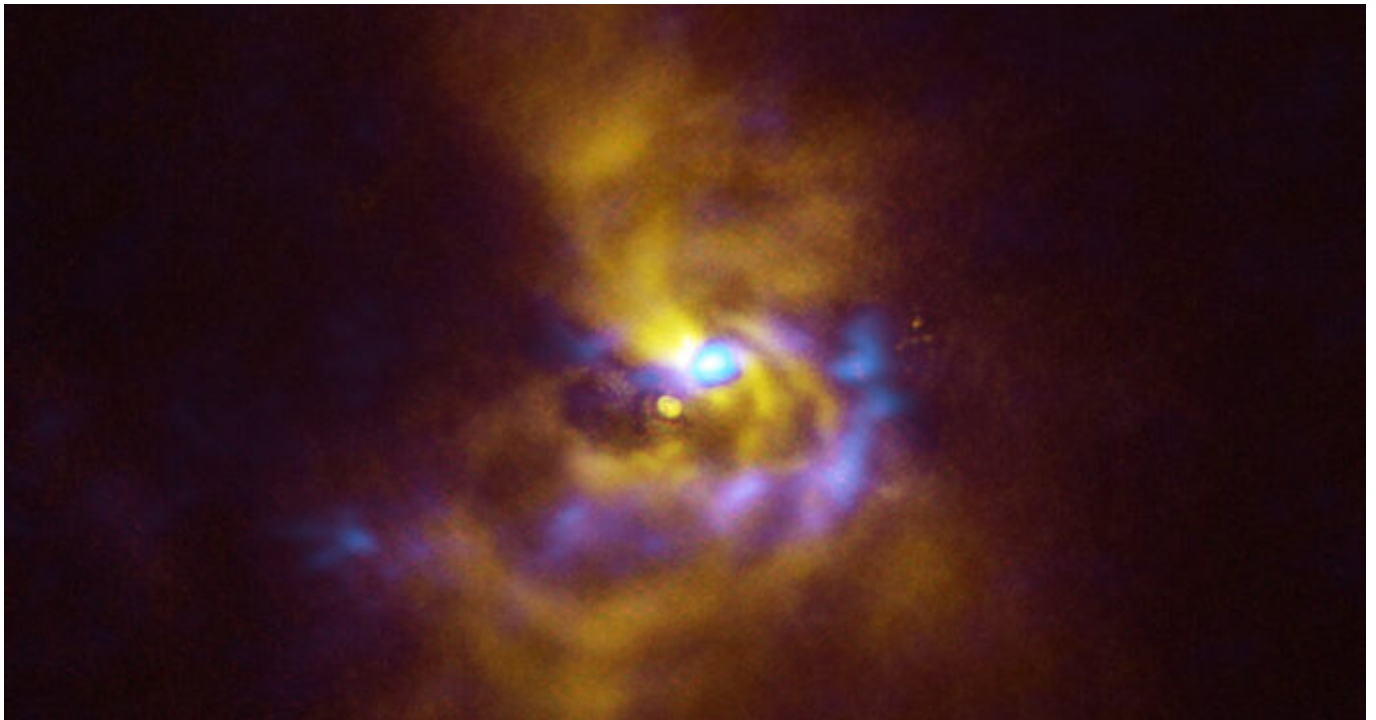


“Dust clumps around a young star could one day form planets”



A stellar new image from the European Southern Observatory (ESO) is offering up some clues about how planets as [enormous as the gas giant Jupiter](#) could form. Researchers [used the ESO's Very Large Telescope \(VLT\)](#) and an international astronomy facility called Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) to detect large dusty clumps located close to a young star. The clumps may collapse and one day create planets. The findings were [published July 25 in the *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*](#).

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“Bizarre ‘relic galaxy’ is missing a key component of the universe, and scientists are stumped”



Our picture of cosmic evolution could be thrown into doubt by the discovery of a massive galaxy that seems to lack dark matter.

