
STRAIGHT HIS  
PATHS."

MK 1:3



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | DEC 10, 2023  
**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
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# MASS TIMES

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
School Mass: Wednesday, 8:15 am

## SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

## VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

## SUNDAY

7:30 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
11:30 am  
5:00 pm

# CONFESSION

## THURSDAY

5:00-6:00 pm

## SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am  
3:00-4:30 pm

## SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8 am-5 pm

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**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8 am-8 pm

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Joyce Occhiato

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**Mon, Dec 11 | 10 am**

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Cathy Suppes  
Tricia Kegeneis

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

## IN THE CHURCH:

### THURSDAY

12:00-6:00 pm

### SOLEMN HOLY HOUR:

5:00-6:00 pm with *Confession* and *Vespers*

Benediction: 5:55 pm

## IN THE CHAPEL:

FOR SCHEDULED ADORERS,

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### MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 am-5:00 pm



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## VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Do you know or do you have someone in your family who is sick or homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass regularly, and desires to receive sacraments of penance and Eucharist? Please do not hesitate to contact Nativity to schedule a visit of a priest or Eucharistic minister at (303) 469-5171.

## GOING TO THE HOSPITAL

If you are going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at (303) 469-5171.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at (303) 466-8859 or at [joannefarver@comcast.net](mailto:joannefarver@comcast.net).

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

### SATURDAY

8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary

### SUNDAY

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 am † Liancheng Gu by Mandi Yu

4:30 pm † Mike Breth  
by Bette and Al Dean

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 am All Souls in Purgatory  
by Dora Solano

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am Ryan and Courtney  
by Mary Baylie

5:00 pm † Audrey and Vernon Rapp  
by Rapp Family

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 am Lindsey Gardner Birthday  
Blessings by Mom

9:30 am † Cajetan Chimento  
by Terri Brown

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 am Zvonimir "Ivan" Karnjak  
by Znidarcic Family

9:30 am David and Jacquelin Villocco  
Anniversary

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 am Birthday Blessings for Raymundo  
Torres by Torres Family

9:30 am † Edward Eberhard  
by Gwen Pomper

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 am † Jerry Vogelsberg

9:30 am † Gioakim Luong by La

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 am Helen Mapalad  
by Schaffer Family

9:30 am Fr. Emanuele

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:30 am † Sherry Johnston  
by Rapp Family

4:30 pm † Robert Bruck  
by Ken & Mary Ann Cole

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 am † Sr. Mary Rose Stockton  
by Marion University  
Chemistry Students

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am † Mary Twaddle  
by Janet Carpenter

5:00 pm Christy Oldfield Thomsen  
by Beahm Family

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**  
4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 10 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25  
**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

# ADVENT



## EXPECTATION OF THE FUTURE CHARGED WITH HOPE

CELEBRATION OF FIRST VESPERS OF ADVENT | HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS  
BENEDICT XVI | VATICAN BASILICA | SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**W**ith this celebration we are entering the liturgical season of Advent. In the biblical reading we have just heard, taken from the *First Letter to the Thessalonians*, the Apostle Paul invites us to prepare for "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (5:23), with God's grace keeping ourselves blameless. The exact word Paul uses is "coming," in Latin *adventus*, from which the term "Advent" derives. Let us reflect briefly on the meaning of this word, which can be rendered with "presence," "arrival" or "coming."

In the language of the ancient world it was a technical term used to indicate the arrival of an official or the visit of the king or emperor to a province. However, it could also mean the coming of the divinity that emerges from concealment to manifest himself forcefully or that was celebrated as being present in worship. Christians used the word "advent" to express their relationship with Jesus Christ: Jesus is the King who entered this poor "province" called "earth" to pay everyone a visit; he makes all those who believe in him participate in his Coming, all who believe in his presence in the liturgical assembly. The essential meaning of the word *adventus* was: **God is here**, he has not withdrawn from the world, he has not deserted us. **Even if we cannot see and touch him as we can tangible realities, he is here and comes to visit us in many ways.**

