St. Patricia Catholic Church
November 30, 2025



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: **4:00 pm** (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: **7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am**
Weekdays: **Monday through Friday**: **8:30 am**

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: **Before 4 pm Mass (3:00-3:45 pm)**
OR, by appointment anytime.

RECTORY OFFICE: 1-708-598-5222

NEW OFFICE HOURS:
Monday — Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Closed 12-1 pm — LUNCH)
CLOSED Saturday & Sunday

ST. PATRICIA SCHOOL: 1-708-598-8200

9000 South 86th Avenue - Hickory Hills, IL 60457
School Website: www.stpatriciaschool.org
Email: spsinfo@stpatriciaparish.com
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BACK-TO-SCHOOL Office Hours:
Monday–Friday → 7:45 am—3:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE): 1-708-599-1221

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Email: reled@stpatriciaparish.com

RE Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday → 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Please Call Ahead For an Appointment

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:
The Parish of St. Patricia welcomes you and your family. Please register by calling, stopping by the Rectory during the week, or download the form from our website and return to the Rectory.

BAPTISMS:
Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are *usually* held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
PLEASE CALL US TO REGISTER → 1-708-598-5222.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES:
Our Baptismal Preparation Classes are *usually* held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in our Church's Gathering Space. PLEASE CALL US TO REGISTER → 1-708-598-5222.

MARRIAGES: Couples who wish to be married at St. Patricia should consult a priest to have their date scheduled. Marriage guidelines of the Archdiocese require that at least four (4) months be allowed for marriage preparations. Prior to booking your reception, please allow us four (4) months for marriage preparations. PLEASE CALL US TO REGISTER → 1-708-598-5222.

SICK CALLS: For confession, anointing of the sick or in any emergency, please call the Rectory → 1-708-598-5222.

COMMUNION CALLS: To make arrangements for Communion to be brought to the sick, please call the Rectory → 1-708-598-5222.

ADULT CONVERTS: ALL ARE WELCOME, please call the Rectory → 1-708-598-5222.

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All Bulletin articles must be submitted to the Rectory by Thursday, Noon. Articles may be dropped off at the Rectory or emailed to: bulletin@stpatriciaparish.com

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Kendra Anifer
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Trevor Anifer
Abraham Aparicio-Moran
Brandon Arvin
Janice Bergstrom
Diane Blaha
Maureen Bogg
Cindy Bukowski
Jack Carr
Dolores Castro
Frank Celani
Dale Christensen, Sr.
Mary Connelly
Baby Josephine
Jean Coughlin
Rowena Dapiton
Carolyn Dellamorte
Lou DeRose
Steve Dietz
Linda Doherty
Nestor Dolueras
Jean Durnik
Dennis Egan
Dennis Farley
Diana Farrero
Mike Farrero
Lauren Figueroa
Christine Fus
Len Fus
Hank Gaydos
James George
Frank Gogola
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Janice Grubisich
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Ted Murawski
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Dolores Wojciechowicz
Angela Wozniak-Granoski
Michael Zauner
Michael Zeifert
Clarence Zima

***NEW**



COMMUNITY SERVICES: Christmas

The Jewel Food Store in Hickory Hills is offering ***Holiday Bucks***. Before you check out at Jewel, please inform your cashier that you are donating ***Holiday Bucks***. **They must be purchased by Dec. 18th**. Your donations will support St. Patricia's Community Services. We would like to thank Jewel Food Stores and our Community for your assistance with helping the area's needy. **Your donation will provide a holiday meal for the needy.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Deacon Charley and Missy Keegan

COMMUNITY SERVICES: ST. PATRICIA & ST. SIMON OF CYRENE (FORMERLY ST. AGATHA)

Every year since 1977, we have asked for your assistance in helping our St. Patricia Parish and our Sharing Parish—St. Simon of Cyrene *(formerly St. Agatha)* to purchase gifts or gifts for people in need.

If you would like to purchase new gifts for our area's needy individuals or a needy family, please email Missy — **mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com**, or call Missy at 1-708-598-5222, and a wish list will be emailed to you.

