

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please Pray For All The Sick

Barbara Correa, Annie Hurley, Gregory Kelly, Fred Weber, Miyanna Figueroa, Brian Cabral, Mariana Weglinski, and Aissa Aro.

And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.



Making Room for Jesus

As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

As stewards, we often face the temptation to let our works of charity become a life of volunteering instead of a spirituality of service. Our many works may begin to take precedence over our relationship with Christ which should always remain as the source of our stewardship. This Advent, as we are waiting for Christ, Christ is also waiting for us. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). He is waiting for us to open the door and let him in.

We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us. St. Teresa of Calcutta says it best when she proclaims that, "it is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." St. Teresa of Calcutta fully embodies the spirit of stewardship that makes room for Christ to love others through her. Let us strive to let Jesus into our lives as we approach Christmas.



Christmas Eve-Sunday, December 24th, 2023
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25th, 2023
10:00am and 12:00 noon

Tuesday, December 26th, 2023
Morning Mass at 9:00 am

Wednesday, December 27th, 2023
Morning Mass at 8:30 am

New Year's Eve-Sunday, December 31st, 2023
5:00pm 7:00pm

New Year's Day-Monday, January 1st, 2024
10:00am 12:00 noon

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024
Morning Mass at 8:30 am

Christmas Eve and Midnight Masses – Livestreamed

New Year's Eve Mass – Livestreamed

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL & PARISH OFFICE **CHRISTMAS HOURS**

Please note the Parish Office will be opened on
December 24 and 31st until 12 noon.
Closed on December 25th, 26th
and January 1st.

***There will be no 8:00 am mass on
December 24th & 31st ***

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed from December 24th to
December 26th and December 31st to January 1st inclusive.

From December 27th through to January 5th
the church, office will be closed at 4pm. There are no evening
hours for Church, Chapel and Office.
Regular hours will resume on January 6th, 2024.



May the Christmas GIFTS remind us of God's greatest gift, His only Son.
May the Christmas CANDLES remind us of Him who is the "Light of the World."
May the Christmas TREES remind us of another tree upon which he died.
May the Christmas CHEER remind us of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."
May the Christmas FEAST remind us of Him who is "the Bread of Life."
May the Christmas BELLS remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth.
May the Christmas CAROLS remind us of the son the angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest!"
May the Christmas SEASON remind us in every way of Jesus Christ our King!

Extending you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas....

Father Gijo, Father Shyju, Deacon Miguel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2023



Masses For The Week

10:00 am **Monday, December 25**

For the repose of the souls of Joe & Helen Boyd;
Requested by Boyd & Grant Family

12:00pm
For the repose of the souls of Manuel & Margarida Rebelo;
Requested by the Rebelo Family

9:00 am **Tuesday, December 26**

For the repose of the soul of Fernando Da Silva;
Requested by Emilia Da Silva

For the repose of the soul of Tony Nazareth;
Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Angiolina Italiano;
Requested by the Family

8:30 am **Wednesday, December 27**

For the repose of the soul of John McMurray;
Requested by Catherine & Dan Kaloutsky

For the repose of the soul of Fernando Da Silva;
Requested by the Da Silva Family

For the repose of the soul of Susan Clemente Marcial;
Requested by Nida Ayson

For the repose of the soul of Wilfredo Gonzalvo;
Requested by the Family

Special Intentions and Wedding Anniversary Blessings;
Requested by the Domingo Family

8:30 am **Thursday, December 28**

For the repose of the soul of Ana Maria Costa;
Requested by the Costa Family

For the repose of the soul of Tomas Anden;
Requested by Linda

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving;
Requested by the Leslie Family

8:30 am **Friday, December 29**

Special Intentions & Birthday Blessings for Ann & Tony;
Requested by Thomas and Family

Thanksgiving for Blessings Received;
Requested by the MacDonald Family

Special Intentions and Healing for John Marco;
Requested by the Family

9:00 am **Saturday, December 30**

For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Bonus;
Requested by the Family

Birthday Blessings for Riza Sychangco;
Requested by the Family

Thanksgiving Blessings for Senia & Vinko Grbin;
Requested by Violet

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Alda Maria DeMenezes;
Requested by the DeMenezes Family

Special Intentions;
Requested by the Rocha Family

For the repose of the soul of Kenneth Hill;
Requested by Elide Zuvic

10:00 am **Sunday, December 31**

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm

Thanksgiving for Blessings and Special Intentions for Eric & Nicole

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of John Bernard Elfstrom;
Requested by the Silvestre Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Mary Bastiampillai;
Requested by the Family

The Filipino Community invites you to
Fiesta Santo Niño Mass
on Saturday, January 6th at 12:00pm
For more details contact Cecilia Hortillo



The Shepherds' Trust

Caring for those who have always cared for us!

The Shepherds' Trust ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. This fund does more than just support our priest's in their twilight years, it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received.

With your generosity our parish raised \$6,996.50 this year.

ShareLife

Your helping hand is the answer

Our goal this year is \$73, 200. To date we have achieved \$66,488.70.
Thank you for your generous donations to make this possible.

2024 Tax Receipts

To be eligible for tax receipts for donations made in the 2023 year the deadline is Sunday, December 31, 2023.



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to:
Last week's offering.....\$8,100.15