The meaning of the expression "advent" therefore includes that of *visitatio*, which simply and specifically means "visit;" in this case it is a question of a **visit from God: he enters my life and wishes to speak to me.** In our daily lives we all experience having little time for the Lord and also little time for ourselves. We end by being absorbed in "doing." Is it not true that activities often absorb us and that society with its multiple interests monopolizes our attention? Is it not true that we devote a lot of time to entertainment and to various kinds of amusement? At times we get carried away. Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to **pause in silence to understand a presence.** It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, **signs of the attention he has for each one of us.** How often does **God give us a glimpse of his love!** To keep, as it were, an "interior journal" of this love would be a beautiful and salutary task for our life! **Advent invites and stimulates us to contemplate the Lord present.** Should not the certainty of his presence help us see the world with different eyes? Should it not help us to consider the whole of

our life as a "visit," as a way in which he can come to us and become close to us in every situation?

Another fundamental element of Advent is **expectation**, an expectation which is at the same time **hope.** Advent impels us to understand **the meaning of time** and of history as a *kairós*, as a **favorable opportunity for our salvation.** Jesus illustrated this mysterious reality in many parables: in the story of the servants sent to await the return of their master; in the parable of the virgins who await the bridegroom; and in those of the sower and of the harvest. In their lives human beings are constantly waiting; when they are children they want to grow up, as adults they are striving for fulfillment and success and, as they advance in age, they look forward to the rest they deserve. However, the time comes when they find they have hoped too little if, over and above their profession or social position, there is nothing left to hope for. Hope marks humanity's journey but for Christians it is enlivened by a certainty: the Lord is present in the passage of our lives, he accompanies us and will one day also dry our tears. One day, not far off, everything will find its fulfillment in the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of justice and peace.

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**However there are many different ways of waiting.** If time is not filled by a present endowed with meaning expectation risks becoming unbearable; if one expects something but at a given moment there is nothing, in other words if the present remains empty, every instant that passes appears extremely long and waiting becomes too heavy a burden because the future remains completely uncertain. **On the other hand, when time is endowed with meaning and at every instant we perceive something specific and worthwhile, it is then that the joy of expectation makes the present more precious.** Dear brothers and sisters, let us experience intensely the present in which we already receive the gifts of the Lord, let us live it focused on the future, **a future charged with hope.** In this manner Christian Advent becomes an opportunity to reawaken within ourselves **the true meaning of waiting**, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah who was expected

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for long centuries and was born in poverty, in Bethlehem. In coming among us, he brought us and continues to offer us the gift of his love and his salvation. Present among us, he speaks to us in many ways: in Sacred Scripture, in the liturgical year, in the saints, in the events of daily life, in the whole of the creation whose aspect changes according to whether Christ is behind it or whether he is obscured by the fog of an uncertain origin and an uncertain future. We in turn may speak to him, presenting to him the suffering that afflicts us, our impatience, the questions that well up in our hearts. We may be sure that he always listens to us! And if Jesus is present, there is no longer any time that lacks meaning or is empty. If he is present, we may continue to hope, even when others can no longer assure us of any support, even when the present becomes trying.

Dear friends, Advent is the season of the presence and expectation of the eternal. For this very reason, it is in a particular way a period of joy, an internalized joy that no suffering can diminish. It is joy in the fact that God made himself a Child. This joy, invisibly present within us, encourages us to journey on with confidence. A model and support of this deep joy is the Virgin Mary, through whom we were given the Infant Jesus. May she, a faithful disciple of her Son, obtain for us the grace of living this liturgical season alert and hardworking, while we wait. Amen!

