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Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM
Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM
Holy Day Masses:
7:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9 AM—12 PM
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Church, Kearny, NJ

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the
person who has none.
And whoever has food
should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

THIRD

Sunday OF Advent



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PARISH REGISTRATION

All are Welcome! New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Arrangements for Baptism should be made at least one month in advance. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.

I am baptizing
you with water,
but one
mightier than I
is coming.
I am not
worthy to
loosen the
thongs of
his sandals.

Luke 3:16



John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness
Gustav Doré (French, 1832-1883), 1867
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Today is known as Gaudete—Rejoice—Sunday, the day’s Latin nickname is taken from today’s ancient official Entrance Antiphon, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” The optional rose vestments—reminiscent of winter’s early morning skies as the solstice draws near, the festal organ music, the floral arrangements, all these ancient traditions together with the antiphon are meant to anticipate, in sight and sound, the soon-to-break-upon-us Christmas joy. How well today’s scriptures illustrate the struggle between Advent’s contrasting moods: “joyful expectation” in light of Christ’s nativity, and “serious repentance” inspired by John the Baptist’s preaching, reminding us that Christ’s next coming—at death or at the end of time—will be for judgment as well as redemption.

JOY AND EXULTATION

Joy and exultation ring through the first reading, as Zephaniah’s ancient messianic prophecy pictures God “rejoicing over (us) with gladness, renewing (us) in his love, singing joyfully because of (us) as one sings at festivals.” This joyful God is not distant: the prophet declares twice that God “is in your midst.” Zephaniah so trusts this joyful God’s love for us that he declares our deliverance “a done deal”: both from inward fear and guilt—“the Lord has removed the judgment against you”—and from external threats: “he has turned away your enemies.” The Responsorial Psalm, from Advent’s principal prophet, Isaiah, echoes an exultant joy that should prompt us to be “confident and unafraid,” “for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.” Paul likewise exhorts the Philippians—and us—to joy, to a kindness that should be evident to all, to prayer free from anxiety, serene and thankful.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

But then John the Baptist cries out on Jordan’s bank: Repent! Prepare for a Messiah whose baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire,” unlike John’s water baptism, will utterly transform its recipients. His winnowing fan will clear away the dead wood, bundling wheat and burning chaff in unquenchable fire. If this is going to be “good news” for us, then well might we, like the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers who first heard John, ask “What should we do?” When John responds to the people then, and to us today, the answer, while supremely challenging, is almost surprisingly simple. Nobody is ordered to abandon the place in which their personal life’s journey or the realities of a history beyond their control have put them. God saves us not despite or apart from our real-life circumstances but in them and through them. Our call now is to practical, generous charity: we are to share clothing and food; practice justice and professional and personal integrity; and be honest toward others and with ourselves. Such is the teaching of the Messiah that John heralded.

Today’s Readings: Zep 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18

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Advent

December 12, 2021

Third
Sunday of



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Jaxson Rivera, June Struziński, Irene Zarbetski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick"**.

May God grant them healing.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one or special intention. These flowers will be placed on the Altars of the Church during the Christmas Season. The envelopes for the Christmas flowers are located on the table in the back of the Church. Please place it with your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory office mail slot.



ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Next Choir practice is on Monday, December 13th, at 7:15PM in the choir loft. We hope to see you there!!!

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored "Old Country" traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table covered with a white cloth, under which there is straw, as a reminder of the Holy Child's Manger in Bethlehem. As the members share this "bread of peace and reconciliation" they wish one another happiness and joy for the Christmas Season and the New Year, mutually asking and receiving forgiveness for any hurts or offenses they may have been guilty of during the last twelve months. Wafers are available at the Rectory office. Kindly contact the Rectory office to arrange a time to pick up the wafers. Cost \$5.00.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st collection	12/5/2021	\$823.00
2 nd collection	12/5/2021	\$417.00

The second collection for December 19th is for the Archdiocesan Monthly Assessment. The Christmas Mass Remembrance and Christmas flowers envelopes are available in the back of the Church. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Rejoice in the Lord NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of *Rejoice in the Lord*:

"The Lord draws near to us, closer than we think"

Cardinal Tobin's newsletter to the faithful, is available online at www.rcan.org/rejoiceinthelord and linked on the archdiocesan news site, www.JerseyCatholic.org. Please share this with your family and friends.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 PM

December 11

Juan Lago
Req. Vazquez Family

Sunday

9:00 AM

December 12

Richard Walingavich
Req. Dolores Walingavich

Monday

7:30 AM

December 13

People of the Parish

Tuesday

7:30 AM

December 14

Kevin Tilson and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Wednesday

7:30 AM

December 15

People of the Parish

Thursday

7:30 AM

December 16

Louis Giles and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Friday

7:30 AM

December 17

People of the Parish

Saturday

7:30 AM

December 18

Souls in Purgatory

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday

5:00 PM

December 18

Helder Esteves 21st Anniversary
Req. Ermelinda Esteves

Sunday

9:00 AM

December 19

Stakelionas and Songile Family
Req. Dorothy Songile

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

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Altar Bread & Wine...
George John Tilley, Jr. / OLS
Sanctuary Lamp...
George John Tilley, Jr. / OLS
Altar Candles...
George John Tilley, Jr. / OLS



AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

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