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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

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

(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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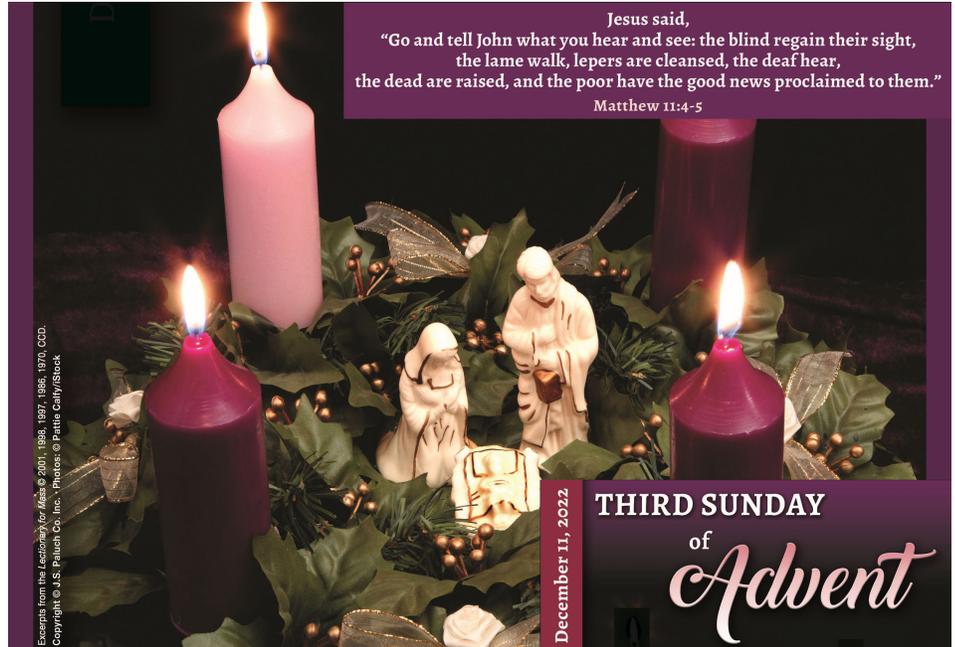
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Jesus said,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."
Matthew 11:4-5

December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY

of
Advent

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.)

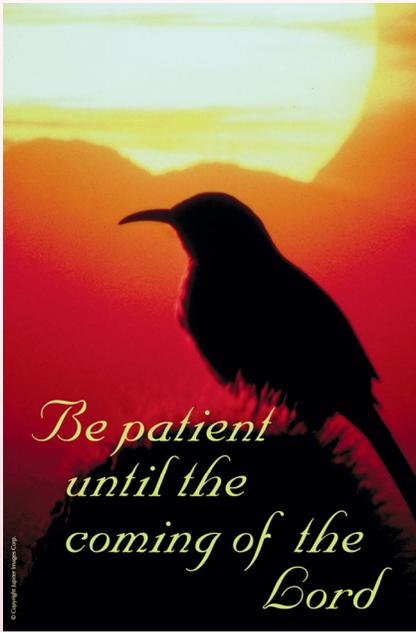
If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory office.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Good news is good news is . . . Today's messages from Isaiah (prophetic ancestor of John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth) and James (spiritual offspring of John and Jesus) both have messages that resonate across the five centuries that separate them: hope in the coming power and presence of God. Isaiah was attempting to comfort and encourage the people of Israel in geographic and spiritual exile. Their exile will end, Isaiah says, with God's presence shown forth through spectacular occurrences in nature. James likewise has a community in need of encouragement and hope, since they despair over the delayed *parousia*, the final coming of God in glory. In the meantime, James urges patient endurance. Until Jesus returns, they ought to persist without complaint, with the lives of the prophets as their guide. Then will come the time of sight, and healing, and life and ... Good News for the poor!



JUST IMAGINE

James wrote to a community experiencing hardship, like the exiled Israelites in today's first reading. Isaiah and James exhort people to trust that they will see God's presence in their midst once again, so be patient. That's easier said than done, isn't it? Saint Francis de Sales says to be patient with everyone, and most of all with ourselves. Patience means accepting suffering and delay without becoming angry or upset. Easier said than done. Praying for this virtue each day, sometimes often throughout the day, does help. Breathe in the Spirit of God and say, "Give me patience, Lord." Then exhale anger, upset, and impatience. Staring at a garden won't make a shoot spring up any faster; however, giving thanks for the seed, the water, the soil, and the Giver of all life can deepen our trust that the garden will grow. So be

patient. Rejoice always. See and be the signs of God's beauty and bounty in our world today.

