



**THOUGHTS FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Advent is a time to live in joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord Jesus. Like Joseph, the Lord of Israel calls to us, speaking challenging, yet consoling words of hope and peace. We often do not want to hear God’s calling because it may disrupt our plans. In the Town of Bethlehem, the world was changed forever. In the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary grew the One who would save the world from sin and death. As Christians, we are called to find the Light, beckoning us to become part of God’s infinite story of compassion. Within us lies the potential to bring justice, peace, and God’s love to all we meet!

**+ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE +**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm & Midnight – Masses in English  
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am & 11:30 am – Masses in English  
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

**NEW YEAR’S EVE - Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 pm – Mass in English  
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**NEW YEAR’S DAY - Friday, January 1, 2021  
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

*(Holyday of Obligation)*

8:00 am & 11:30 am – Masses in English  
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

The Elisha Project and St. Bartholomew Church partner with the Providence City Council for a **free “drive thru” food distribution event.**

**When: Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Where: Church parking lot**

*Please wear your mask and remain in your car.*

**A Blessed Christmas To All**

God sent the first greetings of this holy season through an angel who announced, not to the mighty, but to the poor shepherds - *“A Savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord!”*



Let us keep Christ at the heart of Christmas and take time to think of His divine love for each of us. Our prayers go out to those who have given so much of their time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish community! We shall remember all who are sick, lonely or afflicted by sorrow, as well as those who will celebrate Christmas without Christ. May they respond to the kind invitation of Christ calling them back to His divine love. Together with Christ, we invite them to come back home.

**To one and all, a most  
Blessed and Merry Christmas!**

**A Christmas Prayer**

*Great God of Peace, we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus, remembering the words of the angels on the night of His birth.*

***“Peace on earth to all of good will.”***

*Today, as never before, Heavenly Father, we pray for your loving peace. May peace be the guiding force in the hearts of our world leaders.*

*May peace reign in every corner of the globe and in the hearts of every man, woman, and child upon this earth. This Christmas and always, may we embrace your wonderful gift of peace with courage and conviction. In so doing, we will also be embracing your greatest gift to us, your Son, the Prince of Peace.*

**AMEN**



**MASSES FOR**

**DECEMBER 21 - 27, 2020**

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

**Monday, December 21 - Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**Wednesday, December 23 - Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 am - James R. Norcini - Birthday Remembrance  
5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration - Spanish  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, December 24 - Advent**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners  
5:00 pm - Christmas Mass - English  
7:00 pm - Christmas Mass - Spanish  
Midnight - Christmas Mass - English

**Friday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 am - Christmas Mass - English  
9:30 am - Christmas Mass - Spanish  
11:30 am - Christmas Mass - English

**Saturday, December 26 - St. Stephen**

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN**

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**+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +**

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

**Weekend of December 12 & 13**

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets  
\$4,185.00

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, December 26**

**5:00 pm**

Eugene & Adina D'Allesandro  
& Deceased Family Members by Sandra  
Robert & Dorothy Bevilacqua

**6:30 pm** - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, December 27**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**8:00 am**

Intentions of Parishioners

**9:30 am** - Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**

Frank J. DiMaio - Birthday Remembrance  
by wife & family



**SANCTUARY CANDLE &  
ALTAR BREAD & WINE:**

*In Memory Of  
Tony Cavalloro*

*Deceased Members of Toste Family*

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*In Memory of*

**The Bassi Family**