

December 12, 2021 • Third Sunday of Advent



The Roman Catholic Parishes of

Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas

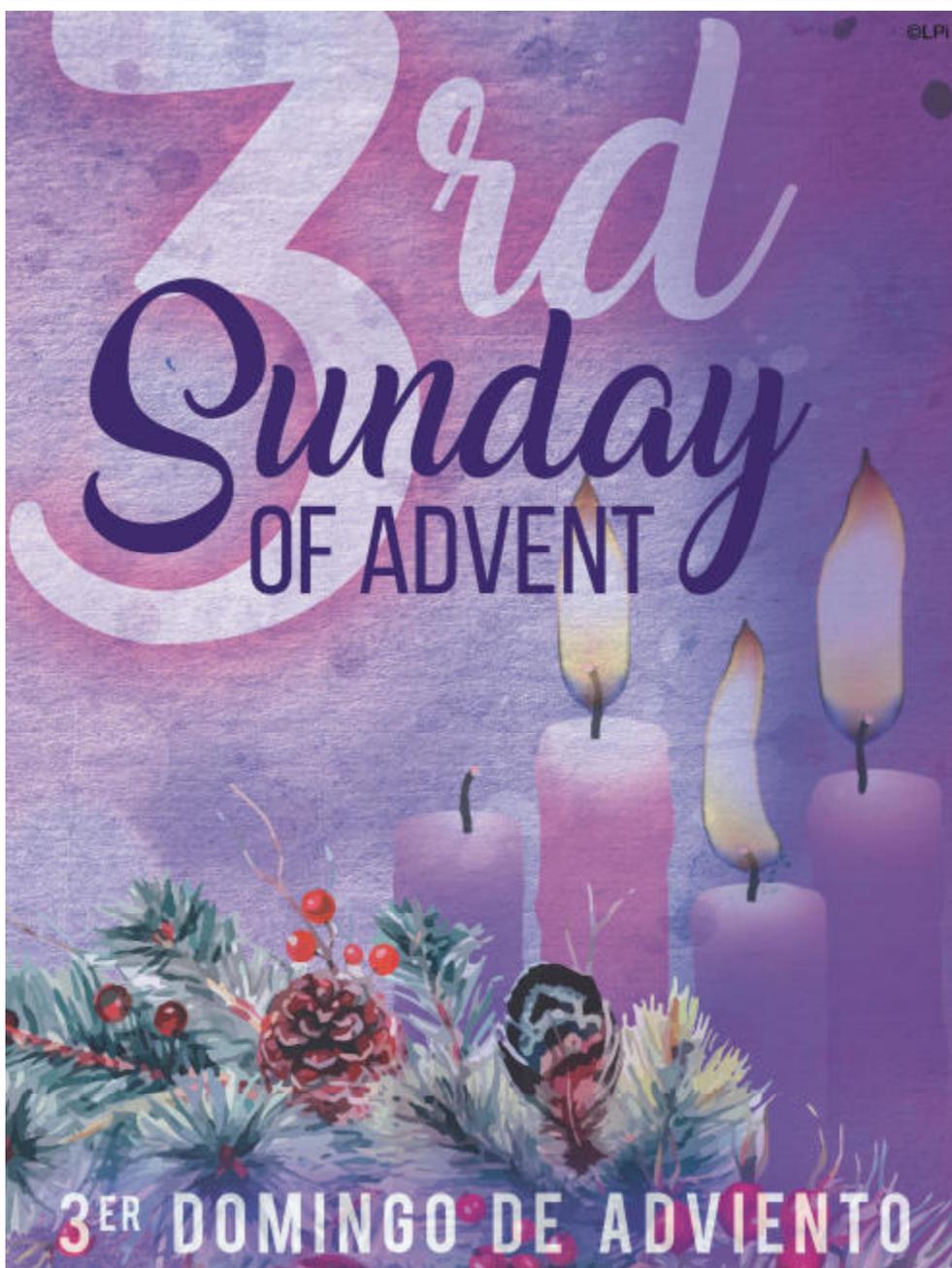
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St. Nicholas Church
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Through the Intercession of St. Nicholas to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
With carols before Mass and special children's participation
- 7:00pm Christmas Carol Music Program at Sacred Heart
- 8:00pm Sacred Heart (*Bilingual*)

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
 - 11:00am St. Nicholas
Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes before both Masses
- (No 4pm or 7pm Saturday Masses)

Holy Family

Sunday, December 26, 2021

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
- 11:00am St. Nicholas

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Friday, December 31, 2021

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
- 7:00pm Sacred Heart (*Bilingual*)

The Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
- 7:00pm Sacred Heart (*Spanish*)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
- 11:00am St. Nicholas

Please Note: There will NOT be
Wednesday and Thursday
daily Masses on
December 22, 23, 29 & 30.

