

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Also by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

REGISTRATION

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at (516) 621-2222.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

PLEASE PRAY



FOR THE SICK

Kathleen Capuano Rebekah Čole Kevin Cronin Paul Cronin Joseph V. Danbusky John Damiano Jessica Dawson Linda De Stio John Paul DiNonno Kieran Doran James Dougherty Eric DuBois Members of Ferreira **Family** Noel Glen Stephen Grabher Roberta Greco

Christine Kenney Frank Krukowski John LaPreziosa Janet Levchuck Richard Malon Marilyn Manning Stuey Manzione Justin Paradine Diana Pearce Karen Petrik Marion Prendergast Gregory Racaniello Jaxon Rivera Clotida Vecchione Ronald Webb Anne Wright Mary Wybaillie



Sunday, December 10: 2nd Sunday in Advent

7:30 a.m. Kay Lynch

by Linda & Fred Strobel

9:00 a.m. Joan Grau

by Jeanne & Scott Lewis

11:00 a.m. Mario Ferri

by Maria & Anthony Marciano

Giovanna Tiberia

by Catherine Califano

Peter Vanatta

by Cathy Vanatta

12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 11: Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. The Vanatta, Corvetti, and Guido Families

by Cathy Vanatta

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m. Dolores O'Hara

by Richard O'Hara

Wednesday, December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 a.m. Joe, Joyce, and Michael Doherty

by Matthew and Karen Doherty

Thursday, December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest &

Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Helen & James O'Hara

by Richard O'Hara

Friday, December 15: The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Flex Rivera

by Chris O'Neil

Saturday, December 16: Advent Weekday

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Chaco

by Liz and Jimmy Kilderry

John Juliski

by The Family

Thomas and Helen Tucholski

by Their Families

Sunday, December 17: 3rd Sunday in Advent

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Mary & Carmin Dellavecchia

by Charles & Linda Dellavecchia

11:00 a.m. Dolores O'Hara

by Richard O'Hara

Giovanna Tiberia

by Tony & Antonietta Ardovini

12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Muller &

McNichol Families

by Lorraine Muller & Gail Muller

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

FOCUS: Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah offers words of comfort and hope that the time of exile is coming to an end and the Lord is preparing to reveal his glory to all people. Peter exhorts his community to live in holiness and devotion in anticipation of the day of the Lord. Mark begins his Gospel describing the ministry of John the Baptist who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and that one greater than he would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Readings for next week, Sunday December 17, 2023

1) Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

2) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

3) John 1:6-8, 19-28

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♦ Celebrants for the Weekend of **♦** December 16/17 2023

December 10/17, 2025			
	Celebrants*	Lector	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Lorraine Czarniak - L	
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Mary Doran - L	
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Joe & Mary Castellano- L	
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Lora Lofaro - L	
12:30 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Virginia Eyerman - L	

Subject to last minute changes.

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As Catholics, we are called to proclaim Jesus Christ to others as St. John the Baptist did. We should use the talents and gifts God has given us to draw others to Him. Pray to God to show you how you are called to invite people to grow closer to Him.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Sunday Offering ~ December 3	\$6,822*
Same Week Last Year	\$7,320*
Mass Attendance for ~ December 3	527
Same Week Last Year	531

^{*}Does not include Faith Direct

Reminder

Sunday December 24 is also the 4th Sunday in Advent. Regular Sunday Mass will be held on

> Saturday, December 23 **AND** Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 24

> The Rectory will be closed Monday, December 25th Tuesday, December 26th and Monday, January 1st



You Tube Just a reminder all St. Mary's Masses are on Youtube link https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn

The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

The apparition of Our Lady to St. Juan Diego on Tepeyac, a hill just outside Mexico City is a powerful event with enormous ramifications for Spanish-speaking peoples, not the least of which is the fact that today South America has the largest concentration of Catholics in the world. Juan, an Aztec who had recently converted to the faith, was hurrying to Mass in the city when he encountered the Blessed Mother, who appeared to him as an expectant mother around age 15, and, consistent with the Book of Revelation, clothed with the sun, moon, and stars. She sent Juan to the ordinary, Bishop Zumarraga, with a request that a Church in her honor be built upon the spot: one that initially met with skepticism, as the bishop asked for a sign

that might certify the genuineness of her appearance. Our Lady did not disappoint, and instructed Juan to go to the top of the mountain, during a season unsuitable for growing plants, and there gather roses in his *tilma*—an apron of sorts—and show

them to the cleric. This he did, and when he let the roses fall from his garment, the image of the Virgin remained on the *tilma* in vibrant colors, all the more remarkable given the poor quality of the cloth. The Bishop was more than satisfied, and knelt before the likeness of Mary; and the miraculous cure of Juan's uncle, which occasioned his journey to the city, confirmed the authenticity of the apparition.

