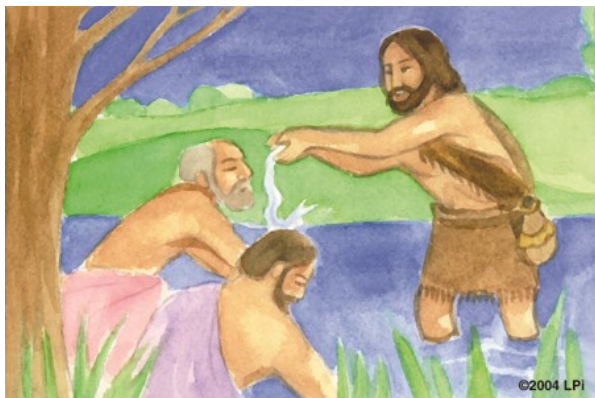


Sunday, December 12, 2021



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 13, 2021

8:15am: + Joseph & Ubaldina D'Souza

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

8:15am: + Joseph & Stanislaw Dokurno

7:00pm: + Jossie Caliccilo

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

8:15am: + Margaret D'Souza

Thursday, December 16, 2021

8:15am: + Jennifer & Henry D'Costa

Friday, December 17, 2021

8:15am: + Cynthia & Mervyn D'Souza

7:00pm: + James Ben

+ Maria Milardovic

+ Luba & John Zebec

+ Andrija Zebec

+ Soosaipillai

Saturday, December 18, 2021

8:15am: + Prazeres De Souza

5:00pm: + Filippo Di Franco

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:30am: + Arasaratnam

10:00am: + Engracio & Maxima Lagman

12:00pm: + Prip De Souza

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9am-1pm

Saturday 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm

Sunday 9am-1pm

When the office is open, the Church is open as well.



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stpatriksyouth.com

Third Sunday of Advent



"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!"

-St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad

other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters. St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price. We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." -St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Poinsettias

Pick up starts this weekend after all masses!

Online Prayer Group (via Zoom)

Please join us **Monday evenings at 7:00pm for an hour of Prayers & Reflections** via Zoom.

Zoom meeting link and reminders will be emailed through our distribution weekly on Mondays.

Note: When logging on, you will need this passcode: **196792**.

Advent is upon us! Each Monday for the next four weeks, together we will read, reflect, and pray the beautiful Advent scriptures, as we prepare and patiently wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For more information, please

Email: stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com

2022 Envelopes

2022 Envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Alex

Romero, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Joe Aguanno, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallaf, John Kolozsvari, Geleong Apong, Dominic Alvia



Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar

CWL is organizing a Christmas Bazaar this weekend, **Dec 11/12, 2021 after ALL Masses.** The much awaited Parish Cookbooks are the highlight of the sale @ \$20 each and will make excellent Christmas gifts. There will also be a Silent Auction of Christmas Baskets and a sale of baked goods and crafts. See you there!

Join us for The VERSO Christmas Jam!

All high school students (gr. 9 & up) and young adults (18+) are invited for our next Verso Night on Saturday December 18th from 6:30pm to 8pm in the parish. Join us in the church for Christmas Carols, Karaoke, Bingo, Games, Prizes & More! Registration is encouraged. Masking and physical distancing protocols will be in effect. For more information and to register email Maria stpatsyouthgroup@hotmail.com. Our next Verso Night is on Sat, Jan 29th, 2022.

Confirmation Registration

Online Registration for Confirmation Preparation for 2022 will open at: **9am on Friday Dec 17th**. The link to register is at <http://bit.ly/Confo22>. For more information about the program, please contact Maria at stpatsyouthgroup@hotmail.com. Registration is through Eventbrite and it is to reserve your spot in a class or to choose the at-home option. Online registration will be open only from December 17th 2021 to January 2nd 2022.



Christmas & New Year Schedule 2021-2022 (Also available on the website)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED

Saturday, December 11: 3:00 - 4:45pm
Tuesday, December 14: 5:00 - 6:45pm
Friday, December 17: 5:00 - 6:45pm
Saturday, December 18: 3:00 - 4:45pm
Tuesday, December 21: 5:00 - 6:45pm
Tuesday, December 28: 6:00 - 6:45pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 14

Saturday, December 18: 5:00pm
Sunday, December 19: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED Dec 20-Dec 23

Monday, December 20: 8:15am

Tuesday, December 21: 8:15am, 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 22: 8:15am

Thursday, December 23: 8:15am

CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

NO MORNING MASS.

MASS TIMES: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 pm

NO 5:00 pm, NO 7:00 pm MASSES

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Sun, Dec 26

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 21

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED Dec 27-Dec 30

Monday, December 27: 8:15am

Tuesday, December 28: 8:15am, 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 29: 8:15am

Thursday, December 30: 8:15am

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 28

Friday, December 31: NO MORNING MASS, 5:00pm Only

Saturday, January 1: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm,

NO 5:00pm, NO 7:00pm MASSES

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

RESERVATION REQUIRED STARTS DEC 28

Sunday, January 2: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022**