

December 4, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00am, Vigil 5:30pm

*Miraculous Medal Novena
after the Saturday 9am Mass*

Sunday
8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm

Monday– Friday
8:00am

Wednesday
5:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday
6:00pm-6:45pm

Saturday
4:15pm-5:15pm

*Or call the rectory for an
appointment*



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words “Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God” are as needed today as they were in Paul’s own time.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel’s hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you are new in the area, you are encouraged to register with your parish. Registration forms are available on our website: www.annunciationdc.org, in the foyer or by request from the parish office. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket or the 24-hour drop box outside the parish office.

New parishioners are invited to attend our coffee reception after Mass to meet members of the parish. Please let us know if you are relocating so we can update our records.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The sacrament joyfully celebrates the entrance of members into our Catholic community. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 9:45am or by appointment, following preparation of the parents. Baptisms for adults take place through the RCIA process.

CONFIRMATION: "Through the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation is offered to adults through the RCIA process, and annually for our eighth-grade students. As with the other sacraments of initiation, preparation is involved.

MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible or at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date to make arrangements for preparation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: For those who are interested in finding out more information about the Catholic faith and/or interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the parish office.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Our parish continues Christ's ministry of making whole the members of our community who suffer physical or emotional ills with Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office if you would like to receive this sacrament.

FLOCKNOTES

Want to receive timely information from Father Mike?

Sign up for email messages at [https://](https://AnnunciationCatholicChu1.flocknote.com/everyone)

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A MILLION ROSARIES

Join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

How do we read the Sacred Scriptures? Do we read them with a historical mindset, from a faith perspective, as a narrative or with a critical viewpoint? Probably we use each of these and maybe others as well. One thing is very clear in our Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Matthew 3:1-12; there is a distinction of importance between John the Baptist and Jesus. We read in the Acts of the Apostles 18:24-28 and 19:1-7 that John's message lasted after his death and that of Jesus' as well. That John was a historical figure of importance is well documented and many people sought him out, including Jesus. Matthew's gospel enables us to see the superior role that Jesus would have in salvation history. John would be the last of the Hebrew Scripture Prophets and the first of the first of the New Testament.



What impact does this have in our lives? We may ask ourselves has our faith in Jesus increased as we have matured. Have we internalized in our hearts the message that Jesus has come for the salvation of all people? Do we actively build up the Kingdom of God through our words and actions? How has our baptism, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit", transformed us into the one body of Christ? The baptism of John and Jesus gives us a great opportunity to reflect on our baptism and how great a gift we have received.

This weekend the Little Sisters of the Poor will be at the doors of our church seeking your generosity in caring for the elderly poor whom they serve.

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7th at 5:30 PM and Masses on December 8th at 8 AM, 10:30 AM (School Mass — all are welcome) and 6:30 PM.

God's Peace,
Fr. Mike

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.



Join us in praying the rosary every Thursday at noon in front of the Russian Embassy on the Wisconsin Avenue Side for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine.

THIS WEEK ...

Sunday, December 4

CLOW 10:00am (PC)

Christmas Bazaar

11:00am—2:00pm(PC)

Tuesday, December 6

Walking with Purpose

7:00pm (PC)

Wednesday, December 7

Walking with Purpose

8:45am (PC)

Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

5:30pm (Church)

Letter to Women Study

7:00pm (Atrium)

Thursday, December 8

Contemplative Prayer

6:20pm (Zoom)

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

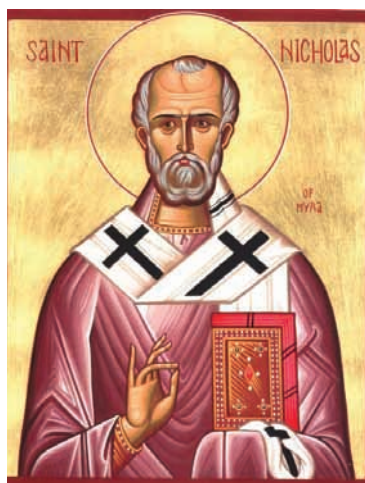
8:00am, 10:30am (School Mass)

& 6:30pm (Church)

Saturday, December 10

Confession 4:15pm (Church)