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Carl Holsoe, Light of Spring (Detail). Source: Sotheby's/ Private Collection

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle  
 8:15 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
 8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
 10:30 pm | JP2 Families Secretary Meeting  
 11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary  
 11:00 am | RCIA  
 6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth  
 6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults Group

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:30 am | ENDOW  
 10:30 am | Women's Guild Gathering  
 1:00 pm | CGS Level 1 & 2  
 4:00 pm | CGS-Level 2  
 6:30 pm | Catechetical School Class  
 6:30 pm | Saint Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Meeting  
 7:30 pm | St. Joseph Men's Group

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 am | CGS Level 1  
 4:00 pm | CGS Level 1 Session 2  
 4:00 pm | Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5  
 6:30 pm | Adult Catechism Study  
 6:30 pm | Venturers of the Star (Middle School Youth)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Group  
 1:00 pm | Advent Bible Study: *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*  
 4:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5  
 6:00 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 766  
 6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry Training  
 7:00 pm | Baptism Class  
 7:30 pm | School of Community for University Students (CLU)\*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:15 am | ENDOW  
 12:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration begins in the church  
 12:30 pm | Nativity Staff School of Community (CL)\*  
 4:30 pm | CGS Special Needs  
 6:00 pm | Music Ministry Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm | Sacrament Preparation with Deacon Huan  
 6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry  
 6:30 pm | Advent Bible Study: *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*  
 7:30 pm | School of Community (CL)\*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus  
 9:00 am | 1st Grade Play  
 9:00 am | ENDOW  
 10:00 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
 2:00 pm | 1st Grade Play  
 6:00 pm | American Heritage Girls

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle  
 8:15 am | School of Community (CL)\*

8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary  
 9:00 am | Stephen Ministry Training  
 10:15 am | Altar Server Training  
 5:00 pm | CL\* Fraternity Gathering

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
 11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary  
 11:00 am | RCIA  
 6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth  
 6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults Group

\*(CL) Communion & Liberation

## DAILY READINGS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Reading 1: Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
 Psalm: 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
 Gospel: Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Reading 1: IS 40:1-5, 9-11  
 Psalm: 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14  
 Reading 2: 2 PT 3:8-14  
 Gospel: MK 1:1-8

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Reading 1: Is 35:1-10  
 Psalm: 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
 Gospel: Lk 5:17-26

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
 Reading 1: ZEC 2:14-17  
 Psalm: JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19  
 Gospel: LK 1:26-38

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

*Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*  
 Reading 1: Is 40:25-31  
 Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10  
 Gospel: Mt 11:28-30

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

*Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
 Reading 1: Is 41:13-20  
 Psalm: 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab  
 Gospel: Mt 11:11-15

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Reading 1: Is 48:17-19  
 Psalm: 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
 Gospel: Mt 11:16-19

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

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were  
overjoyed  
at seeing  
the star!**

**NATIVITY:  
FAITH & REASON  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT  
THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 21  
7:00 PM**

## CALL FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Dear Altar Servers and Parents,  
Please prayerfully consider signing up  
to serve the Masses during Christmas.  
You will soon receive an email  
communication with a signup request  
for the following Masses:

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES  
4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 10 PM**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES  
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM**



**GS/HIGH  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS  
WINTER  
STAYCATION  
DEC 26-DEC 29**

**BRING  
YOUR  
FRIEND**

Fr. Emanuele and Sr. Teresa invite all high school youth to join them for Nativity's Annual Staycation Retreat, where we will spend the days after Christmas in friendship and prayer, with daily Mass, games, charitable work, presentations, ice skating, hiking, and much more.

The Staycation will begin Tuesday, December 26, at 1 pm at Frassati House and run until 9:30 pm. We will be at Nativity and going off-site together. It will continue with full days on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We have a limit of 20 students due to transportation restrictions, so it will be first come, first served in order of registrations received until full. Registration will close at that time. Please register on the Nativity website. Schedule details will be emailed to registered participants.

We invite you to come and to bring a friend. Cost of the Staycation, which includes all dinners, will be \$30.

