



Welcome to Sisters Donata and Gaudia! These dear sisters come originally from Poland, but on Friday flew in from Florida and Washington, DC, to be with us for our Advent Mission. Their names mean "Gift" and "Joy" in Latin, and indeed these Polish Sisters of Our

Lady of Mercy will be God's joyful gift to us this weekend. If you missed them on Saturday, they will be leading a 3pm Hour of Mercy in the gym today (Sunday) and a talk in the church at 7pm tomorrow (Monday).

Consistently Pro-life If you agree with me that black lives matter, join us in the Tenderloin, where the vast majority of people living on the streets are African American. These men (most are males, but some are females) are so grateful to receive the human touch as we offer them sandwiches, hot chocolate, and warm clothing. They have been abandoned by their families, and in some sense are treated as pawns by the grinding wheels of city politics. When I ask them if they wish to pray with me, they gladly and gratefully bow their heads to a Power higher than themselves. Just outside the Tenderloin most of the street people are Latinos, and they often want me to hear their confession. If you'd like to help prepare the food on Sunday mornings, or join us on the streets on Sunday afternoons, leave a message for Saori in the parish office. And if you want to be consistently pro-life, join us on Saturdays at 10am at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility. "A person's a person, no matter how small." My prayer time with other Catholics and Protestants in front of Planned Parenthood is



one of the most deeply joyful experiences of my week!

Liturgical Changes Some have expressed a little consternation that different priests are doing different things at the altar, and certainly the people have a right to a uniform practice of liturgical prayer. Over the last few weeks I've been working with our priests toward greater consistency, and I've agreed to a few slight changes in how Mass is offered at the parish. I have conferred with the seminary faculty about these

changes, who approved them. These will go into effect on January 1. **English Masses: Priest's Position at Mass** For the opening and closing prayers, all priests will stand at the chair for Sunday Masses, and at the altar for daily Masses. **The Lamb of God** The priests will invite the congregation to exchange the Sign of Peace at the Sunday Masses, but not at the daily Masses ("giving the sign of peace" is actually optional). In both these cases, the reason for the difference between Sunday and daily Masses is to emphasize the greater solemnity of Sundays and Holy Days. **Latin Masses:**

The "second Confiteor" will not be said before Holy Communion, as it is not in the 1962 missal nor said by the Fraternity of St. Peter, whose rubrics we follow. The second Confiteor will be sung by the deacon in Solemn High Masses, as indicated in the 1962 missal. **Bells** will be rung at two new times: as the priest removes the chalice veil (indicating the beginning of the "Mass of the Faithful" with the Offertory) and as the priest drains the chalice (indicating the completion of the Sacrifice as he consumes the Precious Blood). Servers will also ring bells at these times in the English Masses. To the greater glory of God! Fr. J



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LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min. before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Devotions: Sacred Heart First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin. Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3: 8-14; Mk 1 1-8)
He Will Baptize Today's gospel marks the Second Week of Advent with the promise of baptism. "The Messiah, when he comes, will immerse you in the Holy Spirit, transforming your lives." For most of us, this has already happened, and so we need to simply recall the graces we continually receive, and live like we are indeed baptized Catholics!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Lucy's Feast Day is December 13. She converted to Christianity at the miraculous sight of her blind mother. This cost her life.

Pray the St. Lucy Prayer: Relying on Your goodness, O God, we humbly ask You, through the intercession of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, to give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Your greater honor and glory. Saint Lucy, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.

And sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

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FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

Find the titles below at: <http://watch.formed.org>

Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego | Littlest Saints A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?

How You Can Adopt Mary's Life-Changing Advent Spirit Are you looking for ways to grow during the Advent season? Author and convert Haley Stewart outlines how to follow Our Lady's footsteps during Advent and beyond, using insightful reflections from Caryll Houselander's "The Reed of God."

Mass Intentions

Sat 12/09	8:30am	Int. of Fr. Michael Rocha
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Charles Brantigan
Sun 12/10	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	+ John Illo
	11:30am	Int. of Lynn Kraehling (bday)
	7:30pm	Int. of Kevin Carter
Mon 12/11	7:00am	Int. of Carmen Duran Int. of Ernest Lardizabal Int. of Baby Benedict Francisco Zeitz + Francisco Matturano-Gomez + Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	+ Stella Zeszotek + Emelito Sapida + Carole Dawn Berry + Stephen Italiano Berry + Charles Edward Berry, Sr.
	6:00pm	Int. of Ernest Lardizabal (bday) Int. of Patty Sinn and Family + Basyll Strazhnyk + Roger Amante + Edward Audas Ramos, Jr.
Tue 12/12	7:00am	Int. of Joaquin Domingo and Alexandra Carcache
	12noon	+ Parker H. Moriwaki
	6:00pm	Int. of Danielle Colvert (bday)
Wed 12/13	7:00am	+ Maria Bruno
	12noon	+ Donald and Nydia Granizo
	6:00pm	+ John Scott McGrath
Thu 12/14	7:00am	+ Martha and Graciela Granizo
	12noon	+ Adele S. Grady
	6:00pm	+ Jenny Lee Chow (anniv)
Fri 12/15	7:00am	Int. of Natividad Martin (bday)
	12noon	+ Rosario Daquioag (anniv) + Antonio Dreon (bday)
	6:00pm	+ Remigio Mendoza Reyes (bday)
		+ Edward Tobin (bday)
Sat 12/16I	8:30am	+ Anna Moreira
	12noon	+ Eusebio Panganiban, Sr.
	4:30pm	

Prayer for the Sick



Anne Kavanagh, Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Fiona Papa, Paula Click, Brian Walsh and all sick parishioners.

Communal prayers

Saturdays, Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm in the church.
Sundays, Latin Rosary: You are invited to pray the rosary at 11am. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.
Sundays, Rosary Walk, 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: <https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary Walk>

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The KMM will be meeting this Wednesday, December 13, 7PM, in the St. Clare Room above the gym. We will be meeting to reflect on last year, enjoy fellowship with food, and look to the next liturgical year. Rosary at 6:40PM. Pizza and beverages provided.

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Friday 12/15, St. Mary's Cathedral, 7:30am
 Saturday 12/16, St. Ignatius, 5:00pm
 Sunday 12/17, St. Benedict, 10:30am
 Monday 12/18, St. Vincent de Paul, 8:15am
 Tuesday 12/19, St. Agnes, 12 noon Mass
 Wednesday 12/20, Star of the Sea, 6:00pm
 Thursday 12/21, St. Monica 6:00pm
 Friday 12/22, Most Holy Redeemer, 8:00am
 Saturday 12/23, St. Dominic's, 5:30pm

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ADVENT MISSION DECEMBER 9-11

Our Lady, Mother of Mercy
 Speaker: Sister Donata Farbaniec,

Of the "Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy" the religious order to which St. Faustina Kowalska belonged.

Dec 10, 7 min. reflections on the message of the Divine Mercy at all Sunday Masses

Dec 10, 3pm talk and chaplet of Divine Mercy at the Gymnasium

Dec 11, Visit with Stella Maris schoolchildren and 7pm Final talk "Sometimes in Life." Eucharistic Adoration and confessions



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 **STEWARDS STATS**
 Through work, we serve, minister, and become God's stewards on the earth.

Time: 10 people joined the Holy Face Devotion prayer last Tuesday.

Talent: 4 volunteers helped at the parish Christmas bazaar last weekend.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$7,960. FOCUS \$1,561

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