Collection Summary

Sacred Heart

Item	12/6/2020	12/5/2021
# of Sun. Env.	46	34
In Envelopes	\$475.00	\$1,084.00
Loose	1,426.00	790.00
Candles	109.00	42.80
First Friday	—	59.00
Flower Fund	294.00	376.00
Holy Days	35.00	—
Little Blue Books	24.00	2.50
Mass Stipends	30.00	40.00
St. Joseph Missal	15.00	—
Wednesday	293.00	303.00
Total	\$2,701.00	\$2,697.30

St. Nicholas

Item	12/6/2020	12/5/2021
# of Sun. Env.	65	58
In Envelopes	\$1,002.00	911.00
Loose	216.00	293.00
Candles	34.00	—
Christmas	100.00	—
Flowers	223.00	175.00
Holy Day	70.00	—
Maintenance	366.00	356.00
Mass Stipends	—	120.00
Nativity Donations	—	15.00
Total	\$2,011.00	\$1,870.00

The Finance Councils of both Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas have decided to change the collection summary to provide information for the past weekend and the previous year for comparison.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Please be aware that, from now until the beginning of January, LPi has early submission deadlines for the bulletin. The collection summary may be omitted or appear a week later than usual.

Gospel Meditation

December 12, 2021: 3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!"

St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPi

Meditación del Evangelio

12 de diciembre de 2021: 3^{er} Domingo de Adviento

"Estén siempre alegres en el Señor, se los repito, estén alegres y tengan buen trato con todos" (Filipenses 4:4). Alérense, no estén tristes ya viene la salvación. A Juan le preguntaba la gente: "¿Qué debemos de hacer? Él les contestaba: *"El que tenga dos capas, que dé una al que no tiene. Y el que tenga de comer que haga lo mismo"* (Lucas 3:10-11). Y así, sucesivamente al que le preguntaba, le daba su buen consejo de qué hacer al respecto. La alegría viene del dar de lo que tenemos al que lo necesite. Ahí está el secreto de la alegría. De hecho, el tercer Domingo de Adviento se le llama *"Gaudete"*, palabra del latín que significa gózate, alégrate, haciendo el bien a los demás.

Hoy la comunidad hispana tiene alegría doble: el gozo de que ya se acerca el nacimiento del Mesías y la alegría de celebrar a la Virgen de Guadalupe. Ojalá, que sepamos disfrutar de la alegría que este domingo nos trae. Que acudamos a la Eucaristía a celebrar, orar y compartir lo que somos y tenemos. La Liturgia nos invita a esa alegría: *"Regocíjate, hija de Sion, grita de júbilo, Israel"* (Sofonías 3:14). En la Anunciación de María, el Ángel Gabriel la saluda diciendo: *"Alégrate llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo"* (Lucas 1:28). ¿Qué nos debería llenar actualmente de gozo? Creo que una alegría grande es saber que todos estemos vacunados, que la violencia en el hogar y en las calles de nuestras ciudades termine. Que se respeten los derechos de las personas de toda raza y nación. Que los inmigrantes, los enfermos y los olvidados encuentren en esta Navidad la caricia de la bondad de Dios por medio de cada uno de nosotros. ©LPi

Word of Life/Palabra de Vida

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free." USCCB, *"Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"*

"Oh, santa Josefina Bakhita, ayuda a todos aquellos que están atrapados en la esclavitud; en nombre de ellos, intercede ante Dios para que sean liberados de las cadenas de su cautiverio. Que los que han sido esclavizados por los hombres, que Dios les conceda la libertad." USCCB, *"Oración a santa Josefina Bakhita"*

Opportunities to Pray the Rosary

- * Thursday at 8:00am at St. Nicholas
- * Saturday at 3:30pm at St. Nicholas
- * Patriotic Rosary on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart

SACRED HEART

Christmas Giving Tree

Please help our needy brothers and sisters by donating gift cards and/or adult-size winter hats, gloves & socks. Thank you in advance!

Christmas Decorating

Friday, December 17th, starting at 9:00am

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas. We especially need some younger, stronger persons to handle heavy items and climbing ladders.

2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missals

Missals will be available on the table by the main entrance at Sacred Heart. A donation of \$6 each is requested.