QUESTIONS? Contact:  
Fr. Emanuele, [e.fadini@nool.us](mailto:e.fadini@nool.us) or  
Cathy Schaffer, [c.schaffer@nool.us](mailto:c.schaffer@nool.us)

[www.nool.us/high-school](http://www.nool.us/high-school)



**REGISTER**

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: THANK YOU NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

Thank you nativity parishioners for the over 700 gifts and gift cards you collected to help serve the families, elderly, and intellectually disabled in our own community who needed a boost this Christmas! God will not be outdone in generosity! Matthew 25:40 "...you did it for Me."

## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: MISSION UGANDA

This weekend, there is a special collection for the Nativity High School in Kibengo, Uganda. We will be giving to this as part of our parish tithe, but if you would like to give an additional amount to this second-pocket giving opportunity, please use the envelopes in the gathering area.

Mission Uganda is our effort to provide a quality education for students in the Diocese of Kasana-Luwero in Uganda. We are making progress providing a clean water supply and building classrooms and housing for the Ugandan students of our sister school. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

## WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:30 AM

The Nativity Women's Guild will hold a gift exchange at their **potluck luncheon** gathering on Monday, December 11. Please bring a gift of no more than \$15.00 to exchange. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Merrilyn at [merrilyn.sikora@gmail.com](mailto:merrilyn.sikora@gmail.com).

## FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end ..."* Isaiah 40:1-2

During Advent, we reach out to "comfort" our brothers and sisters. That kindness may be shown to people we don't know as well as to our own family and friends.

Simple gestures can make a big impact. Ever been in line at a grocery store or retail establishment and notice the person behind you has two items while you have a fuller cart? If the person agrees, it is nice to have that shopper go ahead. Been sneezing and stuffy with a cold and someone makes you some homemade chicken or vegetable soup? Bet you sleep or rest better after the warmth of that soup. How about those coat, hat, glove and sock drives that surround us as we knock on winter's door? Imagine how grateful an adult or child feels when they have some real protection from the freezing temperatures, particularly here in Colorado!

This Advent, take some quiet time to reflect on the scriptures. Remember to cherish as well the wonderful memories and kindnesses we have received throughout our lives. For more information on our Nativity of Our Lord chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our service to the poor, see our FLOCKNOTE site at [nool.flocknote.com/svdpvol](http://nool.flocknote.com/svdpvol).

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE THANKFUL STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

In the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul talks at length about the Collection for Jerusalem (2 Cor 8-9). He tells how the churches in Macedonia begged to be part of this collection because of their desire to be generous brought on by the joy they experienced in their profound poverty. This poverty was not their lack of necessities, but rather it was their awareness that all they had was given to them by God. Their profound poverty was their sharing of all they had with the community and realizing they lived life abundantly.

Recently, we have been asked regularly to give – Giving Tuesday, 9 Cares Colorado Shares, Colorado Gives Day, local food drives, Galas, Annual School Appeals, Seminaries Appeal, and our own stewardship of treasure. Can we honestly consider what we have been given, and can we make a commitment to give a percentage of that to charity? The biblical tithe is ten percent, but that may be out of reach. Can we choose the percentage that is right for us and plan how to give it? The Archdiocese suggests half to our local parish and half to desired charities. Having a plan makes giving so much easier, allowing us to say NO to things that are not part of our giving budget.

The next time a 2nd pocket appeal approaches us, let's consider it an opportunity to be thankful for many blessings and to remember how Paul addressed these needs, presenting them as an act of Christian Charity, which is an expression of the unity of the Church, both present and to the end of time.

## SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND DECEMBER 16–17, 2023 AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES



Bethlehem Handicrafts will showcase a collection of olive wood carvings & gifts from the Holy Land following each Sunday Mass on December 16 and 17. The wood carving allows the artisans to pass the faith on to generations of Christians, ensuring that the faith is alive and well in the Holy Land. Buying their art pieces will help give Holy Land Christian families a livelihood and dignity to endure difficult times. Store Location:

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## HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON

**JANUARY 22–MARCH 18, 2024**

**MONDAYS | 6– 8 PM  
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD,  
KATERI ROOM**

Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you forgiven, but are still experiencing negative emotions? Do you feel like you bring the same sins to confession, again and again? Sin leaves all of us wounded, and as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is a field hospital with all of us in need of healing from the Divine Physician.