St. Simon of Cyrene, our Sharing Parish, will be accepting gift cards instead of gifts. However, we still need to assist the families in need. One of our volunteers will email or call you with a wish list for a Parishioner of St. Simon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Missy. **THANK YOU in advance for all your assistance to our area's needy!**

Deacon Charley and *Missy Keegan*
St. Patricia Community Services



WEEKLY CALENDAR: NOV. 30, 2025 - DEC 7, 2025

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 a.m. - CH Mass
9:30 a.m. - CH Mass
11:30 a.m. - CH Mass **(Children's Bible Study: Ages 4-12)**
1:30 p.m. - CH BAPTISMS

Monday, December 1, 2025
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 2, 2025
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 3, 2025
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

Thursday, December 4, 2025
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

Friday, December 5, 2025
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass
5:30 p.m. - CH FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Saturday, December 6, 2025
8:30 a.m. - CH FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO THE BVM
2:00 p.m. - CH - WEDDING of CONNOR TIERNEY and SARAH LAWRENCE
3:00-3:45 p.m. - CH Confessions
4:00 p.m. - CH - Mass

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 a.m. - CH Mass
9:30 a.m. - CH Mass
11:30 a.m. - CH Mass **(Children's Bible Study: Ages 4-12)**

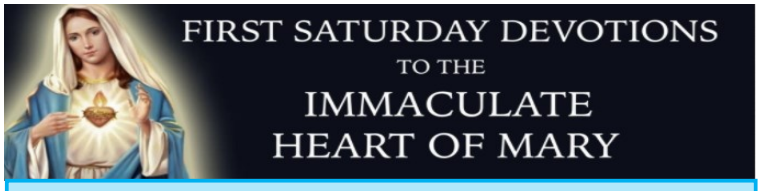
NEW RECTORY HOURS - in person and by phone **MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm**; Saturday and Sunday **CLOSED**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) OFFICE is open **Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our phone is **1-708-599-1221**. Registrations may also be dropped off with payment at the Rectory office.

ST. PATRICIA SCHOOL OFFICE is open **Monday through Friday - 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** In-person appointments are available by calling us at **1-708-598-8200.** Please call before stopping in.



Quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament is an important and necessary part of a healthy prayer life and a critical part of our faith journeys as Catholics. To be in the same room with the True Presence of our Lord and be humbled by His love and grace is an indescribable feeling - you have to experience it for yourself to truly understand. Our parish is blessed with First Friday of the Month Eucharistic Adoration, and I encourage everyone take full advantage, if available, of this incredible access to Christ and humbly seek Him out at every opportunity for worship, prayer and to unburden ourselves to Him. **NEXT Holy Hour is FRIDAY, December 5th—5:30 p.m.**

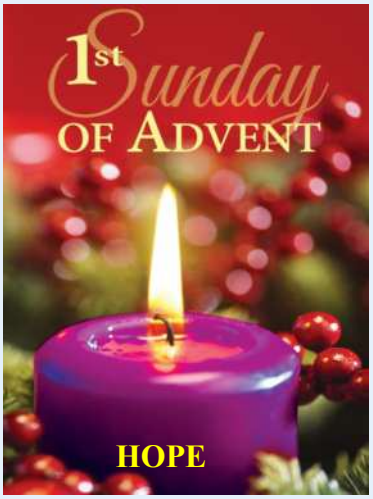


Join us at St. Patricia Church every 1st Saturday of the month.
OUR NEXT GATHERING IS DECEMBER 6TH @ 8:30 A.M.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

First Sunday of Advent—November 30, 2025

Dear Parishioners,



It is a truism that almost all of us are too busy to pay proper attention to our spiritual lives. I am no exception. So, I welcome the opportunity to spend my own Advent and Christmas seasons working on it. Alas, my own busyness often overwhelms my good intentions.

It is not only shopping and decorating that gets in the way, but the season's Christmas parties with family and parishioners, which seem to pile up one upon the other until the Advent and Christmas calendar dates are filled to overflowing.

We can begin the Advent Season with the words of John the Baptist himself: "Change your hearts and minds, for the reign of heaven is about to break in upon you!" (Matthew 3:2).

In keeping these common struggles in mind, the parish staff thought our theme for Advent should focus on "Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy." This was taken from the spiritual writer Matthew Kelly's new book of the same title.

Advent is about taking back our lives. We are all too busy. If we can just take a moment to slow down, pray and think, we will all be better off. Our spiritual lives, the very depths of our souls cannot be discovered in a rush.

