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# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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Established July 25, 1991 + Church dedicated July 24, 1994

Community Life Center dedicated June 30, 2001

### Very Reverend William J. Ledoux

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### Monsignor Albert A. Kenney

In Residence

### Monsignor Richard D. Sheahan

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### Deacon Gregory P. Albanese

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

5:00 PM

### Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 AM

### Weekday

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM

**New Parishioners – Welcome to Holy Apostles!** For your convenience, registration forms are available on our website [www.holypostles.com](http://www.holypostles.com). Please fill the form out and return it to the parish office. Also, we encourage you to introduce yourself to Fr. Ledoux, our pastor.

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Parents are asked to contact the Deacon early in the pregnancy. Parents are reminded that the selection of sponsors must be made according to regulations specified in Canon Law. Information regarding these regulations will be forwarded upon request.

### Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make an appointment with Father at least one year in advance of their planned date of marriage. In addition, at least one of the individuals planning marriage must be a registered and active member of the parish.

### Penance

Saturdays from  
4:00 to 4:30 PM

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please call to receive  
this Sacrament of  
comfort & healing.

### Communion Calls

Please call the  
parish office to  
request a visit.



## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Today marks the second Sunday of Advent, and so we await the celebration of Christmas, and await the coming of the Lord. But this waiting is not a passive time. We wait in joyful hope, and during this time, we are called to prepare for Jesus to come again at the end of the world. For most of us, the Advent season is filled with preparations. We're buying gifts, decorating our homes, and baking and cooking up a storm. We are readying ourselves to celebrate Christmas with our family and friends. It is indeed a busy, yet joyous time. This joyous preparation ought to extend into the depths of our hearts. Remember, we are not preparing to simply exchange gifts or even to just spend time with family and friends. We are preparing to celebrate the incarnation, God becoming man for our sake – one of the greatest mysteries of our Faith. At the same time, we are preparing to greet The Lord when He comes again. Therefore, we must spend time preparing spiritually. This weekend's Scripture readings encourage us to prepare ourselves and to bear witness to the world of God's greatness while we wait.

Indeed, our lives should bear witness to the great things the Lord has done, and the things He continues to do. We are called to proclaim His praises boldly by the way we live our lives – giving Him glory in all we say and do. As stewards, the Advent season is a wonderful time to refocus. Increase the time you spend in prayer, thanking God for the gift of Himself as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, thanking God for the innumerable gifts He has given us, and offering Him yourself in return.

This Tuesday, we celebrate *The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*. In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. She made a request for a church to be built on the site, and submitted her wish to the local Bishop. When the Bishop hesitated, and requested her for a sign, the Mother of God obeyed without

delay or question to the Church's local Bishop, and sent her native messenger to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather an assortment of roses for the Bishop.

After complying to the Bishop's request for a sign, She also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay 480 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin.

It apparently even reflects in Her eyes what was in front of her in 1531. Her message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind, as well as the story of the apparitions, are described in the "Nican Mopohua", a 16th century document written in the native Nahuatl language. There is reason to believe that at Tepeyac Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma, which makes this apparition very special. An incredible list of miracles, cures and interventions are attributed to Her. Yearly, between 18 - 20 million pilgrims visit the Basilica, making it Christianity's most visited sanctuary.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux

*P.S. Remember the Annual Collection!*



### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

*Our annual Christmas concert,  
which will feature our combined choirs,  
is Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.*

*Doors will open at 7:00pm.*

*Please join us for a wonderful evening!*

***Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 10, 2023***

## Annual Giving Tree to Benefit St. Charles Parish



Our Giving Christmas Tree gifts for St. Charles are due back **this weekend**.



### Christmas Schedule 2022

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#### Confessions

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
3:30PM to 4:30PM  
Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
3:30PM to 4:30PM

#### Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:30PM (\*Doors open at 7PM)

#### Masses

Christmas Eve  
4:00PM, 5:30PM & 11:00PM  
Christmas Day  
8:30AM & 11:00AM



### Annual Christmas Flowers & Decorations

**Our Annual Christmas Flowers and Decorations donation envelope** is included with your budget envelopes. Your donation is to help offset our Christmas Flowers and Decoration expenses. It may be made in the name of a deceased loved one or in your own name. A special Memorial Mass for the intentions will be said on **Monday, January 29th at 8:30 AM**.

## Christmas Pageant 2023



**THANKS** to all who participated and assisted-  
our evening was truly filled with JOY!

## Holy Apostles Thousand Club

**\$10,000 in Prizes**  
**with an extra \$300.00**  
**Early Bird Drawing!**



*This could be a great  
Christmas gift.*

- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
- 1 @ \$500, 1 @ \$150, 1 @ \$100, 2 @ \$50, and 6 @ \$25
- This makes 11 chances to win each month and a total of 110 chances to win for the duration of the club!
- Each ticket costs \$60.
- **The \$300.00 Early Bird Drawing will be January 3, 2024 for all those paid in full by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Please** notify the Parish Office of *any* name, address, telephone changes, etc.

