

Advent Daily Prayer

*Come and rest in our hearts this Advent Season.
 Bless us and guide us as we await Your birthday.
 With great joy and deep gratitude
 we look forward to this celebration of your birth.
 In these days of Advent, change us,
 soften our hearts and forgive us our sins
 that we might greet You this Christmas
 with pure hearts, to forgive, hearts ready to celebrate.
 Come Lord Jesus, and rest in our hearts
 this Advent Season and always.
 AMEN*

SEASON OF ADVENT - On that first Advent, the Scripture reminds us: "I send my messenger before you to prepare the way of the Lord...Thus it was that John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to forgiveness of sin..." How are we preparing the way of the Lord? What can we do to make Advent count more in our lives? Try going to daily Mass. Get to Confession more frequently. Prepare to receive the Lord Jesus more worthily in the Holy Eucharist. Make kindness a big part of your life. Recite daily the Holy Rosary. Look for Christ in every person you meet today. During these four weeks of Advent, let us try to refrain from the worldly commercial spirit that surrounds us and think of the greatest event in the history of mankind; **the Eternal Son of God became man among us!** This marvelous and miraculous event took place among us on the first Christmas.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE – Go into many stores and you cannot miss the fact that Christmas is soon approaching. Some of us have already begun to think about our Christmas shopping. Once again this season we invite our parishioners to reach out to our parish families who are in need. The ADVENT GIVING TREE will be placed in the vestibule of the church on November 30th & December 1st ~ the First Sunday of Advent. **Please consider taking a "Gift Tag" and prayerfully fulfill the gift and return it to the church or parish office by December 15th**, to be delivered 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 to all who will participate.

2020 Mass Intentions: The scheduling of Mass Intentions for next year will begin on Monday, December 2, 2019. **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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Our Lady of Guadalupe is most closely associated with the Mexican Culture as that is where she first appeared. In 1946 Our Lady of Guadalupe was named Patroness of the Americas, with her feast day being celebrated each year on December 12. Our Parish will offer a special mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th at 5:00 pm (combining the 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm Masses).** Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the Mass and celebration of food and music in the Church Hall following the Mass.

A sincere thank you to our Parish Ladies Guild and all who volunteered to make the Turkey Trot a successful and enjoyable Parish event. Thank you to everyone that attended and to those businesses and parishioners who donated food items, gifts, and certificates. Together \$3,686.00 was raised for our Church. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity!

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ December 2 – First Sunday of Advent
- ◆ December 5 – Ladies Guild Christmas Party
- ◆ December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & 2nd Sunday of Advent
- ◆ December 14 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- ◆ December 24 – Christmas Eve
- ◆ December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord
- ◆ December 30 – The Nativity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 2 - 8, 2019

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

Monday, December 2 - Advent

7:30 am - Ameriga Verzichelli by Sr. Rose
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

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

Wednesday, December 4 - Advent

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant
5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration - Spanish
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, December 5 - Advent

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, December 6 - St. Nicholas

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

8:00 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm

Joseph & Teresa Quinn by family
Joseph V. Riccardi, Sr.
Angelo Valentino by family

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 8
Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am

Karen Cady
Carmino Caparco
Rhonda Caparco Phillips
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Robert Joseph Carnevale - Birthday Remembrance
by wife & family
Arthur & Yolanda "Viola" Pullano &
Angelo & Luisa Iglizzo by Arthur & Paula Pullano

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, December 2

7:00 pm - Ladies Guild Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

5:00 pm - Older First Communion Class - SD Center
5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 - RCIA Class - SD Center
6:30 pm - Ladies Guild Christmas Party - Via Roma

Thursday, December 5

5:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Rectory

Friday, December 6

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am - CCD Classes - 1st & 2nd Years - Rectory
4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 8

2nd Collection: Immaculate Conception

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

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

Weekend of November 23 & 24, 2019

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,287.00

2nd Collection: \$758.00

Campaign for Human Development

Sanctuary Candle:

Angelo Valentino by family

Altar Bread & Wine:

Angelo Valentino by family

+ Died in Christ +

Philomena Ciccone

Hope Jacobs

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