Most of us are aware of the details of the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Yet time and circumstances may distance us from the situation that makes one of Mary's great appearances so important, indeed so relevant to our own times. The 16th century was the age of the conquistadores, a mixed blessing for the inhabitants of Latin America. The Spanish certainly brought the faith, as well as

European culture, to the New World, yet not without a degree of prejudice and contempt toward the Native Peoples. It is also true that the Europeans encountered some very disturbing practices among the peoples they met; human sacrifice comes to mind. The idea that God would choose a humble peasant with no social bearing to be a vehicle of grace, understanding, and love among people from myriad cultures, classes, and customs was earth-shattering. The sacredness of all human life was advanced. Oppressed peoples, refugees, and victims of prejudice found hope and strength in the divine care that embraces them, while challenging all of us to imitate God's universal salvific will. We live in a world in which the most fundamental recognition of human dignity is

routinely denied people on the basis of their race and religion. This, of course, is a scandal. Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe keeps the dignity of God's "least children" before us.

As I write this, a friend sent me a famous quote from the French Catholic writer, Leon Bloy. He tells us: "You do not enter paradise tomorrow or ten years from tomorrow; you enter paradise today, when you are poor and crucified." No doubt, strict justice demands the advancement of those who lack the basic essentials for human life, to say nothing of attaining its higher blessings. At the same time, those of us who are unfamiliar with abject poverty should take a lesson from Bloy. Do we not pray in the *Panis Angelicus* that the Body of Christ sustains the "poor and humble servant"? In what way, then, have we become poor and crucified, and so, eligible to share the heavenly meal?

Faithfully,

In Volentine

Fr. Valentine



Kellenberg Memoríal Hígh School

The following students has received **National Honor Society**

Gíana Balzano Síenna Bonavíta Sofía Bonavíta Erín Fínnegan

Advent Giving Tree

The Human Concerns Ministry invites all parishioners to help families certificates can be obtained at Target, T.J. Maxx, Kohl's, Walmart, etc.

The Giving Trees are set up in the Church and Msgr. Ryan Hall. Please attach the gift tag to the wrapped packages and return the gift under the tree no later than Tuesday, December 18th or before. If anyone would like to take a family please call Elsie at (516)626-1097.

Thank you for your generosity.

Food Certificates for Christmas Help Those in Need

For Christmas we would like to give purchase power to those in need so that they can buy the goodies they'd enjoy for Christmas dinner. You can help by purchasing food certificates from Stop and Shop or other food stores, in the amount of \$25 and bring or mail them to the Human Concerns Office. The certificates will be given out with the presents. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to ST. MARY'S CHURCH, with Human Concerns written on the memo line, and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Flowers and Greens

St. Mary's has the custom of a Flower Fund to provide flowers for the altar and sanctuary in the church and Msgr. Ryan Hall at Christmas. If you wish to make a donation to our Christmas Flowers and Greens in memory of a loved one, please return your envelope that you will receive in the mail to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket. There are extra envelopes at the doors of the Church and Hall.

The Guild of St. Francis Hospital provides an annual Christmas opportunity to honor your living or deceased by including their name(s) on its

Tree of Lights.

The donation is

\$10 per name request.

Mail in Order forms are on the rack in the vestibule.

Mail-in deadline:

December 23, 2023

A special Tree of Lights
Honoree Mass will be
celebrated in St. Francis
Hospital chapel On

Thurs., January 4, 2024 at 5 p.m.

St Mary's Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (Choir) - Msgr. Ryan Hall 6:00 pm - Church 10:00 pm - Church Monday, December 25th Christmas Day

7:30 am - 9:00 am - Church 11:00 am (Choir) - Church 12:30 pm - Msgr. Ryan Hall

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Monday, January 1st - 9:00 am Mass-Church



Thank You Knights of Columbus

For the beautiful Christmas tree lights and assembling the Crèche. Your efforts add warmth and joy to this festive season.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protector against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him,

we humbly pray;
And do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

St. Mary's Religious Education & Faith Formation

December 10, 2023
OPEN THE DOOR OF FAITH

Next Grade Level Mass Dates

Sunday, Jan 7: Levels 1-4

Sunday, Jan 14: Levels 5-8

Please pray for Our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare for Confirmation

Feast Days of Our Lady

Dec 8: Immaculate Conception Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Theme is Finding God: Our Response To God's Gifts When did you experience God this week? How did you respond?

