

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## PASTOR'S CORNER



**Whom do you love more: your spouse or your children, let alone God?** Recently, I came across this reflection:

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*I asked my parents one time, "Did you get married so that you could have me?" After they stopped laughing, giggling, chortling, snorting, hooting, chuckling and guffawing and had wiped their tears away, Dad explained they married because they were madly in love with each other. "Oh," I said, somewhat disappointed. That's when I learned that my parents had not built their life around me. Nor was the universe built for my sake.*

*If my parents didn't marry to have me, I nonetheless gave them a chance to prove their generosity, courage, patience, mercy and every other virtue, human and divine, as I tested and stretched their limits. There were days when they regretted having me, I suppose, though neither said it in so many words. But in the end they were glad I had brought out the divine in their human love for one another.*

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**P.S. To make you smile even more, let me add this funny story:** A husband and wife who had been married quite a number of years were having a quick breakfast. As they were cleaning up, the wife said to her husband, "I bet you don't remember what day is today."

Put off and a bit insulted he said, "Of course, honey, I remember." He then gathered up his things quickly and left for work. At about ten o'clock, a dozen red roses arrived at the house. At noon a box of the wife's favorite chocolates was delivered. That was followed at three o'clock by a new dress from one of her favorite boutiques. The woman was very excited and could not wait for her husband to come home.

When he entered, she ran up to him, gave him a hug and said, "Thank you so much! First the roses, then the chocolates, then the dress! *I never had a better Groundhog Day!*"

*Fr. Slawek*

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

( Arrive 1/2 hr. before First come First Seated)

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass 6 p.m.

Mass 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

### NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**NO MASS**

# DECEMBER 15, 2024

## ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

### Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2025 & support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422



## ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated. Thank you.

## 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Assigned envelopes are available for pick up at the back table in the church. New envelope can be pick up from the Parish office during office hours.

**Please use 2025 envelopes starting Jan. 1.** Print your full name, address, phone number and donation clearly on the envelope for the month so the Parish office can record the number to your name.

If you have a change of address please list it on your envelope or notify the office.

## YOUR HEALTH

As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, December 17

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Noel Valerio req. Maria Valerio.

### Wednesday, December 18

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Maria Vu Tien req. by Kim Luu.

### Thursday, December 19

9 a.m. Private Intentions..

### Friday, December 20

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Dionisio M. Diapera req. by Anibilla Diapera.

### Saturday, December 21

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul of Antonia Agoit & Enrique Jamuyot Sr. req. by Ruben & Maria Jamuyot.

### Sunday, December 22

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving Matus family req. by Joriza Porcal.

## COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL



**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

After the 9 a.m. Mass  
in the Parish Basement

## SUNDAY MISSAL

Are available for purchase from the parish office.  
Cost \$ 6.00

Monday -Thursday  
8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Limited quantity available