In this 9-week series called, Healing the Whole Person, from the John Paul II Healing Center, you will encounter God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. During the 9-week series, we will listen and pray, following an audio from Dr. Bob Schutz and the John Paul II Healing Center team from their series on Healing the Whole Person.

**Fee:** \$20.00 to cover the cost of the workbook.

**Registration cut-off date:**  
December 31, 2023

Questions? Contact Liz Buderus at [lizbuderus@gmail.com](mailto:lizbuderus@gmail.com) or 303-994-7733.

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## ANGEL HAUS NATIVITY SCENES

Do you have a way to witness to your faith during the holidays, promoting the true meaning of Christmas?

Angel Haus is a non-profit corporation, a religious art company in Broomfield that promotes sacred art and strives to provide seasonal employment opportunities with dignity for persons with disabilities.

Deacon Dave Arling and his wife, Marianne, have been operating this special ministry for 8 years. Their team has sold products at Nativity and several Colorado Marian Conferences and on occasion as a fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus.

Angel Haus is once again offering beautiful sturdy, durable, easy-to-store panels portraying the Nativity in full color, perfect for displaying in your front yard. You can order a four foot panel for just \$170.00. You also have the option to order the four foot panel with an added cedar shadow box frame (shown here) for only \$295.00. Order yours now to be a witness to your faith with these stunning art pieces that promote the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. If you are interested in placing an order, simply go to the website:

**[www.angelhaus.org](http://www.angelhaus.org)**

or contact **Deacon Dave** at [d.arling@nool.us](mailto:d.arling@nool.us)  
Orders will be filled within 1-2 weeks.  
Help keep Christ in Christmas!



## Give Peace a Face



**ANNALISA COSTANZO**  
PROJECT MANAGER FOR AVSI FOUNDATION IN HAITI  
AVSI is an NGO that has 199 projects in 39 countries around the world, focused on development cooperation and humanitarian aid.



**JIM BLUM**  
FOUNDER OF MY FATHER'S HOUSE IN DENVER  
My Father's House is a Denver-based transitional housing community for men on parole.



**DONATE**

**Broomfield Library**  
3 Community Park Rd  
BROOMFIELD  
**EISENHOWER ROOM**

**DECEMBER 11**

**6:45 PM**

The event is free of charge

## "HE WANTED TO COME AMONG US, WHEN HE COULD HAVE SIMPLY SETTLED FOR GIVING US HELP."

### WITNESSES IN PREPARATION OF CHRISTMAS

**Annalisa Costanzo**, Project Manager for AVSI Foundation, will share her work for AVSI in Haiti. AVSI is an NGO founded by people in Communion and Liberation that today has 199 projects in 39 countries around the world, focused on development cooperation and humanitarian aid.

**Jim Blum**, founder of My Father's House, a Denver-based transitional housing community for men on parole, will also tell us about the Restorative Freedom Initiative, a program he recently started in collaboration with AVSI-USA.

The event is free of charge. Donations to support AVSI will be collected at the end.

# NATIVITY HIGH SCHOOL

## KIBENGO, UGANDA

MISSION UGANDA: SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS



## THANK YOU

### IN STUDENT'S WORDS

I am from a small village in Uganda. [...] Last year, after completing primary school, I was given the opportunity to attend Nativity High School. [...] As soon as I entered the school gates, I knew it was a special place. The buildings were beautiful and well-equipped, and the teachers were passionate about their work. [...] They made learning enjoyable. But the kindness of the sponsors of Nativity High School didn't stop there. They also provided for the students' welfare, ensuring that we had access to clean water, nutritious meals, and proper health-care. I was grateful for this opportunity, especially given the difficult circumstances at home. My father suffered from mental illness and had been missing for several days. [...] Throughout this difficult time, I knew that my education was secure thanks to the generosity of the Nativity High School sponsors.

