

Advent Daily Prayer

*Come and rest in our hearts this Advent Season.
 Bless us and guide us as we await Your birthday.
 With great joy and deep gratitude
 we look forward to this celebration of your birth.
 In these days of Advent, change us,
 soften our hearts and forgive us our sins
 that we might greet You this Christmas
 with pure hearts, to forgive, hearts ready to celebrate.
 Come Lord Jesus, and rest in our hearts
 this Advent Season and always.
 AMEN*

SEASON OF ADVENT - On that first Advent, the Scripture reminds us: "I send my messenger before you to prepare the way of the Lord...Thus it was that John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to forgiveness of sin..." How are we preparing the way of the Lord? What can we do to make Advent count more in our lives? Try going to daily Mass. Get to Confession more frequently. Prepare to receive the Lord Jesus more worthily in the Holy Eucharist. Make kindness a big part of your life. Recite daily the Holy Rosary. Look for Christ in every person you meet today. During these four weeks of Advent, let us try to refrain from the worldly commercial spirit that surrounds us and think of the greatest event in the history of mankind; **the Eternal Son of God became man among us!** This marvelous and miraculous event took place among us on the first Christmas.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Our Lady of Guadalupe is most closely associated with the Mexican Culture; as that is where she first appeared. In 1946 Our Lady of Guadalupe was named Patroness of the Americas, with her feast day being celebrated each year on December 12. Our Parish will offer a special mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th at 5:00 pm (combining the 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm Masses)**. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the Mass and celebration of food and music in the Church Hall following the Mass.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – On **Saturday, December 8th**, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This Feast celebrates the dogma of our Catholic Faith that Mary was sinless from the very moment of her conception. This privilege was granted to her because of her mission to be the Mother of our Savior, in order to make her a worthy dwelling for Him. Our Lady, under the title of The Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. **Holy Day Mass will be offered on Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 am.**

2019 Mass Intentions: The scheduling of Mass Intentions for next year will begin on Monday, December 3, 2018. **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.

ADVENT SEASON OF SONG – Join us for an afternoon of Christmas Hymns sung by our Parish Choir on **Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 pm** in our church. Parishioners and friends are invited to enjoy the sounds of this beautiful season in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord on Christmas.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
 Your donation to the Religious Retirement Fund supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and priests. Please give generously to the Second Collection on **December 8 & 9.**

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 2 – First Sunday of Advent
- December 5 – Ladies Guild Christmas Party
- December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 15 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 16 – Christmas Concert by Choir
- December 24 – Christmas Eve
- December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord
- December 30 – The Nativity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 3 - 9, 2018

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.

However the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, December 3rd – St. Francis Xavier

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, December 4th

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Wednesday, December 5th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration – Spanish

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, December 6th – St. Nicholas

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, December 7th – St. Ambrose

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, December 8th

(No 8:00 am Morning Mass)

9:00 am - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation Mass

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 8th

5:00 pm - Deceased of the Porreca Family
by Andy & Rosalie

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 9th Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 - Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am - Community Mass

Robert Joseph Carnevale – Birthday Remembrance
by wife & family

Salvatore & Maria Ciccone by family

Rosario & Maria Ferragine by family

Mara Regoli by sister

December 2, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, December 3rd

7:00 pm - Ladies Guild Meeting - RH

Tuesday, December 4th

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Wednesday, December 5th

6:30 pm - Ladies Guild Christmas Party – Via Roma

7:00 pm - Holy Name Society Meeting & Christmas Party - RH

Friday, December 7th

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

Saturday, December 8th

10:00 am - CCD Classes – 1st & 2nd years

1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry - RH

4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confession - Church

Sunday, December 9th

10:30 am - Confirmation Class

2nd Collection: Retired Religious Fund

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)

Weekend of November 17 & 18

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,616.00

Second Collection: \$1,140.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Sanctuary Candle:

George Forte by wife

Altar Bread & Wine:

George Forte by wife

+ Died in Christ +

Matthew Celeberto

Lorenzo Gerardo Lucero

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In Memory of*

Peter Gallo, Jr.