SAINT OF THE WEEK



NICHOLAS

Fourth Century

FEAST DECEMBER 6

From the ninth century in the East and the 11th century in the West, Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints in Christendom and art, and the patron of many countries, dioceses, churches and cities. He was bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). According to folklore, he saved three girls from prostitution, restored to life three murdered children hidden in a brine-tub or saved from death three unjustly condemned men. There is no evidence that he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 or suffered persecution for his faith. "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch form of his name: "Sinte Klaas."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 4—*Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Park	Santos Pontiere	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Park	The Ulrich Family	In Memory

Monday, December 5—*Monday of the Second Week in Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	All Souls	In Memory
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Tuesday, December 6—*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

8:00 a.m.	Park	The Rivers Family	Intentions
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Wednesday, December 7—*Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m.	Mellone	Tim Lanigan	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Park	In Thanksgiving	Intentions

Thursday, December 8—*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m.	Marchese	Edward J. Weismann	In Memory
10:30 a.m.	Mellone	Priest's Intentions	Intentions
6:30pm	Mellone	Lou Thomas	In Memory

Friday, December 9—*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Beth Holmes	Intentions
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Saturday, December 10—*Our Lady of Loreto*

9:00 a.m.	Mellone	Brian Konzen	In Memory
5:30 p.m.	Park	Eugene & Pauline McMahon	In Memory

Sunday, December 11—*Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.	Park	Rosita Añez deFalla, Hector Eduardo Falla & Children	In Memory
10:00 a.m.	Mellone	Joseph Cammarata	In Memory
12:00 p.m.	Mellone	Parishioners	Intentions

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses

Wednesday, December 7, 2022—5:30pm (Vigil)

Thursday, December 8, 2022—8:00am,

10:30am (School Mass) & 6:30pm



The Catholic dogma that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free from original sin from the moment of her conception and preserved from all sin throughout her earthly life was declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854. However, for centuries Catholics had believed in Mary's exceptional holiness as a divine favor in anticipation of her role in salvation; by the eighth century, the Eastern church believed her holiness was flawless and immense, and this belief gradually spread throughout the Western church. The feast is fixed nine months before the feast marking Mary's birthday on Sept. 8. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States and 10 other nations in South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

ANNUAL WALK WITH MARY

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the annual *Walk with Mary* procession and Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, on Saturday, December 10, 2022. The procession will depart from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (16th St. & Park Rd., NW) at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (4th St. & Michigan Ave., NE). The praying of the Rosary will be at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Mass at 2:00 p.m., with Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington as the principal celebrant, and Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, as the homilist.



POINSETTIAS

Each year during Christmas Season, we decorate the sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias donated by parishioners, in memory of family, friends, and loved ones. If you wish to join with us in this memorial gesture, please use the envelopes included in your December envelope packet or use the envelopes in the back of the church so your name and your intention's name may be listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$25 per plant.



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POOR BOX

Donations for the month of December will go to the Holy Family of Bethlehem Foundation which is the premier hospital and neonatal critical care center in Bethlehem. No one is ever turned away.



SQUARE DANCE

The next square dance will be held on Friday, December 8th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Square dances will feature live musicians and a caller. There is no admission charge. For more information, please contact Leo Gorman at 202-244-2394.



2022 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24 — 4 PM
(Children's Liturgy)

Saturday, December 24 — 10 PM
Carols preceding Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25 — 8 AM
Sunday, December 25 — 10 AM
Sunday, December 25 — 12 PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31 — 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 1 — 8 AM
Sunday, January 1 — 10 AM
Sunday, January 1 — 12 PM

HOMEBOUND HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

We depend on you to notify us if parishioners are hospitalized and/or homebound so we may provide the sacraments - especially Holy Communion. If you know of anyone in need of the sacraments, please contact us. Also, if you would like to volunteer to take Holy Communion to your fellow parishioners, please contact Tina Lindberg at: 202-362-3323 or lindberg@annunciationdc.org.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

The Spring 2023 course in the Institute's ongoing Continuing Education Series will be "Called to Love: Theology of the Body." It will be held on Wednesday evenings from January 18 to April 26, 2023.

