

# Sunday, December 15, 2024



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 16, 2024

8:15 am: Fr. Brian Clough

### Tuesday, December 17, 2024

8:15 am: + Domenico Perna

7:00 pm: + Enzo Guzman and Jos Luong

### Wednesday, December 18, 2024

8:15 am: + Frank Madden

### Thursday, December 19, 2024

8:15 am: + Henry Joseph Madden

### Friday, December 20, 2024

8:15 am: + Mary Quinlan

7:00 pm: + Celestine Martis

+ Gioan Baptista Ty

+ Josephine Timko

+ Cettina Borg

+ Shiela Mary Pastina

### Saturday, December 21, 2024

8:15 am: + Shereda Jennings Cambell

5:00 pm: + Carbonelli & Howley Families

### Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:30 am: + Engracio & Maxima Lagman

10:00 am: + Kenneth Andrew Nichollus

12:00 pm: + Maria Nguyen, Song & Phero Nguyen and Truong Nhan

7:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners



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### Youth Website

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## Third Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment. This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives?

That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray:

"Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Fr. John Muir

## New Year's Eve Celebration

Ring in the New Year with joy and community! Join us for an unforgettable evening of dancing, live music, and amazing food. We'll have a live band, a DJ spinning your favorite tunes, and plenty of opportunities to connect and celebrate with friends old and new. **Cash Bar Available!** Don't miss this night of fun, laughter, and fellowship as we welcome 2025 together. Bring your dancing shoes and your appetite for good food and great company!

**WHEN:** 31<sup>st</sup> December, New Year's Eve

**WHERE:** Church Hall

**TICKETS:** \$75.00 per person

Tickets will be available after all masses.



## Poinsettia Pick Up

Pick-Up Dates—This weekend after all weekend Masses. Thank you for your support!

**Please Pray for the Sick...**

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Char-maine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Tamara Boaden, Anna lafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutillier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torre-franca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Bro-dar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Therese Torre-franca, Bened-ict De Castro, Magellan Tremblay, Roseanne & Bill Ben-nett, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo



**Christmas Schedule**

**Confessions**

Saturday, Dec 14 3:00-4:45 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 17 5:00-6:45 pm  
Wednesday, Dec 18 5:00-7:00 pm  
Friday, Dec 20 5:00-6:45 pm  
Saturday, Dec 21 3:00-4:45 pm

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, Dec 23 - 8:15 am  
Tuesday, Dec 24 - 8:15 am  
Tuesday, Dec 24 - See *Christmas Eve*  
Wednesday, Dec 25 - See *Christmas Day*  
Thursday, Dec 26 - 8:15 am  
Friday, Dec 27 - 8:15 am, 7:00 pm  
Saturday, Dec 28 - 8:15 am

**Christmas Eve—Tues, Dec 24**

6:00 pm, 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day—Wed, Dec 25**

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

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec 28 - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, Dec 29 - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Monday, Dec 30 - 8:15 am  
Tuesday, Dec 31 - 8:15 am

**Feast of Mary the Mother of God**

Tuesday, Dec 31 - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, Jan 1 - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm

Please note there is NO 7:00 PM Mass!

Thursday, Jan 2 - 8:15 am  
Friday, Jan 3 - 8:15 am, 7:00 pm (First Friday)  
Saturday, Jan 4 - 8:15 am

**Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord**

Saturday, Jan 4 - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, Jan 5 - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

*Regular Weekday and Sunday Schedule follows beginning with Monday, Jan 6, 2025.*

**Chalice**

Chalice is a Canadian, Catholic international child sponsorship charity. For more than 30 years, our sponsors have supported children experiencing poverty to overcome obstacles, finish school, and have a hope-filled future. You **can** make a difference in someone's life today. Please visit the website to see how you can help a child, with a one time donation, a yearly sponsorship, or a gift for them in the name of someone here close to you. It's a gift that keeps on giving. If you prefer to call directly, Chalice can be reached at 1-800-776-6855 [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca)

**Christmas Bazaar—Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone for your support of the CWL Basket Raffle and Christmas Bake Sale and Bazaar. The funds raised will help support local families in need, as well as our Parish family. **The lucky basket winners are:** Liz Mc, Eliabeth M, Bibiana G, Lillia C, Julie C, Clau-dette R, Marie F, Corra D, Dorothy P., and Marilyn. Merry Christmas to you all!

**Thank you from the Squires**

Dear Parishioners, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for attending the Squires Dinner. Your presence truly helped make the evening an unforgettable experience. It was an amazing night filled with great conver-sation, laughter, and wonderful memories. I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did, and I look forward to the opportunity to share more special moments together in the fu-ture. Thank you again for being a part of this memorable event! - Mark

