



THOUGHTS FOR THE 4th 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

Tuesday, December 24th
5:00 pm – Mass in English

Midnight 12/25 – Mass in English

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th
8:00 am & 11:30 am – Masses in English

Saturday, December 28th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
5:00 pm – Mass in English

Sunday, December 29th

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

NEW YEAR’S EVE

Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 pm – Mass in English

NEW YEAR’S DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 am & 11:30 am – Masses in English

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 23 - 29, 2024**

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

Monday, December 23 – Advent Weekday
7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

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5:00 pm - Christmas Mass - English

**Wednesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day**
Midnight 12/25 - Christmas Mass - English
8:00 am - Christmas Mass in English
11:30 am - Christmas Mass in English

Thursday, December 26 – St. Stephen, The First Martyr
7:30 am – For A Special Intention

Friday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
7:30 am – Rev. Charles J. Zaroni, C.S. – Birthday Remembrance
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:00 am – Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors



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

In Memory of:
Michael R. Mancini
Christmas Remembrance

+Died in Christ+
Mary A. Sperduti

2025 Mass Intentions: The scheduling of Mass Intentions for next year is now available. **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.

LORD’S DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm
Frank J. DiMaio – Birthday Remembrance
by DiMaio Family
Brian A. Coulter – Birthday Remembrance
& Maddox Brian Orsini by Isabelle
Michael & Mafalda “Muffy” Andrea and Anthony & Mary
Mercurio – Christmas Remembrance, by Ron & Linda

Sunday, December 29
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

8:00 am
Victor Lopez by Cynde & José

11:30 am
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Jacqueline Lupo – 8 Year Remembrance

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets
Weekend of December 14 & 15, 2024
& Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
\$8,270.00

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