



# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 19th, 2021*



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*December 25th, 2021*

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 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Fourth Sunday Of Advent**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021**

5:00 pm William J. Peter  
7:00 pm All Parishioners

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021**

8:00 am Ferraro Family  
10:00 am James W. Pierre  
**(LIVE STREAMED ON YOU TUBE)**  
12:00 noon Graciano Dimaculangan

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021**

8:00 am Mr & Mrs Peter Brooke  
8:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021**

8:00 am Gregory Maslowski & Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021**

8:00 am Emilia Pieklo  
6:00 pm Christmas Penance Service

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021**

8:00 am Hurley & Gigl Family

**Christmas Eve**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021**

7:30 am GERALYN C. KISH-MOORE  
5:00 pm Christmas Spiritual Bouquet (English)  
10:00 pm Christmas Spiritual Bouquet (Spanish)  
12:00 am Christmas Spiritual Bouquet (English)

**The Nativity Of The Lord / Christmas**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021**

8:00 am Christmas Spiritual Bouquet (English)  
10:00 am Christmas Spiritual Bouquet (Spanish)  
12:00 noon Christmas Spiritual Bouquet (English)

**The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021**

8:00 am Alice Gigl  
10:00 am Alfred Jago (Spanish)  
12:00 noon Ernestina Pinho



“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

**Our Sunday Income In Church Weekend of Dec. 11th—12th**



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Sunday Collection	\$ 4,992
Assessments	\$ 240
Energy	\$ 10
	\$ 5,242

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**2021 CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE**

**Christmas**

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)**

5:00 PM, 10:00 PM (Spanish), 12:00 Midnight

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 12:00 Noon

**Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph**

**Sunday, December 26th**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 12 Noon

**2021 New Year's Eve / 2022 New Year's Day**

**Friday, December 31st**

5:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (Mary, Mother of God)**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 12 Noon

**Sunday, January 2nd (Epiphany of the Lord)**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 12 Noon

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace?"

This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself." We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God. The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us.

The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent! If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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**Adeste Fidelis**

The beloved carol, now translated as "O Come, All Ye Faithful," was once attributed to the 13th century monk, St. Bonaventure. But research published in 1947, by the English Benedictine John Stephan revealed that the carol was

actually the work of an 18th century Catholic layman who lived in exile in France. John Francis Wade was born around 1711 in England. As a Catholic, he fled religious persecution in England, and by 1731 he was copying plainchant at a Dominican college in Flanders. Eventually, he settled in Douay, France, with its large colony of English Catholics and major Catholic college established by Phillip II of Spain. According to a history of the college, John Wade made his living by copying and selling plainchant and other music and the teaching of Latin and Church song. According to his obituary, he produced beautiful copies of plainchant and hymn manuscripts for local chapels and private use. Wade was also well connected with prominent Catholic musicians of the time, and is considered an instrumental force in the English revival of plainchant. Until Frederick Oakley's 1845 translation of Wade's original Latin became the standard, there were several variations of this carol being sung in the English-speaking world. It is a sure bet that if we were still voicing, "O hie, ye believers" instead of "O come, all ye faithful" that the song would have faded from memory long ago. In this case, we owe the popularity of this great hymn to both the composer, John Francis Wade, and the translator who made it accessible, Frederick Oakley.

**Twelve Days of Christmas**



The time between Christmas (December 25) and the traditional date for the celebration of the Epiphany (January 6) was a period of feasting and great joy. Different religious traditions led to the relative importance of

one feast over the other in Western (Latin) and Eastern (Greek) Christianity but both feasts were celebrated. The tomfoolery and merrymaking that characterized these winter days were immortalized in Shakespeare's play, *Twelfth Night*. A well-known carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" celebrates the season as well. Likely coming from the French, the song was first published in English in 1780. In its first sixty years in English, there were numerous variants of the gifts, but mass-produced sheet music in the mid-1800s, led to the song we sing today.



**Nativity of the Lord**

One of the most beautiful things about the Christmas story is its human simplicity. How very ordinary! How relatable! We see a young family caught up in government regulations, encountering difficulty booking travel arrangements. We see a belated baby shower filled with the most unlikely attendees. Yet, if you attended Christmas Mass during the day, the Gospel does not contain the familiar story of over-crowded inns and hay-lined mangers. It features something much more mysterious. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God ... all things came to be through him." Matthew, Mark, and Luke give us the Christmas story from the human perspective. John's Gospel tells the Christmas story from the divine perspective. "What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race." C.S. Lewis described Christmas as God parachuting down behind enemy lines. Jesus entered into a world darkened by sin, and it isn't so different today. We can find it in the complications of our own lives and the lives of our families. We can find it in our cities, our nation, our world. But it wasn't only the star that shone on Christmas night. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." In the midst of all that is so very human — whether the humdrum or the horrible — "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." No matter what we bring into this Christmas day, God enters our existence. He enters our experiences. When we allow God into our lives in a new way, when we surrender to Him our lingering areas of darkness, then we will "[see] his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." It's time to welcome Him.



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**PRIZE DRAWING**

Will be held on **Saturday, January 29th, 2022** at 9:00 PM at  
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Winner need not be present.

**Ticket entitles participant and 1 guest**  
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**Memorials for the Week of  
December 19th—25th**

*The Bread & Wine are offered  
For the intention of:*

**Iole & Mario Ferraro**

*The Sanctuary Candle is offered  
For the intention of:*

**Ildio & Jaime Correia**



**Holiday Office Hours**

***Parish Office Closed***

*Friday, December 24th  
Monday, December 27th*

***Parish Office Closed***

*Friday, December 31st  
Monday, January 2nd*



*On behalf of Fr. Leandro and the Parish Staff, we wish you  
all a very Merry & Blessed Christmas and a Healthy,  
Happy New Year!*

**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**



St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and  
snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly  
pray, and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
*Amen.*



**Christmas Prayer**

*Dear Lord,  
Bless all families this Christmas.  
Help us all to remember this season  
that you chose to come to us as a  
humble baby. You chose to be part of  
a family yourself and came, not to be  
served, but to serve and one day die for  
love of those who hated, deserted, and  
killed you. On this Christmas day, may  
we always remember amid the joys, family and presents, the  
reason we have this season: That you, the Eternal Son of God  
came to live among us as one of us and as a member of our hu-  
man family. Amen.*



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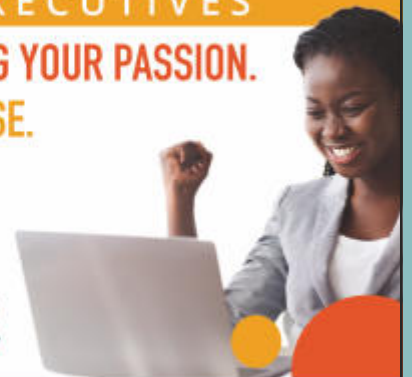
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