The course will be taught in person in McGivney Hall on Catholic University of America's campus in Room 006, and offered online simultaneously.

The class fee is \$150. To register, please complete the [online registration form](#). Payment can be submitted via check, cash, or credit card. To submit a credit card payment, please [click here](#).

This course can be taken toward renewal requirements for VCEA licensure. Numerous high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington accept the course for CEU credits.

If you have questions, please contact information@johnpaulii.edu



When you pray,

go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door,
pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father
who sees in secret will reward you. Mt. 6:6

We begin with Lection Divina, a traditional way of cultivating a relationship with Christ, then move into 30 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to deepen that relationship.

Contact Martha Johnston (martha@marthajohnston.com) for Zoom coordinates and any questions you may have.

Annunciation Contemplative Prayer
Thursday Evenings @ 6:25pm

CHRISTMAS TREES

Help support Annunciation Catholic Church by purchasing a Christmas tree from Dan & Bryan on our grounds on Massachusetts Avenue. Trees will be available Saturday, November 26th until Saturday, December 17th or until they sell out from 10am–9pm weekdays and 9am–9pm weekends. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.



ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS PROJECT



IT'S A TRADITION!

The Annunciation Christmas Project benefits our sister parish, Holy Redeemer. Parishioners are invited to participate by donating gift cards from WALMART, TARGET, or VISA.

We have been asked to support 75 seniors and 18 families (almost 100 individuals). Our goal is to provide a \$25 gift card to everyone. The gift cards will be put into a Christmas card and will be delivered to Holy Redeemer along with cookies made by our Young Adult Group.

Gift cards or monetary contributions may be placed in the collection baskets or sent to the parish office in an envelope marked "CHRISTMAS PROJECT." Checks should be payable to Annunciation Church indicating "CHRISTMAS PROJECT" in the memo line.

DONATIONS DEADLINE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
Thank you for your generous support.



CHRISTMAS DINNER REGISTRATION

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals living in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas on Christmas Day. Meals will be available for pick-up or delivery only. To request a Christmas Day dinner, please call [202-526-8300](tel:202-526-8300). All meal requests must be received by Friday, December 16th.

Volunteers are needed to fill many different positions. To register as a volunteer, please click [here](https://www.bnsic.org). For more information, please contact rsvp@bnsic.org or [202-526-8300](tel:202-526-8300). Thank you for your interest in helping, and we look forward to welcoming you this Christmas.



Kids Needed for Christmas Pageant!

We are looking for children and parent helpers to take part in this year's Christmas Pageant that will take place during our parish children's mass on December 24 at 4 PM.

Children ages 4 and older can participate as Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Magi... in speaking and non-speaking roles. The speaking parts are geared for older children.

Practice dates:

Saturday, December 3 from 11 to 12 in the church

Saturday, December 10 from 10 to 11 in Parish Center

Saturday, December 17 from 10 to 11 in Parish Center

All costumes will be provided by parish.

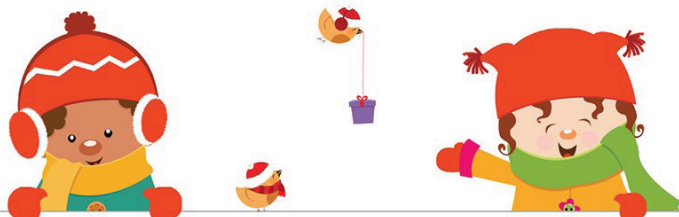
To participate, please contact Andreja Mezek at mezek@annunciationdc.org.

John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. He taught them to repent, be sorry for their sins and reform their lives to be good and helpful to others.

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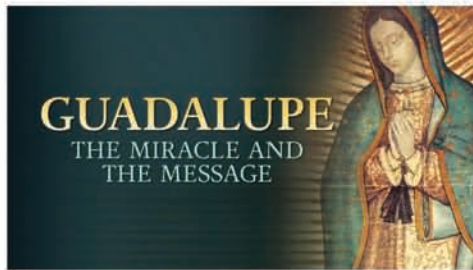
PREPARE THE WAY

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.

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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 04, 2022



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



FORMED Live: Do We Make Too Much of Mary?

