

Advent Prayer

*Look on us, Jesus, and let
all the darkness of our souls
disappear before the beams
of your brightness.*

*Fill us with your holy love,
and open to us
the treasures of your wisdom.*

*You know all our desires,
so bring to perfection
what you have started,
and what the Holy Spirit
has awakened us to ask in prayer.*

*We seek your face,
turn your face to us
and show us your glory.*

*Then our longing will be satisfied
and our peace will be perfect. Amen*

- St. Augustine

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.

Religious Thanks – Men and women religious throughout the country offer their thanks and appreciation for your generous donation to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** collection of December 8 & 9. Our gift of \$1,146.00 makes a difference in the lives of senior Catholic priests, sisters, and brothers.

+ 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

(Monday, December 24th)

5:00 pm – Mass in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Midnight – Mass in English

CHRISTMAS DAY

(Tuesday, December 25th)

8:00 am – Mass in English

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Mass in English

NEW YEAR’S EVE

(Monday, December 31st)

5:00 pm – Mass in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

NEW YEAR’S DAY

(Tuesday, January 1, 2019)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 am – Mass in English

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Mass in English

(Holyday of Obligation)

2019 Mass Intentions: Mass intentions are a beautiful way to remember a loved one or a Special Intention. **Every Mass will be a Community Mass, offered for every intention requested; in this way every family will be considered.** Mass intentions for 2019 may be scheduled at the Parish Office. An offering should be given at the time of scheduling. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

December 15 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 16 – Christmas Concert by Choir

December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

December 30 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

January 1, 2019 – Solemnity of Mary,

the Holy Mother of God

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 17 - 23, 2018

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

Monday, December 17th

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

Tuesday, December 18th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Wednesday, December 19th

7:30 am - Antonetta, Luigi, & Louis Pullano by family
5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration – Spanish
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, December 20th

7:30 am - Sabato Alfieri by Sr. Rose

Friday, December 21st

7:30 am - Matthew Celeberto – Month Mind Remembrance
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, December 22nd

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 22nd

5:00 pm - Arthur Marcantonio &
John & Antonetta Turchetta by Norma

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 - Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am - Community Mass

Harold Chartier, III by family
Anna Nunes by family
Gilda Piacitelli by family
Michael Quinn by family
Josephine & Carmine Santucci
Maria Spadarella by sister-in-law Eleanor Spadarella
A. Peter Sperduti
Stephen Sperduti

December 16, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 18th

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Friday, December 21st

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

Saturday, December 22nd

10:00 am - CCD Classes – 1st & 2nd years
4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confession – Church

Sunday, December 23rd

10:30 am - Confirmation Class
No Second Collection

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

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

Weekend of December 1 & 2

First Collection: \$3,326.00
Second Collection: \$2,996.00
Church Roof Fund

Sanctuary Candle:

Arthur Marcantonio &
John & Antonetta Turchetta by Norma

Altar Bread & Wine:

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