



ST. PIUS X PARISH

December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

The third week of Advent begins with Gaudete Sunday. “Gaudete”, meaning rejoice, is the first word of the opening antiphon for the Mass of this day: Gaudete in Domino semper (rejoice in the Lord always). The joy of Gaudete Sunday shows in the use of rose as the liturgical color—for example, in the Advent wreath and the priest’s vestments. We rejoice because our Lord and Savior is coming soon, very soon, to save us. He is our hope.

The days before Christmas are marked by a heightened sense of prayer. Novenas and other ancient ways of preparation are used throughout the Catholic world, sometimes taking on creative and community-wide dimensions.

From December 17 to 23, the “O Antiphons” are chanted during Vespers (evening prayer) in the Liturgy of the Hours. The titles of Jesus used in the antiphons are all titles of the Messiah, rooted in the prophecies of Isaiah. Easily incorporated into individual or family prayer, they are the most unique of the Church’s prayers during these days.

Dec 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

Dec 18: O Adonai (O Lord)

Dec 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

Dec 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

Dec 21: O Oriens (O Morning Star)

Dec 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

Dec 23: O Emmanuel (O Emmanuel – God with us)

From the 16th to the 24th there also is the Latin American tradition of Las Posadas (meaning The Inns), which dramatizes the hope and expectation of Advent in a popular way. Over the course of nine nights, a man and a woman representing Joseph and Mary travel to neighborhood homes, bringing to life the search for a place for Mary to give birth. They, and the crowd following them, sing hymns and carry candles. It is only the third house of the evening that finally lets them in. At that point, a celebration begins, often including praying the rosary. In Germany and some Eastern European countries there is a similar custom, and each of these last nine nights leading up to Christmas is marked with a procession carrying an image of either Mary or Joseph from house to house. The message in both traditions is clear: **are you going to receive Jesus, the Son of God, into your heart and in you family**, or you are too busy, too distracted, too hardened...?

Whatever our tradition or ways of expressing our faith, it is important during these last days of Advent to renew our commitment to prayer, so that we may not yield to the consumerism and the secular wishy-washy slogans trying to snatch from our souls the true reason for our hope: God does not forget his people, and He himself comes to save us.

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MASS SCHEDULE

English Anticipatory

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. en Español

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. English

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Español

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

8:00 a.m. English

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Spanish

Holy Days

7:00 p.m. Anticipatory, Bilingual

8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday after Masses

Silent Adoration

Wednesday 6 pm - 7 pm

&

1st Friday of the month

6 pm - 12 am



MASS OFFERINGS

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:00 Robert Penrod † By Ann and Family

Sunday, December 17, 2023

9:00 Francis & Cathryn Engert †

By Suzanne Engert and Family

Jeannine Kays † By Rose & Terry Chapin

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

8:00 Eileen Forsythe † By a Friend

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

8:00 Marie Louise Costigan † By John Costigan

Thursday, December 21, 2023

6:30 Cristobal Ramos † By his Family

Friday, December 22, 2023

8:00 Jeannine Kays † By Rose & Terry Chapin

Saturday, December 23, 2023

5:00 Mary Hgo Dinh † By Cam Ngo

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:00 Francis & Cathryn Engert †

By Suzanne Engert and Family



**We pray for all those who are sick
or in need of our prayers:**

Don Doyle, Deanne Aquino, Lucila Hover, Kelly Moose,
Karen Gross, Judy Byrnes, Steve Ruddick

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Erasmio Morales



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There is no better time than now to think about your future. As you do, reflect on all you have done with your life. You are important to your family, your friends and to the apostolates you support. Call The Catholic Foundation for help getting started with your planned gifts or estate planning strategies.

Deacon Steve Stemper, Lisa Kukura and Joshua Gideon
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Christmas at St. Pius

Christmas Eve Mass

December 24th

5:00 pm (Bilingual)

Christmas Day Mass

December 25th

10:00 am (Bilingual)

12/18/23 - 12/23/23

Happening this Week at St Pius X

Monday	8:00 am - Pray the Rosary for Vocations 7:00 pm - Posadas
Tuesday	8:00 am - Daily Mass 9:00 am - Grupo de Intercesión (Spanish) 7:00 pm - Posadas 7:00 pm - RICA Program
Wednesday	8:00 am - Daily Mass 8:30 am - Pray the Rosary 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~ Adoration 6:00 pm - Confessions 7:00 pm - Posadas 7:00 pm - RCIA Program
Thursday	6:30 pm - Misa en Español 6:30 pm - Confirmation Program / Youth Group 7:00 pm - Church Decoration/Posadas 7:00 pm - Prayer Group (Spanish)
Friday	8:00 am - Daily Mass 8:00 am - Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00 pm - Posadas
Saturday	10:00 am - Baptisms ~ 2nd & 4th ~ (Spanish) 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm ~ Weddings & Quinceañeras 2:00 pm - Escuela de la Fe (Spanish) 5:00 pm - Baptisms ~ 2nd ~ (English) 8:00 pm - Posadas

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass Times

January 1st

10:00 am (Bilingual)

