December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	**4:00 PM**
Sunday	**7:30 AM**
	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM
	12:30 PM
Latin Mass	**5:00 PM**
Monday - Friday	**6:00 PM**
Tuesday	**6:00 PM (followed by Perpetual Help Novena)**
1st. Thursday	**6:00 PM (St. Philomena)**
1st. Friday	**6:00 PM**
1st. Saturday	**9:00 AM**

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday **3:00 - 3:45 PM**
One Half Hour before all Masses
& by appointment

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BAPTISMS
Parents and Godparents must attend a Baptismal Seminar on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required. Contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGES
Arrangements must be made six months in advance. Marriage Preparation Program is required. Contact Parish Office.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 18, 2021
4:00 pm John & Philomene Palmisano, Kirchem Family, Carlos Biollo, Jr., Alice & Leo Boyle, Gerard Schmidt, George Airline

Sunday, December 19, 2021
7:30 am Romie Emano (L)
9:00 am Marilyn Nulty
10:30 am Zelaya Famiy, Dorothy, Schnell, Troy Beaumont (L), Robert Daigle, Isabella & Matthew O'Neil, Alice & Herbert Green, Magdaline & Ignatius Emano, Bethel Family, Gail Campo, Al & Lee Lehrmann, Liling Lavastida (L), George Airline, Bobbie Burke, Patsy Falor, Mary Olin
12:30 pm Robert Nims
5:00 pm Dyer Family

Monday, December 20, 2021
6:00 pm Boudreaux Family

Tuesday, December 21, 2021
6:00 pm Boudreaux Family

Wednesday, Dec ember 22, 2021
6:00 pm Hebler Family

Thursday, December 23, 2021
6:00 pm Alice & Herbert Green

Friday, December 24, 2021
4:00 pm Rosalie Carter, Noel Emano, Jake Marziele, Swanner Family, For the canonization of Bl Carlos Acutis, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Alice & Leo Boyle, Gerard Schmidt, Jr., George Airline
6:00 pm Stephen Mule

Please Pray For

Diana Cacamo, Hebert Family, Sam Zanca, Joe Contavasprie, Gene Bergeron, Cindy Hendricks, Laurella Miller, Fr. Richard Miles, June Duhe, Terry Leblanc,

Names will remain of the prayer list for 6 weeks. Please call the office to add a name to the list.

Sanctuary Lamp burns for
James & Helen Zito

Pray for the souls of the dearly departed

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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 and just world it would be .

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Flowers

The Altar Society is accepting donations to help with the cost of poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like help, envelopes are available at each entrance with the boxes to put them in, labeled "Christmas Poinsettias".

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm Vigil Mass
6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Saturday, December 25th

Midnight

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Christmas falls on Saturday this year. To meet the Christmas obligation to attend Mass, you may attend Mass on the evening of December 24th or any Mass on December 25th. The Sunday obligation, may be met by attending any Mass on Sunday December 26th.

Though technically there are 2 obligations this weekend, this should be considered as days of opportunity to worship the Lord and show gratitude for His goodness to us.

This Week

Thursday, December 23rd

7:00 pm Men of Christ — LaRose Ctr

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
December 22
in church after 6:00 pm Mass

Featuring
Jared Croal
&
The Girls Choir of St. Eugenia

Please join us for a night of music, singing, and reflection. Come sing some Christmas carols, hear some beautiful choral music, and reflect on the passages of scriptures that will be read.

All are welcome!

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