



*Joyful Sunday*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*Rejoice in the Lord always.*

*I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4:4*

O Jesus, help us to be glad with the joy that you give us when we allow you to enter our life. Enter our lives anew and invite us to go out to the margins of life and proclaim the gospel with joy and courage! Help us discover true joy – the joy of making our self a gift, of reciprocating the great gift that we have first received, without merit of our own. Amen.

-Pope Francis

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT** - Christmas giving is not only a tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the ultimate gift – God’s gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ. The tradition holds that the Three Kings followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn King, beginning a tradition of gift-giving to the Christmas Season we enjoy every year. But what about the many gifts that God has bestowed upon us throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. This Christmas Season is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for His many blessings. A heartfelt thank you to all who faithfully and generously continue to support our parish throughout the year.



*Christmas Mass Schedule*

A warm welcome is extended to our parishioners and friends of the parish. Join us for our Christmas Masses as we adore the newborn Babe, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during the blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**(Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>)**

5:00 pm – Mass in English

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

Midnight 12/25 – Mass in English

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**(Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>)**

8:00 am – Mass in English

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Mass in English



**2023 Mass Intentions:** The scheduling of Mass Intentions for next year are now being accepted Monday – Friday from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm. **Every Mass will be a Community Mass, offered for every intention requested; in this way every family will be considered.**

*An offering should be given at the time of scheduling.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

**WEEKLY SATURDAY CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Confession is offered in the Church every **Saturday from 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm in English** and on **Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm in English & Spanish** or weekdays by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

**THE ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Thank you to everyone who took gift tags! Please return the **unwrapped gifts** with the **original gift tag attached** to the church or parish office by **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**, to be delivered to families in time for Christmas.

Let us enter into the true spirit of Christmas, for we celebrate God’s greatest gift to the world...the gift of His Son! Thank you for your participation.

**MASSES FOR**

**DECEMBER 12 - 18, 2022**

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead,  
however the following are specifically remembered this week.*

**Monday, December 12 - Advent Weekday**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:30 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother by a devotee

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, December 13 - Advent Weekday – St. Lucy**

7:30 am – Dora (Giarrusso) Spagnoli by Domenic

**Wednesday, December 14 - Advent Weekday**

**St. John of the Cross**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

5:30 pm – Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, December 15 - Advent Weekday**

7:30 am – Anthony Giarrusso by Domenic

**Friday, December 16 - Advent Weekday**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**Saturday, December 17 - Advent Weekday**

8:00 am – Domenica (Minnie Giarrusso) Russo by Domenic



**Sanctuary Candle &  
Altar Bread & Wine:**

*In Memory Of*

*Elena Pilloni*

*Henry Pilloni, III*

**WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT**

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.  
(Increased Giving Campaign)

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

**Weekend of December 3 & 4, 2022**

\$3,071.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Christmas Flower Offering:

\$1,590.00

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, December 17**

**5:00 pm**

Michael & Mafalda "Muffy" Andrea & Anthony & Mary  
Mercurio by Ron & Linda Mercurio

Carlo & Joan Napolillo & Matthew & Angie Arrico  
by Gloria & family

Anna & Joseph Nunes & Michael Quinn by family  
Joseph & Eleanor Laurenzo & Ryan Sionni by Mary Sionni  
Frank Sionni – Christmas Remembrance by wife & family

**6:30 pm** – Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, December 18**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 am**

Andrea Ceprano – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary & Birthday  
Remembrance by wife & children

**9:30 am** – Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**

Michele & Ines Capuano by daughters  
Anna & Antonio Fantini by daughter, Rita  
Giuseppe DeMasi by Rita & family  
Evangelista, Maria, Geraldo, & Andrea Rendina  
by Rita & family  
Eugene & Adina D'Allesandro & Deceased Family Members  
by daughter, Sandra  
Frank J. DiMaio by wife & family  
Giovanni Mancini & Deceased of Mancini Family  
by wife, Maria

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*In Memory Of*

**Peter Gallo, Jr.**