SAINT LOUIS’ ADVICE TO HIS SON

In my homily last weekend for the Feast of Christ the King, I named several “roads that lead us into the Kingdom of God.” They were taken from a letter Saint Louis of France (1214-1270), our parish patron, wrote to his son, encouraging him to lead well by living a good and holy Christian life. More than several of you asked me to put these points in the bulletin and on the website. Here they are. All you need to do is follow even one or two of them, and you will be on well on your way into the kingdom of God Jesus came to establish.

1. Love the Lord your God with your whole heart and strength. [Jesus tells us this is the first and greatest of the commandments.]
2. Bear any trials that may come your way willingly and with gratitude; they may have some benefit for you.
3. If some forms of prosperity are bestowed on your life, then thank God humbly, without succumbing to vain pride.
4. Pray devoutly, not counting the words but engaging the heart.
5. Be kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate, the afflicted.
6. Be just in all your relationships, “swaying neither to right or left, but holding the line of justice. Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth.”
7. Be faithful to the Church and the Holy Father. [The Holy Spirit is always in the Church.]

Quite a few parishioners admitted to me that they really knew nothing about our parish patron, so here’s a little sketch. Louis was crowned king of France at age 12, upon the death of his father, but took office ten years later. He married and became the father of eleven children who received from him careful instruction for a Christian life. He structured his life and governance according to the principles of his faith, with prayer and penance, a deep concern for justice and unity among his subjects [see #5 and 6 above], and a love and service of the poor. He built hospitals, libraries, orphanages, and provided for the hungry and poor.

One anecdote about him says that every day King Louis had 13 guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent all who presented themselves were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. To serve them was considered a special grace of God.

His zeal and devotion for Christ also lead him to participate in two Crusades, and he died in 1270 during the second one. He was canonized a saint 27 years later.

Christ’s peace to you,
Father Bob Kennedy
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - December 3, 2018
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
11:00 am Marie Mahar - Son, Dick
5:15 pm For the People of the Parish

Tuesday - December 4, 2018
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
6:45 am Jack & Paul Decker - Family
11:00 am John & Rae Bernacki - Jerry & Janice Rachfal

Wednesday - December 5, 2018
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the Highlands Residents
11:00 am Dick Mahar - Jo
5:15 pm Mary Diamond - Maria Conforti

Thursday - December 6, 2018
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
6:45 am For All Military Veterans
11:00 am Angela Tomeczak - Tomeczak and Catalanello Families

First Friday - December 7, 2018
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
9:10 am School Mass for Holy Day
11:00 am Raymond Mahar - Mary & Family
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for Residents & Staff

Mass of Anticipation for Holy Day
5:15 pm Archibald T. Hodge - DeBloom & Whitaker Families

Saturday - December 8, 2018
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
9:00 am Margaret Serio - Family
4:30 pm Barney McMullen - Sheila Ryan

Sunday - December 9, 2018
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
7:30 am Mark Ordy - Friends & Family
9:00 am George Petcoff - Wife & Family
11:15 am Norma O’Neill - Saint’s Place
5:00 pm Rae Bernacki - Seana & Peter Sartori

We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week. To reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center.

Requiem Aeternam
Wilbur “Bill” Cooper
Tom LeFleur
Carol Moynihan
Peggy Patanella

All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday, December 7 for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. Join us at the Tabernacle Chapel.
The Book of Consolation
The book of Jeremiah is a complex one, poetic oracles and prose woven together. Quite likely, various collections of oracles were compiled over time. The first chapters often highlight the covenant between God and the people of Israel and Judah, their failure to live the covenant, and the likely fall of the kingdom as a result. The last three chapters are filled with hope, hence the name often used, ‘the book of consolation’. God will do a new thing. From the wreck caused by sin, God will raise up a new leader, who will restore God’s people. No wonder this messianic foreshadowing opens the season of Advent for us this year!

A Great Advent Prayer
Looking for a really good, yet simple prayer for Advent? Let our passage from St. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians provide one. Good for Advent, good anytime. “Lord, please help me increase and abound more and more in love for my family, my parish family, and for all people.”

Raise Up Your Heads
Our Gospel today is from Luke’s adaptation of the ‘little apocalypse’ in Mark. As is often the case in apocalyptic, there are echoes from earlier works, like Joel, Isaiah, Wisdom, Zephaniah. Apocalyptic writings can be frightening, with intense, overlapping images, evoking the kind of overwhelming, overpowering change that would be needed to get this world from its current state to totally in tune with God’s will. This passage presents some serious reassurance. While those who have left God out of the picture, and who are in rebellion against God may die of fright, the faithful have nothing to fear. ‘Hold you head high … your redemption is near at hand.’ Still scary? Come to a Bible study and learn more about the various kinds of writing and diverse thought-worlds that are preserved in the Bible!