"Advent by Candlelight," sponsored by the St. Patricia Women's Club was a wonderful evening of song, food and friends. Thanks for setting the tone for the weeks to come.

Please use the Advent Wreath that marks the four weeks of Advent as a way to stop and pray for your family and friends. I encourage you to take time to go to confession and perform acts of charity.

Spiritual traditions ask us to move our death from sometime in the distant future to right now. In this position of nearness, death can test our lives and teach us what to do. And, it has many lessons to our education. It weans us away from the illusion of immortality.

During this Advent Season, we are encouraged to prioritize our activities and focus on what is most important.

Advent gives us the motivation and instills a sense of freedom, reaffirming our ability to lead a life of integrity.

Advent awakens us to the dangers of procrastination, telling us to get out of our chair and deal with unfinished business. There are relationships that need reconciling and there are people that need to be thanked.

Finally, it opens us to each moment, cherishing whatever arises in all its fragility.

I Am Praying For ALL OF YOU During This Advent Season!

Father Mike Meany

MARINE CORPS RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS

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MARINE CORPS RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS

The **St. Patricia Knights of Columbus Council #282** in association with **Lack & Sons Funeral Home** is collecting new, unused, and unwrapped toy donations for **Toys For Tots.** A collection box is placed at the **Lack & Sons Funeral Home** located at **9236 So Roberts Road**. Toy donations can be dropped at **Lack & Sons** until **December 7th**, after which toys will be directly delivered to the U.S. Marine Corps based in Joliet and then distributed to local children in need.



Thank you for your generosity at this Christmas time!

Knights of Columbus
San Salvador Archangel Council #282

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK — NOVEMBER 30, 2025

PARISHIONER INPUT DISCERNMENT OF A NEW PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Please submit your input discernment of a new pastor online at: **https://forms.office.com/r/zbGdu1tkx5** **OR,** pick up a form at the Rectory Office (Mon-Fri - 9am-4pm) and **mail your responses by January 15, 2026 to**: **Miguel Aquino, Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611**

Please pray and consider St. Patricia Parish's opportunities and challenges that will be helpful to know in the selection of the new pastor. The questions are not to evaluate my ministry, but rather the focus is on the parish and its future. Your input is vital to the selection process; therefore, please take the time to give your thoughts.

I know that some parishioners are already speculating what is going to happen. Remember, this is only the beginning of the process which takes many months and considers many factors. After the 1st of the year, Cardinal Cupich will receive all the input and the recommendations from the Priest Placement Board and make his decision in early March as to who he will appoint to be the next Pastor of St. Patricia Parish. The new pastor assignment begins July 1, 2026. Please pray for one another during this time of transition.

Father Mike Meany



Please help us ensure **food pantries** run by local parishes and Catholic Charities are **fully stocked** as we approach the holiday season.

Vicariate V – What you can do:

Between **November 29** and **December 14**, donate the following non-perishable foods at your parish:

