



December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday (Pg 25 red missal). Third Sunday of Advent (pg 147 Latin Missal).



World's Shortest Advent On those years when Christmas falls on a Monday, the Fourth Week of Advent is only a few hours long. Next Sunday will be Christmas Eve already, so make the most of this third and last week of Advent.

When I was a child I thought

Christmas would never come, but this year Christmas is definitely coming too soon! You have one more week to do at least one Advent Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, or pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with your children, or bring the whole family to a daily Mass, or go to confession. Please don't get cornered into last minute Christmas shopping—if you don't have the presents yet, forget about them. It's time to pray, to enter into the stillness in which the Son of God was born into this world, to look up and bless God rather than down at the traffic and to-do lists. Make this last week before Christmas a real retreat.

A Covenant Last week I flew back East to spend two days with my older brother, John, who is suffering from multiple illnesses. My brother is a devout and committed evangelical Protestant, and we spoke much of the things of God. He struggles to maintain peace during his irreversible illness, to persevere in thanking God for 68 years of life.

"Thank God in all circumstances" the Apostle exhorts us, and Johnny is preparing for an eternity with the Holy Trinity in paradise. He believes, and struggles to believe, in the Covenant God has sealed with the human race: "If you trust me, following my ways and keeping my Word, I will take care of you." This

covenantal faith was the essential message of our two wonderful **Divine Mercy Sisters** last week. We all received a burning love for the Divine Mercy during the Advent mission. Sisters Donata and Inga gave all who attended their talks the gift of peace and joy, including our schoolchildren.



Sisters Donata and Inga teaching 1st grade about God's love

A Movie Air travel is about the only time I watch movies, so I saw a movie on the way back from my brother's home last week. It's awfully hard to find a decent movie among the hundreds being offered, but I did watch Guy Ritchie's *The Covenant* on the way home (be advised that soldiers drop quite a few f-bombs). An American officer returns to Afghanistan to save the life of an interpreter whom the US Army promised an American visa. The chances of surviving the Taliban's price on his head were not good, but Sergeant John Kinley returned to Afghanistan to keep his word. Where do men get the courage to make such sacrifices, and why do we find this loyalty to one's word so inspiring? We get the courage from the God who keeps his promises, and we are inspired because our God Himself is covenantal. He promised to save Noah, Abraham, Israel, and all people who would put their faith in Him. At Bethlehem, He kept that promise. We celebrate this Covenant at Christmas. He saved our life at Calvary, and at every Mass we return to Calvary so that He will not have died in vain. We are a *conventual people*, but it's hard to be a son or daughter of the covenant (just ask any faithful Jewish person). His burden is light, but it is a burden. Next Sunday we celebrate that Covenant, joyfully returning to Bethlehem to receive His body and blood.

Liturgical changes As mentioned in last week's bulletin, from January 1, all priests will stand at the chair for Sunday Masses and at the altar for daily Masses; all priests will invite the congregation to exchange the Sign of Peace at the Sunday Masses but not at the daily Masses; the

"second Confiteor" will not be said before Holy Communion at the Latin Masses as it is not in the 1962 missal; and bells will be rung at the offertory and communion.

Fr. Joseph Illo



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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 61: 1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thess 5: 16-24; Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28) **Not the Light** Today's gospel is read at the end of every Mass in the older usage, from John 1. "A man was sent from God, named John He was not the light." John the Baptist was a messenger, not the messiah. Oftentimes we become so fascinated by a public figure, especially one who has slick podcasts, that we forget that there is only one Messiah, Jesus Christ our Lord.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the traditional calendar, we celebrate St. Thomas the Apostle on December 21. It was moved (in the Roman calendar) to July 3, in 1969. You will remember St. Thomas in John 20:24-29. After having doubted his friends of the Risen Lord, Jesus came through locked doors and said, "Peace be with you." He then invited Thomas to feel his wounds, and Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

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FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

Embracing the Season of Waiting

Every year we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus and his coming into our lives. In her talk, Sarah Christmyer offers insight on the Jesse tree, the story of salvation, and the story of David to help us enter the waiting of Christmas. During our current season of life, we can look forward to the time Jesus will come again in glory and show us eternal life.

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Mass Intentions

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| Sat 12/16 | 8:30am | + Edward Tobin |
| | 12noon | + Anna Moreira |
| | 4:30pm | + Eusebio Panganiban, Sr. |
| Sun 12/17 | 8:00am | + Ofelia Panganiban |
| | 9:30am | Int. of Maria Luisa Bogdan (bday) Int. of Felix, Lucy and the Tai Family |
| | 11:30am | + Desmond Walsh |
| | 7:30pm | People of the Parish |
| Mon 12/18 | 7:00am | Int. of Matthew and Tara Gariano Int. of Corinna Gamez and Family Int. of Baby Benedict Francisco Zeitz + Pope Benedict XVI + William A. Tarbox |
| | 12noon | Int. of Marcia Jervis In Thanksgiving of the Campos Marquez Family + Flavia Martinez + Alicia San Juan + Emilia Maglasang |
| | 6:00pm | + Grace Bentil + Clement Bentil + Frank Andam + Francis Andam + Clement Bentil, Jr. |
| Tue 12/19 | 7:00am | Int. of Gabriel Gamez-Mendoza |
| | 12noon | + Maria Bruno (1st anniv) |
| | 6:00pm | Int. of Lita Guinto (bday) |
| Wed 12/20 | 7:00am | + Enore Beltrame (bday) |
| | 12noon | + Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner |
| | 6:00pm | + Louis N. Petropoulos (anniv) |
| Thu 12/21 | 7:00am | Int. of Gilberto Gamez, Jr. |
| | 12noon | + Gabriel and Duval Nicolas |
| | 6:00pm | Int. of Elizabeth Ing (bday) |
| Fri 12/22 | 7:00am | Int. of Mark and Nicki Trahan (wedding anniv) |
| | 12noon | + Helen Wong Lum (anniv) |
| | 6:00pm | Int. of Norma Feria |
| Sat 12/23 | 8:30am | + Francis and Jenny Chow |
| | 12noon | + Luis and Purita Ibaseta |
| | 4:30pm | + Justina Tzeng |

Prayer for the Sick



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

Communal prayers

Saturdays, Divine Mercy Chaplet 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>

Programs & Ministries

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**CATHEDRAL DEANERY 2023
SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

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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We had a busy weekend at Star of the Sea! The Advent Mission talks (Sisters Donata and Inga shared time with our parish and school children), the Benedict XVI Advent Marian Prayer Service (Archbishop Cordileone honored us with his presence), followed by a reception hosted by Stella Maris Academy. On Tuesday, we had three Masses and two beautiful altars with lots of flowers for Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day. We also shared in community a Mexican breakfast hosted by the Guadalupanas Apostolate.



A PILGRIMAGE TO NORMANDY

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JUNE 2 -13, 2024

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Please donate Poinsettias
 to decorate our altars this coming Christmas. Drop them off in the office or in the church between December 17 to 23.
 Thank you!



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 60+ people joined the Advent Mission Divine Mercy chaplet prayer last Sunday.

Talent: 6 volunteers helped at the Advent Mission hospitality reception last Saturday.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$11,275

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