— Nantongo Maria Gorret

Dear Parishioners,

In 2009, Nativity parishioners proposed to build a secondary school in Kibengo, Uganda. With open hands and hearts, we began the process through charitable donations to secure land from the Archdiocese to build, continue building, and recruit students wishing for education. Our "sister" school, Nativity High School, employs seven staff members, including teachers and the headmaster, with more than 100 students attending. Following the Ugandan State Curriculum, expectations are set high based on the British "O" level curriculum. At home, sometimes many miles away, Nativity students do their homework by simple kerosene lamps. Some of these students will pass their exams and attend university. Others will remain in the community, raising and educating Catholic families.

You can help us provide education and housing for Nativity High School students by contributing to our Mission Uganda scholarship fund. There are three levels of donations: full scholarship, half scholarship, and quarter scholarship. As a donor, you will receive updates about the progress of all students, who must meet specific standards to maintain their scholarship status.



## THANK YOU

Thank you, Nativity Parishioners, for supporting our students! If you wish to donate, please go to:

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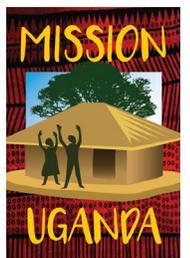
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— Servant of God, Fr. Luigi Giussani





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Our Annual Appeal has commenced, and it will culminate at the end of Catholic Schools Week on February 3, 2024. In commemoration of our diamond anniversary, this year's Annual Appeal is a 60-day fundraising window. Plain and simple, the Annual Appeal helps bridge the gap between tuition paid and the cost to keep Nativity a flourishing Catholic institution in Northern Colorado.

Our yearly fundraising goal is \$400,000, raised through two major efforts: The Gala (a formal event with live and silent auction, which took place November 2023) and the Annual Appeal, which is this direct ask now. The Gala raised \$220,000 net thanks to ticket sales, live and silent auctions, and donations. With these funds, we are making immediate investments for our teachers and the facilities, such as the following:

- New intercom system, critical for school security
- New WiFi infrastructure throughout the school, providing reliable connectivity for teachers
- New flooring on the first floor
- Teachers' continued education and classroom supplies for their rooms

While the Gala made these important improvements possible, the Annual Appeal is necessary to provide quality reading programs, help us offer extra-curriculars like Spanish, art and computers, increase teacher salaries, and provide scholarships. We are asking for your help to keep our school going strong for 60 more years, and beyond.

Donations may be made online at [school.nool.us/ways-to-give](https://school.nool.us/ways-to-give) (one time gift, or set up recurring giving; no amount is too small!) or by check. Mail checks (made out to "Nativity Faith & Reason" with "Annual Appeal in memo line) to Nativity at 900 W. Midway Blvd., Broomfield, CO 80020, or drop off at the school office.



Thank you for considering the support of Nativity: Faith & Reason!

We are headed into the Advent season. [...] As a school with the Nativity name-sake, it becomes an especially beautiful time for our students. When we think of our name, Nativity, we are reminded that our school exists to make God visible in our lives, just as He did on Christmas day.

◀  
**"Give up everything and run to Jesus!"**

As we begin Advent, our current virtue is **poverty**. While Advent means waiting and a time of preparation, Father Accu discussed one's willingness to give up everything to run toward Jesus, demonstrated through a game of "Ships and Sailors" at an assembly.

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— St. John Paul II, *Fides et ratio*

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### Recommended Advent readings:

- *Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth. The Infancy Narratives* (Ignatius Press, 2012)
- Benedict XVI, *The Blessings of Christmas* (Ignatius Press, 2007)
- José Granados, *The Fifth Candle of Advent* (Disciples Books, 2012)
- Jean Daniélou, *The Infancy Narratives* (Cluny, 2022)
- John Henry Newman, *Waiting for Christ* (Augustine Institute, 2018)



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