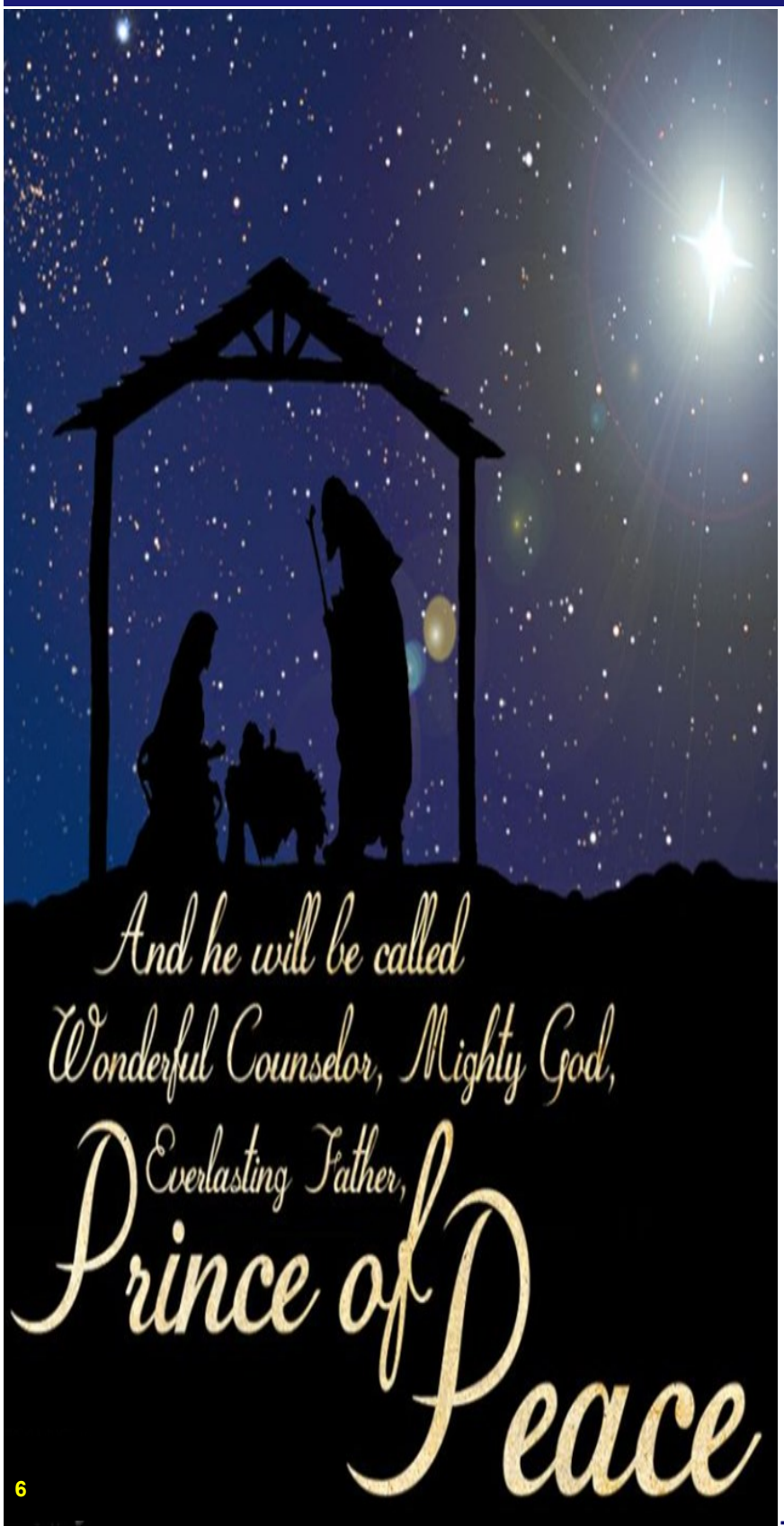
- Pancake mix
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Instant grits

BOXES for your non-perishable donations (listed above) **will be available in the Gathering Space of the Church beginning Sat., November 29th through Sun., December 14th. Also, collection boxes will be available in the School Office and RE Office.**

CONTACT: Missy Keegan with any questions at 708.598.5222.

Thank You AND God Bless You for Helping the area's needy during this holiday season!

ST. PATRICIA PARISH
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2025—2026



THE WEEKENDS OF ADVENT - 2025
NOV 30 — DEC 7 — DEC 14 — DEC 21
Saturdays — 4:00pm
Sundays — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

ADVENT 1ST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR
Eucharistic Adoration, Fri, Dec 5 — 5:30pm

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Sat, Dec 6 — 5:00pm-7:00pm IN PARISH CENTER

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS
Mon, Dec 8 — 8:30am ■ 10:00am ■ 6:30pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Thurs, Dec 11 — 6:30pm IN PARISH CENTER

ANOINTING OF THE SICK ADVENT MASS
Thurs, Dec 18 — 6:30pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION
Mon, Dec 22 — 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE (All Masses in Church)
Wed, Dec 24 — 8:30am
Children's Christmas Pageant 2:45pm
Children's Mass 3:00pm
Mass 4:30pm
Christmas Carols 8:00pm
Mass 9:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
All Masses in Church
Thurs, Dec 25 — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

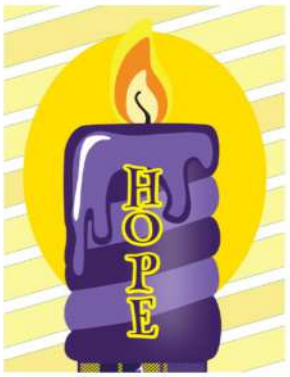
ST. STEPHEN
Fri, Dec 26 — 6:30pm Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
Wed, Dec 31 — 6:30pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 2026
Thurs, Jan 1 — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS
Sun, Jan 4 — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

First Sunday of Advent—November 30th



When we are excited about something coming soon, it can be hard to wait! Waiting for cookies to get done baking is one example. That delicious smell from the oven makes you ready for dessert! Reflect today on what are two good things that are hard for you to wait for?

