



**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!

*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!*



*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**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm – Mass in English  
Midnight 12/25 – Mass in English

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am & 11:30 am – Masses in English

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

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm – Mass in English

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 am & 11:30 am – Masses in English

**New Year’s Day**

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

8:00 am – Mass in English

**HOLY DAYS & FEASTS FOR THE 2024 CHURCH YEAR**

- Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God – Mon., Jan. 1
- Epiphany – Sun., Jan. 7
- Ash Wednesday – Wed., Feb. 14
- Palm Sunday – Sun., March 24
- Easter Sunday – Sun., March 31
- Ascension of the Lord – Thurs., May 9
- Pentecost – Sun., May 19
- Holy Trinity – Sun., May 26
- Body & Blood of Christ: Corpus Christi – Sun. June 2
- Sacred Heart of Jesus – Fri., June 7
- Assumption of Mary – Thurs., Aug. 15
- All Saints – Fri., Nov. 1
- Christ the King – Sun., Nov. 24
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Sun., Dec. 1
- Immaculate Conception – Mon., Dec. 9
- Christmas – Wed., Dec. 25

**MASSES FOR  
DECEMBER 25 - 31, 2023**

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

**Monday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord  
Christmas Day**

8:00 am – Christmas Mass in English  
11:30 am – Christmas Mass in English  
7:00 pm – Christmas Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, December 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

7:30 am – For A Special Intention  
Carmela Cicerone – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance  
by Cicerone & Gamba Families

**Wednesday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

7:30 am – Rev. Charles J. Zanoni, C.S. – Birthday Remembrance  
Victor Lopez by Cynde & José  
Mary DiMartino – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance

**Thursday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents**

7:30 am – Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

**Friday, December 29**

**Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 am – Jacqueline Lupo  
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Saturday, December 30**

**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 am – Intentions of Parishioners

**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 16 & 17, 2023:**  
\$5,540.00

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



*In Memory of  
Michael R. Mancini  
Christmas Remembrance*

**+ Died in Christ +**  
*Blanca Morales*

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, December 30**

**5:00 pm**

Frank J. DiMaio – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance  
by the DiMaio Family  
Jean Golini & Leonora Grande – Christmas Remembrance

**6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish**

**Sunday, December 31**

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

**8:00 am**

Intentions of Parishioners

**9:30 am – Mass in Spanish**

**11:30 am**

Deceased of Pio A. Romano, Sr. Family

**WEEKLY CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Penance is offered  
in the Church:

**Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45 pm in English**

**Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in Spanish**

**2024 Mass Intentions:** The scheduling of Mass Intentions  
for next year are now being accepted, Monday – Friday  
from 11:00 am to 6:00 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.

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