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## Second Sunday of Advent

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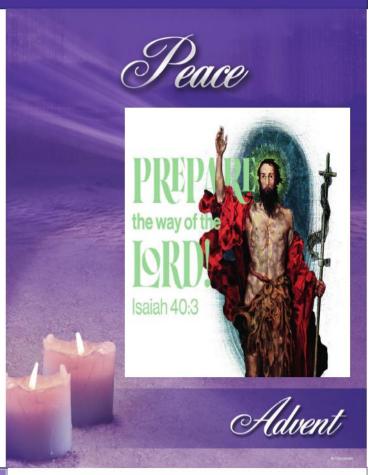
## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to embrace faith in the Son of God as Lord and Savior. In our Roman Catholic tradition, through the cleansing waters of Baptism, we die to self and rise as children of the Father.

Confirmed, empowered and guided by His Spirit, we become the church when we gather in His name, are taught with His living Word, and are nourished with His living presence.

So that, we might be sent to witness the Good News of the Paschal Mystery in loving service to the human family; and be united with Him and His Saints in Heaven forever.

December 10, 2023



## Masses

Monday - Friday

Saturday

Saturday Vigil

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Polish Mass 7:30, 9:00,10:30 a.m. and Noon

2:00 p.m. Latin Mass

4:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

## Confessions in Church

Saturday 2:30 p.m.

Members of the Parish Council Dr. Thomas Ermolovich, *Chairman*, Nancy Jutba, *Secretary*, Ruth Ann McVeigh, James Kintz, Daniel Monahan and William Bond

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## Stewardship of Treasure

PARISH COLLECTIONS		
Weekly Offering - Sunday, December 3, 2023		
Envelopes Received	192	
Cash	\$4,447.00	
Coins	\$ 6.91	
Check	\$4,830.00	
Total	\$9,283.91	
Second Collection - Parish 2023 DSA		
Envelopes Received	62	
Cash	\$ 947.00	
Coins	\$ .50	
Check	\$ 490.00	
Total	\$1,437.50	

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Submissions for the parish bulletin can be sent to bulletin@holyspiritlantana.com. The deadline for submissions is two weeks before publication.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtatoatzin

Adolph Masson by Peter Masson †Mary & James Pratt by their Family 4:00p.m.

†Aurelia Colom-1st Anniversary by her Family †Helen Meifert & Helen McCaffrey by the McCaffrey

Family

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023– SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

†Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family 7:30a.m. †Allan Bennett by the Sandwich Ministry †Jenny De La Torre by Linda Kasior

9:00a.m. People of the Parish

10:30a.m. Stephen D'Agostino 90th B-day by Nicholas

D'Agostino, Jr.

Nicholas & Eileen D'Agostino-Int. by their Children

Tiffany Eaton-Healing by Abbie, K.C. & Karen

12:00N †Madelyn Velaquez by the Ferrer Family †Helen Castellano by Margaret Quinlan †Juanita Ann Cid by Bob Cuyar

†Kenneth Robert Benson by his Family 2:00p.m.

†Lewis Dunson Thompson †Dorothy Benson by her Family

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 - St. Damasus I

†Souls In Purgatory by the Ceballo Family 7:30a.m. 9:00a.m. †James Hanson by Barbara Faman

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30a.m Rev. Ronald Schulz, 55th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood by Bill & Leonita Jempty

†Suzanne Clarke by Marie Cantone 9:00a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023 - St. Lucy

7:30 a.m. In Honor of St. Lucy by Margaret & Virginia Fazio

9:00 a.m. Abigail Polissant - Birthday by her Family Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 - St. John of the Cross 7:30 a.m. Fr. Giuseppe Savia - Birthday by Fe Edjan 9:00a.m. Thanksgiving for Daniel Fernandes Blessings by his Family

Friday, Dec. 15, 2023

7:30 a.m. †Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family 9:00 a.m. †Josephine D'Agostino by her Family

**Saturday**, Dec. 16, 2023

9:00a.m. JoAnn & Tom Spellman, 50th Wedding Anniversary

by her sister, Ann Marie & Family

4:00p.m. †Clifton Wilson by his Family †Mary Iacovelli by her Family

Thanksgiving for Mimose Romulus by Marie Berreth

#### Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudette Sunday

7:30a.m. †Antonio De La Torre by Linda Kasior †Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family