This week we place the first candle on the Advent wreath. The word Advent means "coming." In Advent, we get ready for the coming of the Christmas celebration. This week's candle represents hope. Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it represents penance, preparation, and sacrifice. This first candle is called the "Prophet's Candle", reminding us that Jesus is coming. During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

God's people waited and hoped for the rescuer to come.
When something good is coming it seems like it takes forever for it to come. God's people in the Old Testament knew that feeling! They were waiting to be rescued. The very first people disobeyed his good rules. They were trapped in sin and needed help. Even though their sin pushed them away from God, he still loved them and decided to save them. God promised to send a rescuer who would set them free from sin and death.
God's people didn't know when the rescuer would come. They waited. Their children waited. Their grandchildren waited. For generations and generations, their descendants kept hoping and waiting. Their hope was based on God's promise and God always keeps his promises! He sent his only son Jesus to be the rescuer. On Christmas we celebrate the day that he was born!

Week 1 Advent Readings

First Sunday Reading: Titus 3:4–7
Monday: Psalm 95:1-6
Tuesday: Luke 1:46-50
Wednesday: Luke 1:68-72
Thursday: Luke 1:77-79
Friday: Matthew 3:1-2
Saturday: Mark 1:1-8

Week 1 Advent Wreath Prayer

Reader: Dear God, we gather around this wreath as a family, united in Christ, to begin the celebration of Advent. Let us ask our Father in heaven to fill our hearts with grace. We look forward to the celebration of Christmas and to the coming of Jesus in glory. Bless this Advent wreath and all of us. As we pray around it, fill us with Your blessings and strengthen us in our faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All respond: Amen.



Advent Wreath Home Activity

As a family activity this week, make cookies together! As you wait for them to bake, remind each other that God's people waited for Jesus to be born. They had a certain hope that he would come, and we know that eventually he will come again . . . just like we know that the cookies will eventually be ready. When it's time to eat the cookies talk about how good it is when the waiting is over!

(Pray:) *Lord, thank you for keeping your promise to send Jesus to rescue us. We wait with certainty that Christmas will come. Give us the certain hope that Jesus will come again and bring us to eternal life with you! In his name, we pray. Amen.*



We will have **OPLATKI** for purchase before & after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND**, **Nov. 29th–Nov. 30th** in the Church's Gathering Space.

A **minimal $3.00 offering** will be accepted.

ST. PATRICIA HOLY NAME SOCIETY
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10TH → 6:30PM
@ Prime Time Restaurant

ST. PATRICIA HOLY NAME SOCIETY
MASS
SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH → 9:30AM
WHITE SHIRT ATTIRE RECOMMENDED

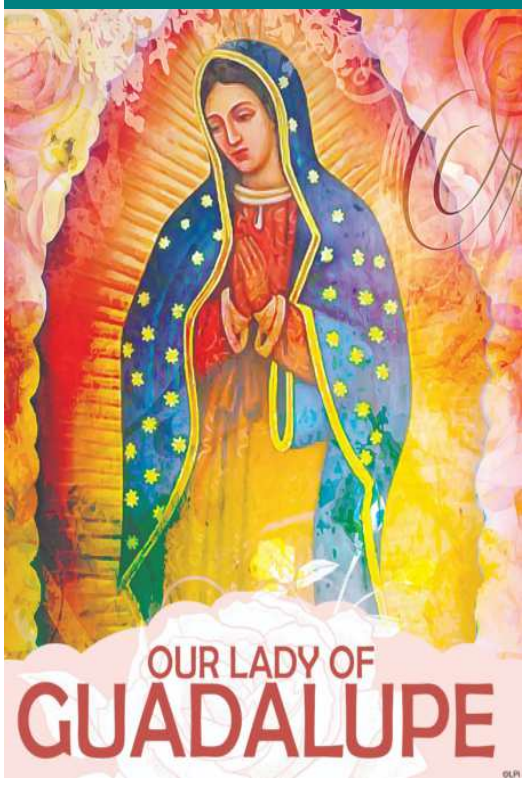
On this Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, WE INVITE YOU TO OUR ADVENT MISSION MASS and MEAL

