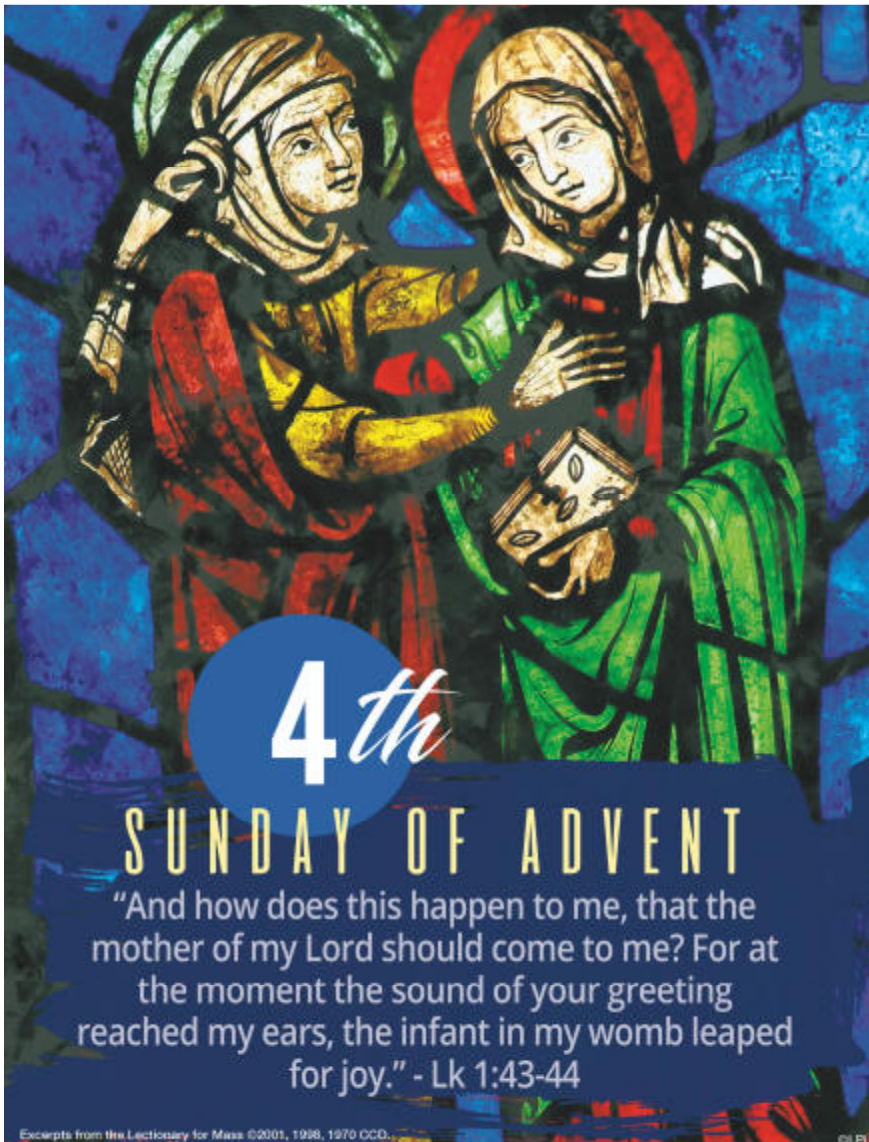




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### THE LORD'S DAY: MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening .....5:00 pm  
 Sunday .....9:00 & 10:30 am & 12 pm  
 Weekdays .....9:00 am  
 Saturday .....9:00 am

*Sacrament Information on Page 6*

### GIVING & STEWARDSHIP

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please register at the parish office. We want to know and serve you. Please become an active part of our parish community. All adults (over age 21) who are working should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or website link to eCatholic online giving to support the parish. Tithing is 5% of income; stewardship is your decision in prayer. Please notify the parish office if you are changing your address or phone number so that we may have accurate records! This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling baptisms or weddings.

The deadline for bulletin items is Monday 12 noon of each week, unless it's a holiday, then it is due the Friday before at 12 noon.