PATIENCE... NOW!

A friend walked me through his newly planted garden to help me see how it would look in spring. He finally stopped and said, "You can't picture any of this, can you?" I couldn't until I saw it in full bloom the following springtime. Then I could understand why he planted the seeds where he had. Then I saw the beauty and bounty that his planting represented. "Tell John what you hear and see," Jesus says to John's disciples. The signs of the Messiah proclaimed by the prophets are beginning to bloom. Look and see! Hear the singing of those once mute and the rejoicing of the crowds who witness these works. The beauty and the bounty of our generous God are all around.

Today's Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is open. Please note that there are changes with the Mass book for 2023. **Only 2 Sunday Masses** will be permitted **per ONE family**. Holy days of obligation, St. Jude Novena, and the OLS feast will be available but limited to **ONE Mass per family**. The daily Masses will **ONLY** be available month to month. You may mail in your requests, include a telephone number so the office staff can reach you in the event the date you requested has been taken. The Masses will be put into the book in the order they are received. All Mass stipends are \$10. There will be no individual intentions for Easter, Christmas, Mother's or Father's Day, and All Souls Day. If you want to receive confirmation of your Mass requests, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to help decorate our Church for Christmas. No experience is necessary! Join us on Thursday, December 22nd, at 10:00 AM.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Christmas Vigil and Day Masses will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, whose names appear on the Christmas Mass Remembrance and Spiritual Bouquet envelopes. The suggested donation is \$5.00. The Spiritual Bouquet Christmas cards to present or send to family members and friends are available at the Rectory office. Please contact the Rectory office to arrange a time to pick up your Spiritual Bouquet Christmas card. All intentions will be placed on the altar during all Christmas Masses.



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 **Maria Cunha, Gary Davitt, Meme Evans, Kathleen Fudali, Jay Harris, Ted Hirschi, Jaxson Rivera, June Struziensi, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

May God grant them healing.



CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING
The Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble under the direction of John J. Miller, Conductor, and Kristin Dabaghian, Organist, will present the Candlelight Carol Sing on:

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022
&
Thursday, December 15, 2022**

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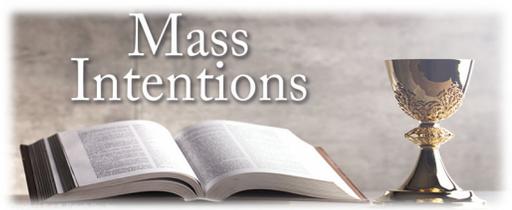
CHRISTMAS WAFERS



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.

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

You are invited to join our Christmas Choir as we prepare for the liturgical season of Christmas. Choir practice is held on Mondays, at 7:15PM in the choir loft. We hope to see you there!!!



Saturday
5:00 PM

December 10

Mazur Family
Req. Gen and Al Mazur

Sunday
9:00 AM

December 11

Richard Walingavich
Req. Dolores Walingavich

Monday
7:30 AM

December 12

Special Intention for Janette Faulk & Living Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Tuesday
7:30 AM

December 13

Special Intention for Harold John Faulk & Living Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Wednesday
7:30 AM

December 14

Arnanldo Hernandez & Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Thursday
7:30 AM

December 15

Frances and John Mazur
Req. Alex and Gen Mazur and Family

Friday
7:30 AM

December 16

Phil Degenna & Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Saturday
7:30 AM

December 17

Patrick Colzangari & Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday
5:00 PM

December 17

Barbara Lore
Req. Your Loving Family

Sunday
9:00 AM

December 18

Helder Esteves 21st Anniversary
Req. Family



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF

DECEMBER 11, 2022

- Altar Bread & Wine...**
People of the Parish
- Sanctuary Lamp...**
People of the Parish
- Altar Candles...**
People of the Parish

2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 11	Class
December 18	Class
December 25	No Class (Christmas)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st collection	12/04/2022	\$856.00
2 nd collection	12/04/2022	\$405.00

The second collection for the weekend of 12/17 & 18 is for the Archdiocesan Monthly Assessment
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!

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