Dark matter, which accounts for around 85% of the matter in the universe, seems to be absent from the galaxy NGC 1277, part of the Perseus Cluster of galaxies. The galaxy, located 240 million light-years from Earth, is the first [Milky Way](#)-sized conglomeration of stars, planets, dust and gas found to

be missing dark matter.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Services for the Week of January 27, 2024



Saturday, January 27, 2024
10:00 AM COMMUNION
Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.
Lector: Rev. Harold Boulette
Cantor: Rev. Larry Coesens
Reader: Claudia Grady

Sunday, January 28, 2024

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:00

Gate: 6:50

Service Starts: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:10

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of The End Times *RM Elizabeth Reece*

Church of The Christian Churches *RM Barbara Whitney*

Church of The Races of Man *RC Amanda Buchanan*

Monday, January 29th, 2024

6:00 PM Remembrance of the Child Service

Chapel of The Holy Child,

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

January 30th – February 6th, 2024

Second Advent vigil

Church of New Epiphany

Times same as Sunday

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

Rev. Harold Boulette, Jr.

Friday, February 2, 2024

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Suspended due to sunrise vigil

DECEMBER 2023: Intercession & Memorial Services



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The People of Ukraine

Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe

The People of Israel and Palestine

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

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Karen Tuschen
Victor Kauffman

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Akiko Sonoda

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Ryuich Saitou
Betty Reichardt †

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Robert Loveall
Edward Elliott †

† indicates Memorial Prayer

Live in God, become One With God



“When we possess the God-seeing life, we feel ourselves to be living in God; and from out of that life in which we feel God in ourselves, there shines forth upon the face of our inward

being a brightness which enlightens our reason, and is an intermediary between ourselves and God. And if we with our enlightened reason abide within ourselves in this brightness, we feel that our created life immerses itself in its eternal life. But when we follow the brightness above reason with a simple sight, and a leaning out of ourselves, toward our highest life, there we experience the transformation of our whole selves in God; and thereby we feel ourselves to be wholly enwrapped in God.

“After this, there follows a third way of feeling, namely, that we feel ourselves to be one with God; for, through the transformation in God, we feel ourselves to be swallowed up in the fathomless abyss of our eternal blessedness, wherein we can nevermore find any distinction between ourselves and God. And this is our highest feeling, which we cannot experience in any other way than in the immersion in love. And therefore, so soon as we are uplifted and drawn into our highest feeling, all our powers stand idle in an essential fruition; but our powers do not pass away into nothingness, for then we should lose our created being.”

—[John of Ruysbroeck](#)

A God-seeing Life

What Ruysbroeck calls “the God-seeing life” doesn’t mean that anyone literally sees God, but more that one feels themselves to be in the presence of God. We read in scripture of people talking to God and God answering them, but that doesn’t happen now because man has become too densely material resulting in blockage of his spiritual faculties. If we awaken and develop those faculties, we become the people who possess the God-seeing life.

Shines Forth a Brightness

God is all about Light. Mystics have said that for ages. So it

should not be surprising that when we awaken to God's presence, God shines forth within us as brilliant Light, a Spiritual Light that is different from physical light. Light carries information in it. Even science is beginning to realize that characteristic of physical light, but the information carried in Spiritual Light is of greater importance to our immortal life. When we follow that Light, we do experience a gradual transformation to a higher version of ourselves. And as we are transformed, the world we live in is going through a similar transformation.

One With God

According to Ruysbroeck, the next stage in spiritual development is to become One with God, one with the All. That is one large step ahead, and some may break down the process into smaller steps, but becoming one with God is certainly the ultimate Goal. Ruysbroeck says this total immersion in God is one of Love, and that is true. Universal Love is part of what we develop as we approach that stage of being.

Ruysbroeck adds that our powers do not fade away when this happens as that would mean losing our created being, or individuality. Just as a board in a fence is part of the fence, yet still itself, so we become part of God and still retain our individuality. This may not happen in one lifetime, but the process will continue after the death of the physical body, as long as we start now and make as much progress as we can.