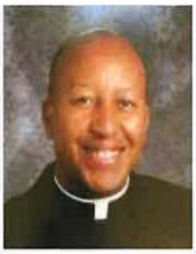
- **Mass**—Friday, December 12, 2025 @ 5:30pm.
- After **Mass**, you are invited to a dinner reception in the Birmingham Hall. A Mexican cuisine meal will cost **$10 per person**.
  RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.
- **PLEASE** contact the Rectory Office (**708.598.5222** - Mon-Fri—Hrs 9am-4pm) and **RSVP by Friday, December 5th**.

Fr. Rodlin Rodrigue, who has visited us at St. Patricia in the past and spoke to us of his on-going Sapaterre Mission in Haiti will be our quest speaker during this blessed Advent Season. **See** Fr. Rodlin's bio on this page. Some of you may have wondered how his mission has progressed since he visited us. Attached on this page are his Mission's goals.

Let us gather and dedicate this day to the **Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe**—**Patroness of the Americas**, and to prayer and almsgiving for Lent.

"Am I not here, who am your Mother?"





Sapaterre Mission
Hinche Haiti

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My name is Fr. Rodlin Rodrigue, president of Sapaterre Mission. Sapaterre Mission has been working in Haiti since 2010 to better the life of many poor children in a small village called Sapaterre located in the central part of Haiti not too far from my home Diocese of Hinche. Our primary focus has been on education. Every year we provide school supplies, school bags and uniforms to more than 150 children. When funds are available, we have also provided a hot meal for them. We really rely on the help of generous people like you to provide those children access to the basic needs, enabling them to grow and, God willing, flourish.

Sapaterre Mission
Hinche Haiti

ADVENT ALMSGIVING CHALLENGE FOR HAITI

10+10+10+10= 4 WEEKS= $40 WILL HELP OUR $40,000 BUDGET

DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON LET US SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH THE CHILDREN IN HAITI

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **HOPE**
"Together we can light the way and bring HOPE to the children in Haiti!"

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **PEACE**
"Together we can bring the PEACE of Christ to the children in Haiti!"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **JOY**
"Together we can share our JOY with the children in Haiti"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **LOVE**
"Together, we can surround the children of Haiti with the love of Christ!"



160 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL

- **A HOT MEAL 5 TIMES A WEEK**
- **UNIFORMS**
- **TEACHERS SALARIES**
- **MEDICATION**
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

WAYS TO GIVE:1) CHECK PAYABLE TO YOUR PARISH
MEMO: ALMS FOR HAITI

2) DONATION DROP BOX

Thank you for Your Support!

U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration from Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, November 12, 2025

BALTIMORE – As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government's contraceptive mandate.

Under the regulations pertaining to statements and publications of the Conference, a "Special Message" may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the plenary in order to pass. In a vote of **216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions**, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote.

The full text of the bishops' Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis* 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah* 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians* 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke* 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew* 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John* 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer *(cf. 1 Corinthians* 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we, remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (*cf. Romans *5:5)*

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-issue-special-message-immigration-plenary-assembly-baltimore

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29, 2025
4:00† Rose Borvan - LuAnn Borvan
† Ryan O'Connell - Ann Valchar
† Frank Correll - Wife
† Paul E. Segura - Friends of Thursday Evening
† Karen Zilis - Mr. and Mrs. James Cuci
† Joseph McGuire - Family
† Ken Biel - Family
† Madeline Waliszcek - Mr. and Mrs. James Cuci
† Dr. Robert Geary and Michael Geary - Mr. and Mrs. James Cuci
† Leonard Kachinski - Mr. and Mrs. James Cuci
† Brooklyn O'Reilly (Health & Blessings) - Richard & Diane Moreno