†John Noles by his wife, Barbara

9:00a.m. JoAnn Spellman-Birthday by her sister, Ann Marie

†Carol Ann Daly by her Family †Isabelita Hipolito by Bobby Hipolito

10:30a.m. People of the Parish

12:00N Robin Mascato - Healing by Abbie Patterson Jane Monro - Healing by Abbie Patterson

†Thomas Gait by Steve & Maria Zack

2:00p.m. †Kenneth Robert Benson by his Family †Lewis Dunson Thompson

†Dorothy Benson by her Family



Scripture Readings & Saints & Special Observances For the Week of December 10, 2023

Sunday Seconds Sunday of Advent

> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, Monday

13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Wednesday

Is 40-25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Memorial of Saint John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 41:13-20: Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11.

12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Friday

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b,

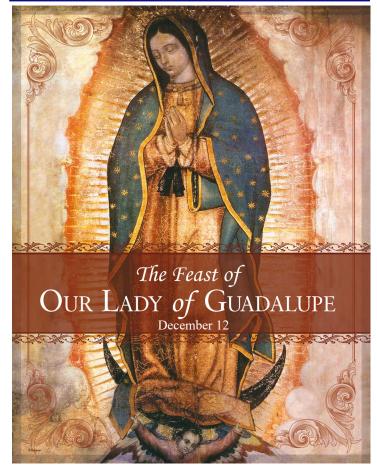
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,

53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,

19-28



# PENANCE SERVICE

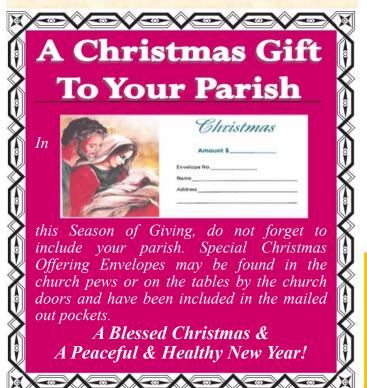
Tuesday, December 19th 6:00p.m.

## A Filipino Christmas Mass Tradition



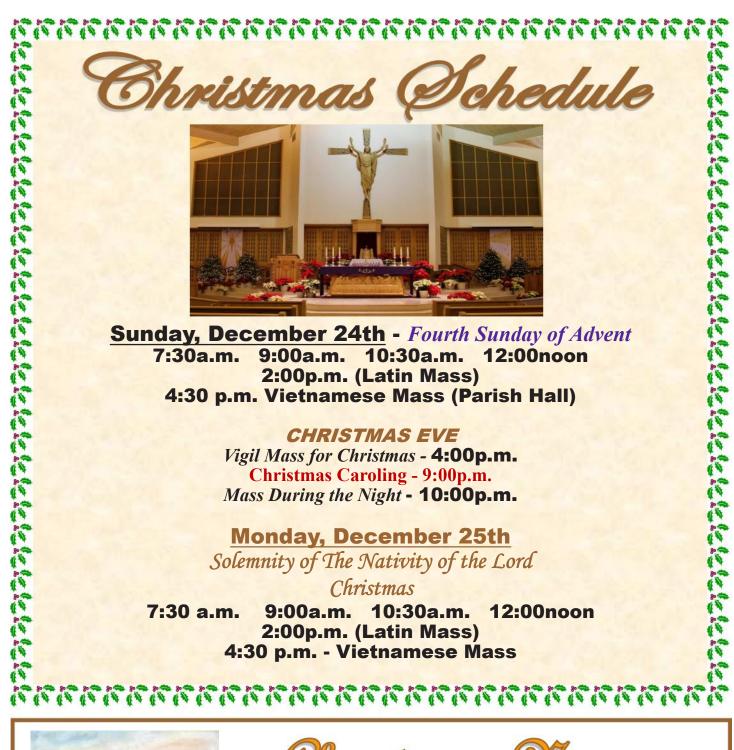
Monday, December 18, 2023 6:30 p.m. - Rosary and Devotion Prayers 7:00 p.m. - Mass

Everyone is invited!





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# hristmas 97

Our parish will celebrate a Novena of Masses for Christmas. Envelopes to include names of your living or deceased loved ones and friends can be found in the church pews and are available on the tables by the church doors. The novena will begin on Monday, December 25th until January 2nd, 2024. Remember your loved ones and friends in a spiritual way.