“Smashed asteroid surrounded

by a ‘cloud’ of boulders”



The three-decade old Hubble Space Telescope has [spotted a swarm of space boulders around the asteroid Dimorphos](#). If that name sounds familiar, it is the same asteroid that NASA [deliberately slammed the 1,200 pound DART spacecraft into](#) in September 2022.

The mission was the first time humans set out to change the movement of an object in space. The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) spacecraft slammed head-on into Dimorphos at 13,000 miles per hour on [September 26, 2022](#) in an effort to change the asteroid's velocity.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“Earth will be able to see two giant black holes that will collide in three years.”



In three years, the “black hole merger,” a rare astronomical occurrence, will take place. A single black hole will be created when two extremely large black holes meet and merge. Due to the fact that the point of convergence will be visible to telescopes, this enables researchers to more thoroughly examine the characteristics and behavior of black holes. Scientists and anyone who enjoy science are likely to be very interested in this big and fascinating occurrence.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

**“James Webb Space Telescope
spots violent collision
between neutron stars”**

Using the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), astronomers have traced an incredibly bright gamma-ray burst (GRB) back to its source, a violent collision between two neutron stars.

The ring on your finger likely contains atoms forged in [neutron star](#) collisions like this, also known as "[kilonovas](#)." That's because, as well as blasting out long-duration GRBs, kilonovas are believed to be the sites at which the universe's heaviest elements, which cannot be synthesized in the nuclear furnaces at the heart of stars, are forged.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Services for the Week of January 20, 2024



Saturday, January 20, 2024

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Lector: RC Rob Roy

Cantor: RM Barbara Whitney

Reader: Rev. Noriko Roy

Sunday, January 21, 2024

SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:55

Service Starts: 7:08

Sunrise: 7:24

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:
RF Robert Petrovich
Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer
Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of The End Times *Rev. Harold Boulette*

Church of The Christian Churches *Dea. Stephan Fuelling*

Church of The Americas *Rev. Shinobu Fuelling*

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Friday, January 26, 2024

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Robert Petrovich

2024 Epiphany Eve Celebrated



On the evening of January 5th, Epiphany Eve in the Second Advent Calendar and the Twelfth Day of Christmas, resident members of The Community, their families, and guests were invited to the Rectory-Abbey by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. to celebrate the holiday with dinner and a visit from Santa Claus. The event was well attended by members of The Community and guests. Some of the action was captured in photos by attendees, and the Communique staff put together a gallery of these photos for your enjoyment. To welcome guests to the Rectory, Bishop Gene briefly addressed the company. (Please see his remarks below.)



Everything is set for the start of the banquet.



The banquet is underway.



Helena Savoy dressed for Epiphany Eve.



Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. addresses the attendees.
[Click here to read the Address.](#)



The children's table



Douglas Savoy III



The Candles of Remembrance have been lit.

Epiphany Eve Banquet
Forty Second Annual Celebration
January 5, 2024
Program of Events

6:30 - Welcome 6:35 - Candle Lighting and Remembrance
6:55 - Grace Before Meals: *"Grant Life Unto Me"*
7:00 - Dinner
8:30 - A Visit from Santa Claus 9:00 - Exchange of Gifts

Menu

Bread & Salads

Mediterranean Olive Bread
Mixed Greens, Cherry Tomatoes and Red Onion
with a Sicilian Lemon White Balsamic Vinaigrette
Beets with Goat Cheese & Pistachios

Main Dishes & Sides

Amanda's Chicken Cacciatore
Plant-based "Meatballs" (for vegetarians only, please)
Long & Whole Grain Wild Rice
Green Beans & Shitake Mushrooms

An Assortment of Desserts

Beverages

White & Red Wine
Coffee & Tea

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Church of the Second Advent
Rectory-Abbey 2025 La Fond Drive
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The big wreath over the fireplace with gifts around it.