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

The readings in today's Mass remind us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The first reading says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!" Saint Paul,

in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?

First, we should try to be holy like Saint Paul says. We should pray and do good. Then, we should make sure that we have repented of all our



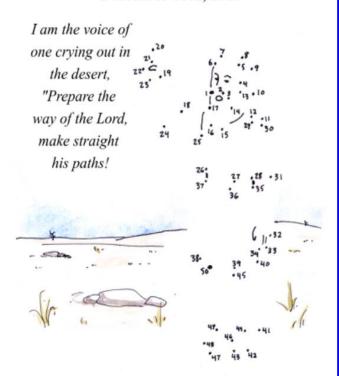
sins, like Saint John the Baptist taught the people. Finally, we should tell people about Jesus! The first reading tells us, "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!"

Answers to Isaiah 40 Word Find: The Messiah is coming! Answer to front page: Saint John the Baptist.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent December 10th, 2023



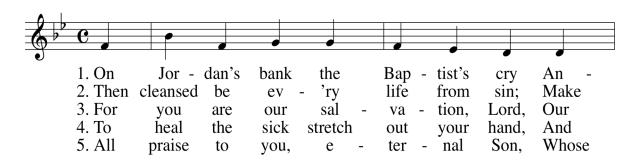
What did God send before Jesus to prepare the people for His coming?

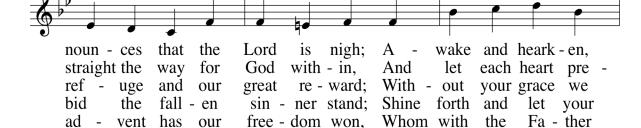
Connect the dots to find out!

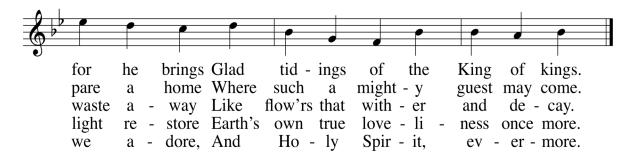
2nd Sunday of Advent Year B — December 10, 2023 Missal

Entrance

On Jordan's Bank



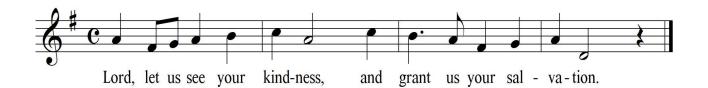




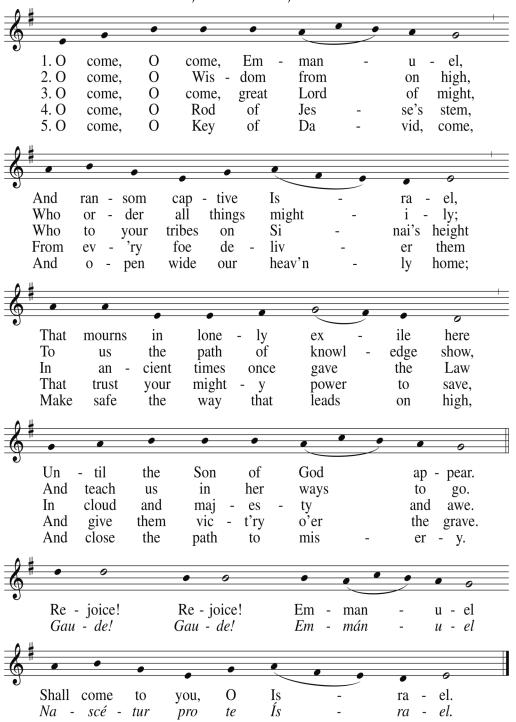
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Responsorial Psalm



Offertory O Come, O Come Emmanuel



Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass

Acclamation

Great Amen

Mass

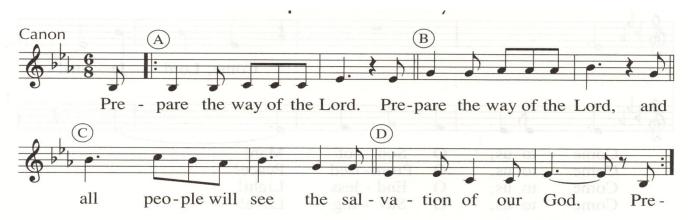
Schubert

Save Us, Savior of the World

Schubert

Communion

Prepare the Way of the Lord



Text: Luke 3:4, 6; Taizé Community, 1984 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent



Recessional

O Come, Divine Messiah



Text: Venez, divin Messie; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877 Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël, 16th C.; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968

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