Sunday, December 24, 2023



Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25, 2023 NO MASS INTENTIONS Tuesday, December 26, 2023 8:15am: + Carol Anderson 7:00pm: + Maria Fatima Dinis Wednesday, December 27, 2023 8:15am: + Kenneth Andrew Patrick Nicholls Thursday, December 28, 2023 8:15am: + Anieta Kryskiw Friday, December 29, 2023 8:15am: Michael 7:00pm: + Eliseo Hidalgo Jr. + Vincent Mui Michael & Gabriel + Armando & Elia Manzolini + Joseph Phong & Maria Binh Saturday, December 30, 2023 8:15am: + Carol Anderson 5:00pm: + Vincent D'Mello Sunday, December 31, 2023 8:30am: + Caridad & Estanislao Taruc 10:00am: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth 12:00pm: + Armand Laberge & Bill Saxon 7:00pm: NO 7:00PM MASS



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<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>



Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up? I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the

Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in - especially in - troubled circumstances. Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and vet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found **favor with God**." – Father John Muir



May this Christmas be a time of love, joy and peace for you and your families.

> From our Parish Family here at St. Patrick's:

Fr. Brian, Kimberley, Maria, Dave, Beatrice, Kimberly, Andrea, Dominic and I, Merry Christmas and Blessings for the coming year! - Fr. John

<u>Please Pray for the Sick...</u>

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina Mac-Pherson, 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, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virgina Torrefranca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranca, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Teresita Morales, Emilia Castro, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Kinga Serwin, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pastolero, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto

<u>Holiday Office Hours</u>

Dec 23-26: CLOSED Dec 27: 9:00am-4:00pm Dec 28: 9:00am-4:00pm Dec 29: 9:00am-12:00pm Dec 30-Jan 1: CLOSED Jan 2: 9:00am-4:00pm

Chalice Gift Catalogue

Be the beginning by walking with the most in need. Our Gift Catalogue 2023 has many options that are valuable gifts for a child and a family in need. Gift Catalogues are available at the back of the Church on the shelf by the bulletin board.

Online Prayer Group

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us via Zoom every Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections during the liturgical season of Advent, and onward to Christmas season.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570 Passcode: 196792

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office if you wish to be added to the email list.

MASS SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, Dec 23: 5:00pm Sunday, Dec 24: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm **NO** 7:00PM MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24 6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm **NO** 7:00pm Mass

MASSES (CHRISTMAS WEEK)

Tuesday, Dec 26: 8:15am, 7:00pm Wednesday, Dec 27: 8:15am Thursday, Dec 28: 8:15am Friday, Dec 29: 8:15am Saturday, Dec 30: 8:15am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, Dec 30: 5:00pm Sunday, Dec 31: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm **NO** 7:00pm Mass

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, Dec 31: 5:00pm Monday, Jan 1: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, **NO** 7:00pm Mass

Regular weekday and Sunday schedule follows beginning Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024.