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent
7:30† Sylvester Flood - Passarelli Family
† Joseph Kadela - Karen Novak
† Tracey J. Land - Rev. Michael Meany
9:30† Howard R. Vanick - Suzanne Zielnik
† Richard and Frances Brenza - Zielnik Family
† Louis and Agnes Buettner - Zielnik Family
† Lillian Zielnik and Alice Cunat - Bernice and Suzanne
Honoring Feast of St. Eliguis (Dec. 1) - Emilio Salgado
† Randall R. Brenza - Suzanne Zielnik
† Richard O. Moldovan, Jr. - Hal and Carolyn Budach
† Grandparents of Kunnengode Family - Kunnengode Family
† William "Billy" Hathaway - Wife, Frances
11:30† Gracelyn Walton - Kosnick Family

Monday, December 1, 2025
8:30† Lorraine Oszakiewski (100th Heavenly Birthday) - Hank and Holly Oszakiewski

Tuesday, December 2, 2025
8:30† Mary Hillock-Lesniewski - Ken Kania

Wednesday, December 3, 2025
8:30† Samuel, Ricardo, Pascual and Celia Padilla - Padilla Family
† Ramiro Gutierrez and Rafael Muñoz - Family

Thursday, December 4, 2025
8:30† Domenico Bentivenga - Lang Family

Friday, December 5, 2025
8:30† Dorothy Bero (2nd Anniv.) - Maria Czernik

Saturday, December 6, 2025
2:00 WEDDING of: Connor Tierney & Sarah Lawrence
4:00† Blanche Goodwin - Avanzo Family
† Sally and Joseph Smith (60th Heavenly Wedd. Anniv.) - Family
† Gracelyn M. Walton - John and Ann Filipiak
† Irene Jagielnik - Dorothy Noto
† Marie Pesice (Health & Blessings) - Richard Diane Moreno
† Jack Oremus (Health & Blessings) - Hanson Family
† Charlie Maxwell - Bob and Pat John

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:30† Joseph Kadela - Karen Novak
† Gracelyn M, Walton - Monica Janetzke
9:30† Howard R. Vanick - Suzanne Zielnik
† Lillian Zielnik and Alice Cunat - Bernice and Suzanne
† Anne, Adolph, Adrian & Sharon Worobiew - Josephine and Charles Worobiew
† Stephen J. Knizner - Josephine and Charles Worobiew
† Mary Kurylo - Kizior Family
† Piotr Guros - Galik Family
† Richard O. Moldovan, Jr. - Deacon Norb and Pat Weitendorf
† Mike and Mary Jo O'Grady - Greene Family
11:30† Lost and Forgotten Souls in Purgatory - LuAnn Borvan



REMINDER

2nd Collection for Christmas Flowers— Weekend of Dec. 6th-7th

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Thank you for sharing your gifts and to all who have dropped off, mailed in, or given electronically. These gifts support the daily needs of our Parish. God Bless you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Marriage Banns

We congratulate and pray for the Following couple on their upcoming Marriage:

III - Connor J. Tierney and Sarah R. Lawrence

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord:

Elizabeth Neumann, Mother of Anthony

Sue Tolon, Dear Friend of LuAnn Volanti

St. Patricia Parish Queen of Heart 2.0 50/50 Raffle



The QUEEN OF HEARTS was pulled on November 5th. JOHN F. was the big winner. The QUEEN OF HEARTS was behind #34.

We will be taking a break during the remainder of November and the month of December. The next DRAWING will RESUME in January, 2026 at 6:00pm — EXACT DATE to be announced in early January of 2026.

THANK YOU Parishioners & Friends of the St. Patricia Community for your continued SUPPORT!







ST. PATRICIA SENIOR CLUB

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12 noon. Meetings are held at the Hickory Hills Community Center located at 7800 West 89th Place.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

The next meeting will be held on Wed., December 3RD

HICKORY HILLS WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

INVITES all ladies who live in Hickory Hills & other nearby suburbs to join them in dominos, cards, etc., once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 1-4:00pm Their meetings are held at the Hickory Hills Community Center located at 7800 West 89th Place. There is no commitment. Please join us once to see if you are interested. For additional information, please call Barbara Schultz at 708.598.5165, or email sandy.seger@aol.com.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9th

AA Meetings are held on Thursday in the St. Patricia Rectory Basement (Brody Rm) located at 9060 So. 86th Ave., Hickory Hills, Illinois. Entrance is located at the north side of the Rectory.

REVISED TIME

Meeting begins @ 7pm.

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