Hearing God’s Word
Did you know our church is fitted with a hearing assistance loop? If you have a hearing aid with a telecoil setting, simply use the “T” switch; sound from the microphones will be transmitted directly to your hearing aid, without other sounds in the church being amplified and interfering. The loop covers the entire main seating area of the church. Microphones used in the sanctuary and side choir area would compromise the effectiveness of the system, so those areas have not been ‘looped’. If you do have a hearing aid and use the “T” switch, you may wish to try sitting in different areas to see where the ‘perfect’ location is for your personal hearing level.

An Early Start
Start experiencing the Joy of the Gospel early, and it can carry you through all the ups and downs of life. Children’s Liturgy of the Word is based on a belief that even little ones can find joy in getting to know Jesus through the Gospel. Through the grace of their baptism, they can pray and intercede for others. We would be glad to provide you the tools you need to lead Children’s Liturgy of the Word periodically. It’s a chance to share faith, prayer, and joy with the children we send forth from the 11:15 AM Mass. Contact Bea.Hack@dor.org or Michelle.Andrews-Smith@dor.org.

Our Weekend Scriptures: First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
I will fulfill the promise

2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
May you abound in love

Your redemption is at hand

Looking Ahead: Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
With God’s mercy & justice for company

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
I always pray with joy for you

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Preparing for the Christ Child
An Advent tradition at St. Louis is to make available addresses of those individuals from our parish who are homebound or in area nursing facilities. Baskets containing these addresses will be at each entrance throughout Advent.

You are invited to take one or several addresses and send an Advent/Christmas greeting to the individual. Each year we receive many, many notes of appreciation from the recipients who are delighted to have been remembered by so many people. It is truly a highlight of their Christmas holiday. Thank you for helping us to continue this joy-filled tradition!

Questions? Contact Cathy at 586-5675 x228 or email: Catherine.Malik@dor.org

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**Online Collection**

Month-to-Date: $77,382.00

If you would like to send a note to Fr. Bob Ring, please mail them to the following address and we will forward them to him.

Rev. Robert Ring  
St. Louis Church  
64 S. Main St.  
Pittsford, NY 14534

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**This Week's Tithing Will Support**

**St. Damien Pediatric Hospital - Haiti**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support**

**Elderberry Express**

What is the Elderberry Express? The Pittsford Interfaith Coalition on Aging launched this transportation service for Pittsford senior citizens in 1987. The aim of this service has been to assist Pittsford seniors in remaining independent in their “home setting” as long as possible. This enables seniors who can no longer drive to maintain a sense of independence. The service is provided Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Elderberry Express is now in its 31st year of service.

Many clients have expressed their appreciation for the more meaningful life that Elderberry Express helps provide for them. People living longer has created an increasing need to provide transportation for senior citizens to get to their medical appointments, grocery shopping, hair appointments, banking activities, etc. In 2014, drivers drove over 41,900 miles. The success of Elderberry Express has always depended on volunteers – volunteer drivers and dispatchers. Their operating expenses continue to rise. For instance, vehicle insurance is currently more than 60% of what Elderberry paid in 2010. Contributions from the Interfaith Coalition is a major part of this service of great value that Elderberry Express provides to the Pittsford community. Questions? Call Elderberry Express at (585) 248-6237.

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**Investing in the Future**

What does your contribution to the CMA support?

- Catholic Charities of our diocese, the third largest Catholic Charities organization in the country, providing compassionate care to people in need throughout our 12 county diocese: showing mercy, being a neighbor to those in need, as Christ taught us.
- Catholic chaplaincies at colleges and universities around our diocese (serving young adults) and at hospitals (pastoral care for those who are ill).
- Future priests! The CMA helps support vocation awareness programs, the training of seminarians, deacon formation and pastoral year experiences.
- Future church leaders! The CMA supports diocesan staff that offer diocesan wide youth ministry programs, including retreats, leadership training, as well as training for lay ministers.
- Support services to parishes, in technology, finance, human resources and more.

**Investing in the Future**

There will be a second collection this weekend, December 1 & 2 for the support of Catholic University and other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions.
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<td>2 Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.</td>
<td>3 Come up with a short prayer that you can say together as a family each morning during Advent.</td>
<td>4 Set up the Nativity scene but leave out the Holy Family.</td>
<td>5 In honor of St. Francis Xavier, patron of Catholic Missions, pray today for all who bring the Gospel to people overseas.</td>
<td>6 To honor St. Nicholas, fill an old shoe with treats and leave it outside someone’s door.</td>
<td>7 Take turns playing “Name that Christmas hymn.” Winner gets to pick dessert.</td>
<td>8 In honor of Mary’s conception free from Original Sin (Immaculate Conception), attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</td>
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<td>9 Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”</td>
<td>10 Put up the Christmas tree. Decorate it a little each night until it’s ready for Christmas.</td>
<td>11 Find time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in your church -- even if it’s just for a few minutes.</td>
<td>12 Place a rose in a vase today in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.</td>
<td>13 Commit to going the whole day only speaking kindly to one another.</td>
<td>14 Make hot chocolate and watch a Christmas movie together.</td>
<td>15 Decorate sugar cookies with symbols that remind you of Jesus’ birth. Share them with loved ones.</td>
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<td>16 Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</td>
<td>17 As a family, vote on a local charity to pray for each night this week. Bonus: Make a small donation if you can.</td>
<td>18 Help children make an examination of conscience, then go to Confession together. Go out for a treat after to celebrate.</td>
<td>19 Place the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene. Move them slowly across the room each day this week.</td>
<td>20 At dinner tonight, have everyone take turns sharing a favorite Christmas memory.</td>
<td>21 Christmas is a stressful time of year for parishes. Send thank-you notes to the rectory staff, showing appreciation for what they do.</td>
<td>22 Write letters to Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.</td>
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“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Qui trium was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:1-7).
SAINT’S PLACE