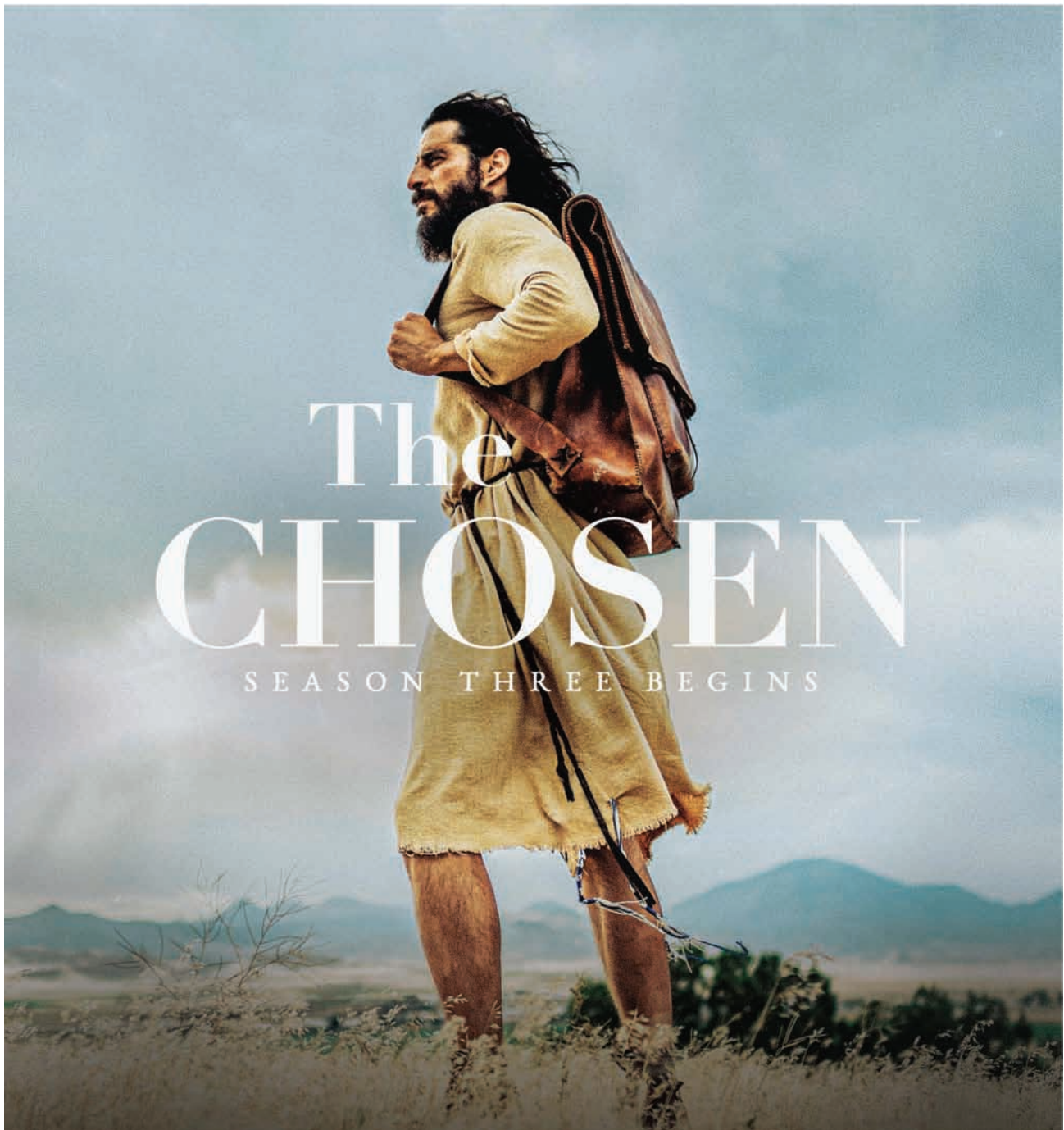
Why do Catholics think so highly of Mary? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.



Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

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Join your fellow parishioners on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 2:00pm in the Parish Center to view The Chosen Season 3: Episodes 1 & 2. Tickets are required. They can be purchased online at <https://brushfire.com/fait contentnetwork/thechosenS3/543426> for \$11 per person.

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