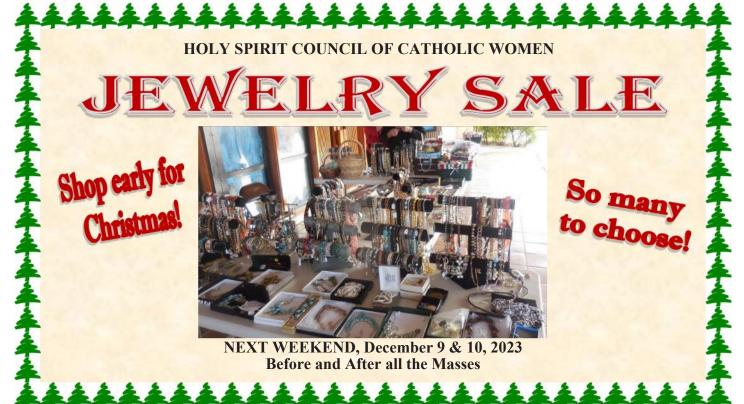


## **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry invites each one of you in the name of Jesus to a beautiful evening of Worship and Prayer with Deacon Ken on December 13th Wednesday @7 pm EST at Holy Spirit Church (Chapel). Spend an hour with the Lord in Praise and Worship, Scripture reflection and Intercessory prayer.

Join and be Blessed in the Spirit of the Lord!!





# St. Vincent de Paul Society Holy Spirit Conference Annual Report



The members of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the benefactors for the donations made to support those in need in and around our Lantana area during the past fiscal year (Oct. 2022-Sept. 2023).

Your generous donations allowed us to serve 218 Families (316 Adults & 186 Children) and provide:

Total	\$15,017
Other Needed Support	\$ 539
Utilities	\$11,281
Lodging	\$ 1,003
Rent	\$ 400
Food	\$ 1,792

Your support has helped us accumulate a total of \$15,017 in "HEAVENLY CREDITS". We are thankful for your continued support and encourage you to give all you can to this cause. The people we are supporting are our neighbors in need, and they are many. Your donations will help us make a difference in their lives.

Thank you!







Second Sunday of Advent

## Prepare the Way of the Lord

Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Somehow, God is not restricted by time as we are. Taken literally, that seems to violate the laws of physics. Of course, God made those laws, so if anyone can ignore them, God certainly could. More likely, because early Christians

sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.

Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers just take time to be answered, especially if a large number of people need to change their hearts to make it happen. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. If someone had



been fighting me for months or years, I would probably give up on them. But God can wait till we are mature enough to face our sins and be sorry for them. In the same way, God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor.

We might not be as patient as God but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3). Tom Schmidt



## Christmas Flower Envelopes

The Season of Christmas is one of the most awaited seasons in our church calendars. Over the years, our parish has always made a special effort to decorate our church for this joyous celebration. Please use the **Christmas Flower Envelopes** found in the church pews or received in the mailed-out packets. Donations are greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of flowers and other decorations. Envelopes may be returned in the regular church collection or dropped in the parish office.



# From the Parish Nurse



Trish Weaver- Monahan, RN (561) 303-8450

## 12 Ways to Have a Healthy and Safe Christmas Season

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy all the Christmas season has to offer.

- 1. Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs. It's flu season. Wash your hands with and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
- 2. **If traveling to a cold climate, bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
- 3. **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
- 4. **Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
- 5. **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke by others.
- 6. Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip.
- 7. **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
- 8. **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other hazards.
- 9. **Practice fire safety.** Don't leave food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency

plan and practice it regularly.

- 10. **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
- 11. Eat healthy, stay active. Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.
- 12. **Be inspired** to stay in the spirit of good health!



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Cost is \$25 per week.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



On Thursdays, immediately after the 9:00a.m. Mass until 7:00p.m. in the church. Join us for the Angelus followed by the Rosary at 12:00noon, in the Church.

The celebration of a Christian's life brings hope and consolation to the living. As we plan for our eternal life, it is always good to remember those that we love. Having a Will is good stewardship.



When there is a Will there is a way to be an angel for your parish. Please remember Holy Spirit Catholic Church in your Will.

These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

You can have an everlasting influence on the lives of your parish family of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. There are various forms of bequests that can be made. Bequests may come in the

▼ form of a specific dollar amount, by adding Holy Spirit Parish to your account; securities, real estate, tangible property, and retirement account assets.

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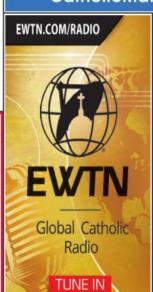




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