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## NEW JUNIOR & SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS



**Boys and Girls in grade 4 -12** are eligible to become altar servers and assist at weekend Mass and on special occasions. Altar serving is also a wonderful way to get closer to Jesus. Training will take place soon. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

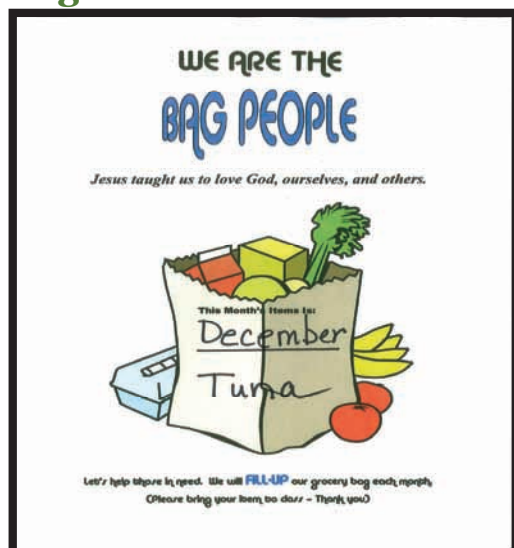
### NEW ALTAR SERVER SIGN UP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

## Religious Education Students



Our Cry Room is the Gathering Area.

## Stewardship



**Time and Talent** - We wish to thank all those parishioners who are always so willing to pitch in and lend a helping hand. Their participation contributes to the vibrancy of our community.

**Treasure – Thank you for your financial support.**

### A Report of the Stewardship of our Treasure:

	Month/year Nov. 2022	Month/year Nov. 2023
	# Weeks: 4	# Weeks: 4
# Budget Envelopes	890	917
Budget contributions	\$24,857.00	\$25,983.00
Additional loose	\$1,192.50	\$1,881.62
Total budget income	\$26,049.50	\$27,864.62
# Faith Direct donors	383	374
# Faith Direct donations	1,532	1,496
Total Faith Direct income	\$25,764.00	\$24,045.00
Monthly grand total	\$51,813.50	\$51,909.62
YTD:	<b>22 Weeks</b>	<b>22 Weeks</b>
# Budget envelopes	4,317	4,550
Budget contributions	\$128,247.00	\$134,972.00
Additional loose	\$6,500.82	\$8,123.41
# Faith Direct donations	6,781	8,261
Faith Direct income	\$132,578.00	\$131,977.50
YTD grand total	\$267,325.82	\$275,072.91
Average Per Week	\$12,151.17	\$12,503.31



### FAITH DIRECT - ONLINE GIVING

This secure program works directly with your bank or credit card. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account or charging your credit card for the amount to which you have agreed in writing. **Holy Apostles is offering two debit dates~ the 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month or both!** You can enroll in Faith Direct or make changes to your account dates or contributions online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call 1-866-507-8757. Holy Apostles parish code is RI18.

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Please pray for those serving our country

If you or someone you know has a loved one serving in our armed forces, please send their names with rank and branch of military to [cad@holypostles.com](mailto:cad@holypostles.com).



### Prayer Network

For Special Intentions of a serious nature, please call the parish.

### Private Prayer:

The Church is open during the week for visits and private prayer. Quiet time with the Lord is time that will be graced and blessed by God. Please enter by the Community Life Center.



The season of Advent gives us an opportunity to reflect more deeply on Scripture and our faith as we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus again. Join fellow parishioners from the comfort of your home and get a spiritual boost in our online Faith Sharing Group on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7:00pm. During this hour we read and reflect together upon one of the weekly Scripture passages and spend some time in prayer and fellowship. We meet using Zoom. Log in at: <https://tinyurl.com/HAFaithSharing>. Contact Arthur Urbano at [aurbano@providence.edu](mailto:aurbano@providence.edu) with questions or for more information. All are welcome!



Saturday	Vigil: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	December 9
5:00 PM	<b><u>William &amp; Stella Rekrut</u></b> <b><u>Bill Rekrut</u></b> Requested by Family	
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent	December 10
8:30 AM	<b><u>Helen &amp; Walter Legenza</u></b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b><u>Arshag Mooradian</u></b> (Anniversary) <b><u>Judith Mooradian</u></b> (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
✚The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of <b>Leo &amp; Kathleen Plante</b> requested by Family.		
✚The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of <b>Bob Margadonna (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> requested by Wife & Family.		
Monday	Advent Weekday	December 11
8:30 AM	<b><u>Angelo Calcagni</u></b> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Rosemarie Ciccone & Family	
Tuesday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	December 12
8:30 AM	<b><u>Dorothy L. Carbone</u></b> <b><u>Harold St. John Jr.</u></b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) <b><u>Joseph Carbone</u></b> (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Requested by St. John & Carbone Families	
Wednesday	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	December 13
8:30 AM	<b><u>Special Intention</u></b>	
Thursday	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church	December 14
8:30 AM	<b><u>For the People</u></b>	
Friday	Advent Weekday	December 15
8:30AM	<b><u>Judy Grande</u></b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Saturday	Vigil: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	December 16
5:00 PM	<b><u>Trisha Viveiros</u></b> (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Husband	
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent	December 17
8:30 AM	<b><u>Gloria Capuano</u></b> (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b><u>William Favicchio</u></b> (Anniversary) <b><u>Nancy Peters</u></b> (26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Requested by Bob & Debbie Favicchio	

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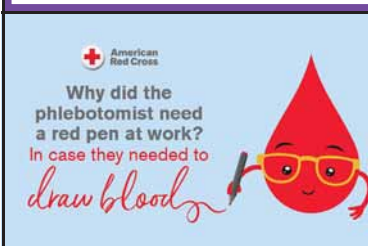
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