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 4TH Sunday of Advent         |
| Monday    | Monday 4TH week of Advent    |
| Tuesday   | St.. Peter Canisius          |
| Wednesday | Wednesday 4TH week of Advent |
| Thursday  | St. John of Kanty            |
| Friday    | Christmas Eve                |
| Saturday  | The Nativity of the Lord     |

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:00 pm Patrick Griffin

5:00 pm Annie Mae Griffin

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 am Thomas A. Downes III

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

12:00 pm Michael & Gina Vaccaro

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 am Mary Begley

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am Phil McDermott

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9.00 am Jim Conover

9.00 am Jeanne & George Conod

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 am Manuel Limguangco

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 am Michael Joseph Ryan

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 am No Intentions

10.30 am Parish

12.00 pm No Intentions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 am James A. Kane

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Augustine

12:00 pm Vincenzo & Lucia Lalli

## TABERNACLE CANDLE



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“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen”

**Hebrews 11:1**



## SUNDAY COLLECTION

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|-------------------|----------|
| Dec 12 2021.....  | \$15,994 |
| Dec 13, 2020..... | \$16,109 |

130 Families using online giving  
 728 Families receive envelopes  
 2,498 Registered Families  
 196 Envelopes used

## PRAYER LIST



Christopher Troy, Albert & Diane Marino, Jose Padilla, Carol Guarascio, Marilyn Dumas, Marie Zanicchi, Marcia Camacho, Paul Hurley, Erika and Darrel, Mary Poli, Susan Gerardo, Christopher Costa, Mark Tominac, Sharyn Miller, Michael Varley, Libby Fusco, Tina Gandolfo, Tess Callow, Diane Schneider, Mary Ann Plaia, & all those who have passed away, or are still suffering from Covid-19.

TO ADD NAMES & INTENTIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ~ 2021

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 18th, 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.  
Monday, December 20th, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, December 22nd, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.  
Thursday, December 23rd, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

### MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th  
4:00 P.M. ~ Church ~ Family Mass  
6:00 P.M. ~ Church  
10:00 P.M. ~ Church ~ Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th  
9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. & 12:00 noon.

### NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31st ~ No Vigil Mass  
*Saturday, January 1st ~ Feast of Mary the Mother of God 10.30AM*

We pray that the Lord will bless you and your families during this most holy season when we remember our Savior's birth.

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### Mental Health Leading into the Holidays

Dr. Tim Gray sits down with Drs. Tammy and Nick Tenaglia to speak about mental health and the holidays.



### Brother Francis Presents

A daily journey on the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.

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- 4) Check that email account for a link to begin.

## Keep in touch with us

VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



In case you missed Deacon Jim's presentation last weekend these are the steps you should take to get on our parish messaging system, better known as Flock Notes.

1. In your phone open a new text message
2. In the area you would type your message type in STAUGNEWCITY
3. In the "to" section where you would place the person's name or phone number type these 5 numbers: 84576
4. Send the message
5. You will receive a text confirming the action along with a link which you should go to and follow the steps to complete your Flock Note registration.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION, DECEMBER 19, 2021

## DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### 4th Sunday of Advent

‘St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in

and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use

her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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Travelling to DC for the March for Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law and Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that would reverse Roe vs. Wade! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, and Faith and Liberty at the 27th annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers, the morning of the March, Friday, January 21, 2022 at DAR Constitutional Hall, Washington D.C, from 8.30-10.30 am. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music and inspiring speakers and will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of Roe vs Wade. Daniella D’Souza Gill will be the emcee for the event. Admission is free. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com)



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM:

Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm (usually). There is a required Baptism class for the parents to attend prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples. Ask for a parish policy brochure at the parish office.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

The parish religious education program, grades 1-8, help bring about God's kingdom by proclaiming & teaching God's word, celebrating the sacraments, & placing value on service to all people. Call the office for more details.

### DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal: All are welcome to attend following the Mon. 9am Mass. Rosary: Recited each morning after the 9 am Mass. Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 7:30 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm. Anytime upon request.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Communal Anointing announced in the bulletin. Anytime upon request.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

|  |  |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Sunday,<br>December 26<br>9:00 am<br>Msgr. LaMorte | Fr. Bill<br>Deacon Joe will select<br>Deacon Joe | Carolyn Pietrangelo |
| Sunday,<br>December 26<br>10:30 am<br>Fr. Bill     | Mark Whelan<br>Rosemary Moscato<br>Deacon Sam    | Mary Kokoski        |
| Sunday,<br>December 26<br>12:00 pm<br>Fr. Bill     | Mark Yonskie<br>Agnes Sobieraj<br>Deacon Jim     | Annie Bino          |



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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

We joyfully celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday afternoon with 225 people attending a bi-lingual Mass and a festive celebration in the church hall that was filled with the sounds of our mariachi band that also played at the 3pm Mass while we were consuming tacos and tamales. We can't wait for next year's celebration!

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