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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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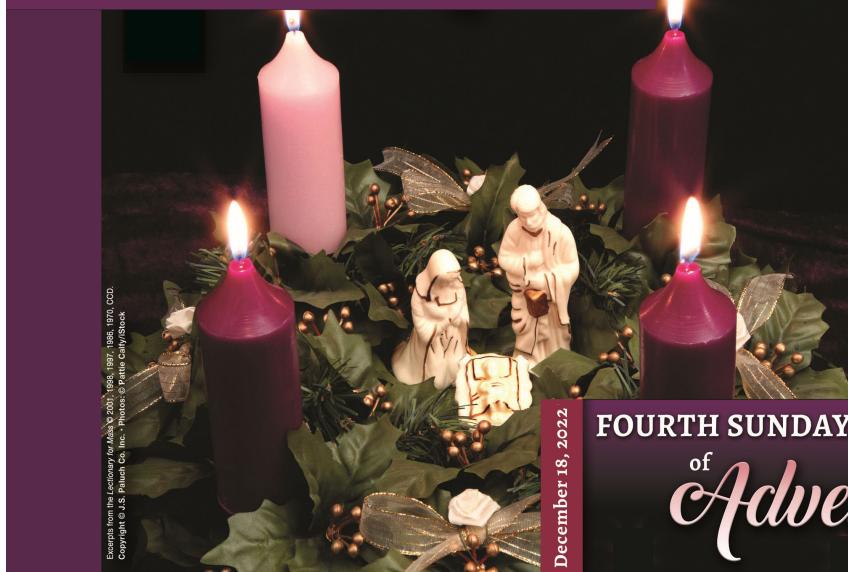


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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

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December 18, 2022
FOURTH 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent's four Sundays each have their own focus: "Stay awake!" (First); John the Baptist (Second); Rejoice! (Third); Joseph/Mary (Fourth). We might need to have a little pity on the Fourth Sunday, however, since the hectic realities of the secular calendar can overwhelm it, particularly in those years when there are only one or two (or zero!) days before Christmas. This year we have the luxury of a whole week! What shall we do with this gift from God? Perhaps a bit more charity or social action on behalf of God's poorest. Maybe take some time to listen for the voice of God in our dreams, as Joseph did. Attend daily Mass, Advent reconciliation, or pray the "O" antiphons (which began this Saturday evening). As with every gift, we show true gratitude by using it. Let us do so, as Paul tells us in Romans, for the sake of the name of Jesus, whose coming we await.

WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

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.



WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on

Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

Today's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 24, 2022

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00 AM

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

Choir practice is held on Monday, December 19th, at 7:15PM in the choir loft. We hope to see you there!!!



2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 18	Class
December 25	No Class (Christmas)
January 1	No Class (New Year's Day)
January 8	Class



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 Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza**, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 PM

December 17

Barbara Lore
Req. Your Loving Family

December 18

Helder Esteves 21st Anniversary
Req. Family

December 19

Kevin Tilson &
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

December 20

Rose Nadrowski &
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

December 21

Helen Krakosky
Req. Mazur Family

December 22

Rev. Stanley Kostrzomb
Req. Gen Mazur and Family

December 23

Doreen McDermott &
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

December 24

People of the Parish

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saturday

5:00 PM

December 24

Spiritual Bouquets

Sunday

9:00 AM

December 25

Spiritual Bouquets

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022



Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish

Altar Candles...

People of the Parish

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to bulletin production schedule, the collections for 12/11/2022 will appear in a future bulletin.
There is no second collection for 12/25/2022.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

—Charles Dickens

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