THE MOST REVEREND SALVATORE R. MATANO
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER
TOGETHER WITH THE STAFF OF SAINT’S PLACE, REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT:

Diocesan Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 7PM
SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, 296 FLOWER CITY PARK

THIS BEAUTIFUL EVENING OF PRAYER AND SACRED MUSIC IN THE ADVENT SEASON WILL PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST-CHILD AT CHRISTMAS.

A LIGHT RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW
RSVP: ISABEL MILLER 585-385-6860 OR EMAIL MICHLE@SAINTSPLACE.ORG

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Phone: 585-385-6860 or saintlady@saintsplace.org or www.saintsplace.org
Dec. 1 & 2 - THIS WEEKEND: GIFTS OF LOVE Ornament Sale
at all masses in our church Narthex and at the exits

Missed today's shopping opportunity??
to benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti www.nph.usa.org/stdamien
and the local Rochester young people who handcraft the ornaments
www.stmichaelswoodshop.org
www.holychildhood.org

Between now and New Year's Day, the Holy Childhood ceramic angels and the St. Michael's Woodshop trees will be available (pro bono) at the many fine stores listed on our parish website and church bulletin boards.

Save Around coupon books ($25 donation each) as well as the ornaments ($8 donation each) are available at the St. Louis Parish Ministry Center (yellow house 2 doors south of church).

Suggestion: Since the ornaments are all gift-giving ready with enclosed card and easily mailable, pick-up a few to have on hand for last minute Christmas gifts!
Mary, Undoer of Knots
Novena for Fr. Bob
and Our Parish

Thank you to all who came out and participated in our novena for Fr. Bob Ring and our parish as we go forward. We had such a good response to this special devotion and learned about another avenue of grace that can help us untie the knots in our own lives. For those who are interested, copies of the novena prayers to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, can be found at the entrances of church or by contacting Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

The Star of Bethlehem
Movie Night at St. Louis Church

This documentary from Producer Stephen McEveety (The Passion of the Christ) explores the question: What was this famous star? What implications does this have for my life?

Presenter Rick Larson walks you through Biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God’s creativity.

Give yourself an early Christmas present and join us!

**When:** Friday, Dec. 7th
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.
**Where:** Parish Meeting Hall
**Cost:** Free! But please register with Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org

You are about to have your best Advent—and Christmas—ever! Spread the word!

**What Is BEST ADVENT EVER?**
It’s a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You’ll experience Advent in a whole new way—leading to the best Christmas of your life!

Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

Let’s rediscover the joy of Christmas together! Join me at BestAdventEver.com/Facebook
Prepare the Way

Kate’s Gift Shop at Mercy Center, 1437 Blossom Road, has lovely gifts for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Also bibles, cards, spirituality books, beautiful candles, religious Christmas cards and a variety of gifts under $20.00. For December only, our hours are: Tuesday through Saturday, 11am to 4pm. We are located inside the Sisters of Mercy Center just off Exit 6 on 590 N. (288-2710 x119 or 124)

Bring this bulletin article for a 20% discount on ONE item. Proceeds benefit the ministries of the Sisters of Mercy.

The spirituality series
Fresh Wind in Our Sails at the SSJ Motherhouse features:
An Advent Reflection
Monday, December 3 7 to 8:30 pm
Discussion Guide:
Sister Joan Sobala
The stories behind some of the prominent/shadowy figures in the biblical stories about Jesus’ birth and early years, including an old married couple, a young engaged couple, the innkeeper, the shepherds and kings, and an elderly set of strangers, have important potential for our lives today. Each of these would have had a different story were it not for Jesus. All of these people met God in the midst of their ordinary lives. How are we the better for knowing them?
To register, call 585.733.2555 or email jsobala@ssjrochester.org.

“Praying our Way through Advent” Retreat
Presented by: Sr. Carole Proia, SSJ and Nancy Lynch

Join us on Tuesday, December 4 at Notre Dame Retreat House (5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua). Day begins at 9am and concludes at 3pm (Conference/Lunch/Confessions/Mass). Register today by calling 394-5700 or email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com.

There is a $25.00 fee payable day of retreat.

Are you already caught up in the busyness of Christmas and missing out on Advent? Let’s begin our new liturgical year by preparing ourselves spiritually for the birth of Christ. Sr. Carole and Nancy will offer Advent practices which will enhance this time of anticipation.
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