Monthly Patriotic Rosary

On Thursday, December 16th at 6:30pm, we will be praying the Patriotic Rosary in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. We will be praying for our nation and for our families. We will continue to meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the hall. Please join us. If you have any questions please call Michelle at 810-813-2915.

Combined Parishes Christmas Party

All volunteers and members of parish groups and committees are invited to a Pre-Christmas celebration on Monday, December 20th at 6:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

Little Blue Books

The *Little Blue Books* for Advent/Christmas meditation are available at both Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas parishes. We were able to purchase 100 English copies total; please take only one per family. The requested donation is \$1.25 to cover the cost of the book (90¢ each) and shipping (35¢ each). May you have a blessed Advent season!

ST. NICHOLAS

Christmas Giving Tree

Please help our needy brothers and sisters by donating gift cards and/or adult-size winter hats, gloves & socks. Thank you in advance!

Christmas Decorating

Sunday, December 19th, starting at 12 noon

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas. We especially need some younger, stronger persons to handle heavy items and climbing ladders.

New Nativity Set

A new Nativity set has been purchased for St. Nicholas. Contributions are being accepted to help defray the \$2,500 cost. Please write "St. Nicholas Nativity Set" on your donation envelope.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11, 2021

(St. Damasus I)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †Jack Weingartz
Req. by Lloyd & Annette Ferrett

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Sunday, December 12, 2021

(Third Sunday of Advent)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For Joe Lopez
Req. by Angie McCoy

For †Sarah Weingartz
Req. by Debbie Day

For †John & †Myrtle Fisher
Req. by Belva Fisher

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Robert Aguinaga, †Regoberto
Aguinaga, & †Arthur Aguinaga

Req. by Family
For †Joseph Biondo (1st Anniversary)
Req. by Family & Friends

1:00pm (Spanish) at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart
Parish Communities

Monday, December 13, 2021 - No Mass

(St. Lucy)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - No Mass

(St. John of the Cross)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

10:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Joan & †Edward A. Chick
Req. by Jeanette Chick

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For our Sacred Heart & St. Nicholas
Parish Communities

Thursday, December 16, 2021

8:30am at St. Nicholas

For †Marge Huston
Req. by Her Family
For John Mullally

Friday, December 17, 2021 - No Mass

Saturday, December 18, 2021

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †Edwin Kot
Req. by His Loving Family

For †Joan Chick
Req. by Jeanette Chick

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Sunday, December 19, 2021

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Carol Super, †Thomas Schutz,
& †Eric Simon

Req. by Jeff & Michelle Schutz
For Joanne Ruddock

Req. by Ann

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Robert Aguinaga, †Regoberto
Aguinaga, & †Arthur Aguinaga

Req. by Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands and our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health once more...

Emily Baron	Angie McCoy
Cecilia Clark	Becky McDougal
Joyce Dupras	Sonja McLeod
Glenn Edgerton	Sheri Miller
Brian Fedeson	Unique E. Mills
Anita & Leonard	Florence Mroz
Gayeski	Gilbert Mroz
Steve Glombowski	Hendrix Mroz
Teresa Gormley	Scott Nickens
Diane Haskins	Judy Palmieri
Gene Haskins	Christopher
Joel Holland	Petersen
David Hurt	Juan Rios
Laura Jordan	Linda Sampson
Lynn Kloc	Rita Stoneburgh
Joann Mattiacci	Bill Van Erp
George	Mike Wennberg
Matyanowski	Noah Whitney
Linda McBryde	Michelle Woods
Joann McBryde	Finn Woodworth

Contact the parish office to add your loved one's name to the prayer list. Please let the office know when a name needs to be removed from the list. Thank You.

Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

As of November 23, 2021, the Archdiocese of Detroit encourages Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face-coverings and practice social-distancing to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and its variants.

Please pray for
the men and
women serving in
our armed forces.



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Sunday Holy Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm
Vigil November - April at St. Nicholas
May - October at Sacred Heart
Saturday: 7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart
Sunday: 9:00am - Sacred Heart
11:00am - St. Nicholas
2nd Sunday: 1:00pm (Spanish) - St. Nicholas
(2nd Sunday of the Month ONLY)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm, 1 hour before Mass
Wednesday: 9:30am at Sacred Heart
By appointment also. Call the parish office.

Weekday Holy Mass Times

Wednesday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart
7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart
Thursday: 8:30am - St. Nicholas
First Friday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart

Baptism

By appointment; a preparation class is required.

Matrimony

By appointment; a 6 month preparation period is required.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the office.

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(810) 834-8530 (New Number)
St. Nicholas Food Pantry
Fridays from 9:00am - 2:00pm
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810-724-3665
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