



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 10, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9 ~ Vigil/2nd Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Richard Cinque, Joseph Garvila
Sunday, December 10 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Jim Barnett, Frank Schmaus
Monday, December 11
9:00 AM
Wednesday, December 13
9:00 AM
Friday, December 15
9:00 AM Judith Jackman, Virginia Steinbach
Saturday, December 16 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM David A. Barbuti, Jr.
Sunday, December 17 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Richard & Ella May Donnelly,
Rose Parisi

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 16 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Ted Wall
Sunday, December 17 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Beth Texter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 16 ~ Vigil/3rd Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Joe Herschel (a), Jen Zupetz (c)
Sunday, December 17 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Lisa Dyer (a), Liz Klimczak (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*) Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)
Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)
Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)
Robert Pape-Laucella (*Marines*)
Pashko Shkreli (*Army*) Carissa Tironi (*Army*)
Nicholas Turner (*Army*) Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Barbara Ceriale, Gina Lempka,
Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius, Elissa Zahn

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach,
Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Barbara Ceriale,
Brad Ceriale, Lois Chanofsky, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
John & Lorraine DiCicco, Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare,
Maria Elena DiMare, Michael DiMare, David Felter,
Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo, Joe Gallo, Margaret Hale,
Mike Hurd, Julie Oparski, Marianna Oparski, Kerry Roberson,
Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Helene Sillen,
Chris Strobl, Beth Texter, Joanne Trumball, Terry Waterson

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment
(9 AM start)

Monday, December 11
Parish Council & Holiday Gathering ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Saturday, December 16
Bells & Stars Gifts Distributed ~ 9:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 19
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Holiday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at 5:30 PM

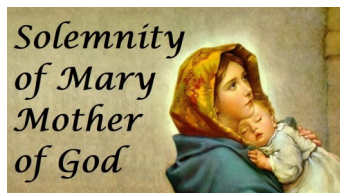
Sunday, December 24 @ 9:30 AM
4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 @ 5:30 PM
Christmas Eve (*Mass of Christmas*)

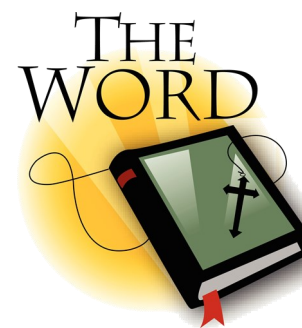
Monday, December 25 @ 9:30 AM
Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 30
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve
Regular Schedule ~ Mass at 9:30 AM
"The Holy Family"



Monday, January 1
New Year's Day
Mass at 9:30 AM
"The Solemnity of Mary"
A Day of Holy Obligation



Today's Scripture 2nd Sunday of Advent

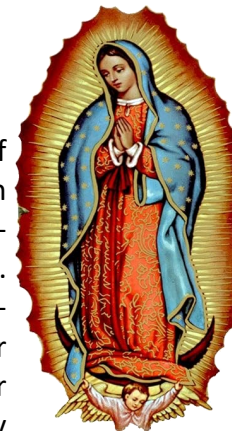
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

ABOUT THE LITURGY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

This Tuesday marks the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a celebration directed to all in the Americas, but especially dear to the people of Mexico. She appeared to a humbled Native Aztec at a time of great upheaval in their world. Spaniards had overcome their kingdom, which was founded on very bloody principles, but they also brought an awareness of the Gospel and the salvation that Jesus Christ offers us. But, when Mary came to Juan Diego, she revealed herself in a way no one could have predicted.

On the hill of Tepeyac, Mary appeared as a woman of mixed backgrounds: both Spanish and Aztec. She represented the emergence of a new culture, now commonly called Hispanic. The Church, in turn, confers on her the title of *Empress of the Americas*, indicating her universal appeal. She also appeared with a black cord about her breast: the Aztec sign of a pregnant woman. As we remember Mary's pregnancy during Advent, we are also drawn to consider all expectant mothers, and to celebrate all human life.

During the apparitions, Mary said to Juan Diego, and to all of us, "Listen and understand, my humblest son. There is nothing to frighten and distress you. Do not let your heart be troubled and let nothing upset you. Is it not I, your Mother, who is here? Are you not under my protection? Are you not, fortunately, in my care?" We are reminded that with God's love and Mary's prayers for us, we have nothing to fear.



A REMINDER . . . **THANK YOU!!!**
ALL BELLS & STARS GIFTS
ARE DUE BACK THIS
WEEKEND ~ WRAPPED AND
WITH THE TAG ATTACHED.

Mass Attendance/Collection

At Mass on December 2 & 3: **135**
Weekend's Collection: **\$2,476.00**

"An Advent Carol"

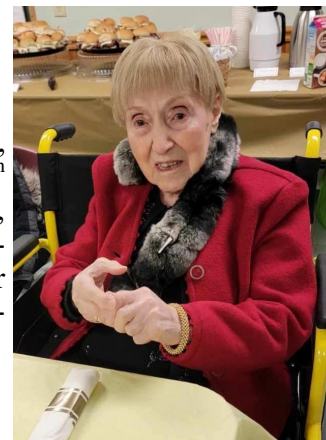
"An Advent Carol" performed by The Xavier Company of Manhattan on Friday, December 1st, was outstanding. A very appreciative audience sat in absolute silence, entranced by the actors' superb voices and gentle choreography. They were supported by two seasoned musicians and Carol Ferrone, director extraordinaire.

Prior to the performance the crowd enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by Chef Ted and his team; unusual fare like butternut squash and white bean soup, spaghetti squash or pasta in homemade sauce, gluten-free meatballs, and a salad. Dessert was homemade fig & oat bars that were so good.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. What a beautiful way to kick off our Advent Season!

Happy 100th Birthday, Lena!

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Church celebrated the 100th birthday of a very dear lady, Lena Ferrara. Her nieces hosted a delicious brunch in her honor following Mass, complete with a special cake.



She was presented with flowers at the end of Mass by Fr. Gerard, and then went across the street to serve as the "Grand Dame" at her party. We wish Lena God's blessings for many more years of good health & peace, and thank her for sharing her special day!

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

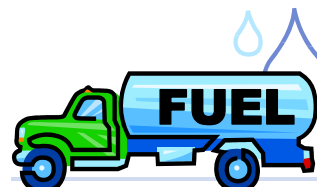
Sunday, December 17
Immediately following the
9:30 AM Mass



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