# THE PARISH OF OUR SAVIOUR SAINT STEPHEN AND OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 15 DECEMBER 2019

#### CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts are both handicapped accessible.

#### MASS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday (Anticipated Mass): 5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour) Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Our Saviour), 11:00 a.m. (Our Saviour), 12:45 p.m. (Sacred Hearts), 3:00 p.m. Korean-English Bilingual (Sacred Hearts), 5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour), 5:30 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

#### **DAILY MASS**

Monday—Friday: 7:45 a.m. (Our Saviour) Monday—Saturday: 12:05 p.m. (Our Saviour) Monday—Friday: 5:15 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

#### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

As announced.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

September—June: Fridays after the 7:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 11:50 a.m. (Our Saviour)

#### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)**

#### **Our Saviour:**

Monday–Friday: 7:20–7:40 a.m., 12:40–1:00 p.m. Saturday: 4:30–4:55 p.m.; Sunday: 10:30–10:50 a.m.

#### **Sacred Hearts:**

Sunday: 5:00-5:15 p.m.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrange at least six (6) months in advance. For information, please call (212) 679–8166 x220.

Rev. Robert J. Robbins, K.C.H.S. *Pastor* 

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For information, please call (212) 679–8166 x210.

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#### Religious Education for Children

Inter-parish Program (K-8) at the Church of the Epiphany (212) 475-1966.

#### **NOVENA DEVOTIONS**

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after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: St. Jude
Thursday: St. Anne
45 a.m. Mass

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#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

To register, please fill out a registration form at the Parish Office at Our Saviour.

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Monday-Friday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Our Saviour)

#### **SPACE RENTALS**

Please contact Mr. Angel Falcon at (212) 810–9004 or iknowangel@aol.com.

The Church Undercroft is available for wedding receptions, Christening parties, meetings, and special events.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, 15 December** – Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Kathy McCann Norton +

9:00 a.m. Vjekoslav Pavlin +

11:00 a.m. Father Robert J. Robbins (L)

12:45 p.m. Pro Populo

5:00 p.m. Sarah Benitto +

5:30 p.m. Reyes Pastran +

Monday, 16 December – Advent Weekday

7:45 a.m. Margaret Winans +

12:05 p.m. Carmel Salerno +

5:15 p.m. Rinaldo Bertuzzi +

Tuesday, 17 December – Advent Weekday (O SAPIENTIA)

7:45 a.m. William Tague +

12:05 p.m. Peg O'Riordan +

5:15 p.m. The Rosselli & Sferrazza Families +

Wednesday, 18 December – Advent Weekday (O ADONAI)

7:45 a.m. Yt & Dorothy Pei +

12:05 p.m. Marie d'Amato +

5:15 p.m. Elizabeth Rossi +

Thursday, 19 December – Advent Weekday (O RADIX JESSE)

7:45 a.m. Lena Avallone +

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Rossi +

5:15 p.m. Bill Sullivan +

Friday, 20 December – Advent Weekday (O CLAVIS DAVID)

7:45 a.m. Donald & Mary Litner +

12:05 p.m. Catherine Maier +

5:15 p.m. Livi Iannucci +

Saturday, 21 December – St. Peter Canisius, Priest,

Doctor of the Church (O ORIENS)

12:05 p.m. Claire Donohue (L)

Mass Intentions may be reserved through the Parish Office at the Church of Our Saviour. Please stop by or call (212) 679–8166 x210.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, please remember Bill Bako, Joseph K. Beckman, Dan Bianco, William Eusini, Brother Robert V. Fontaine, C.S.C., Jimmy McNally, Corazon Natividad, Father Robert J. Robbins, Katherine Sikoryak, and MaryEllen Zizzi, who are ill.

Prayer intentions for the sick will be listed for one month and may be renewed by calling the Parish Office.

#### FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S TWITTER

**@Pontifex:** Prayer is the door of faith; prayer is the medicine of the heart.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place this Friday, 20 December or Friday, 27 December. Friday Adoration will resume on Friday, 3 January 2020.

#### WELCOME

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to the Church of Our Saviour and the Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and hope that you will come back soon. Those who wish to join the parish may register in the Parish Office, which is located at the Church of Our Saviour.

# THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

The Future of the Very Young. That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

#### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 8 December:

Our Saviour: Sunday: \$3,715 • Weekdays: \$725

Immaculate Conception: \$532 • Shrines: \$736

Sacred Hearts: Sunday: \$1,599

Immaculate Conception: \$421 • Shrines: \$407

WeShare (Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts): \$2,029

Parishioners are encouraged to make their donations online through WeShare, which is accessible via our website: www.oursaviournyc.org.

Please make *all* checks payable to the Church of Our Saviour.

To help us meet our expenses, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering of *twenty dollars* for your weekly offering to the parish.

#### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY- 16 December**

**Confessions at Our Saviour** 

7:20–7:40 a.m., 12:40–1:00 p.m., 4:00–6:15 p.m.

**Confessions at Sacred Hearts** 

4:00-5:00 p.m.

On Reconciliation Monday, confessions are heard in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

#### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire ministries, offers daily reflections throughout the Season of Advent. Visit <a href="https://www.adventreflections.com">www.adventreflections.com</a> or our parish website, <a href="https://www.oursaviournyc.org">www.oursaviournyc.org</a>. They are a wonderful way to spend a few minutes each day in prayer.

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 18 DECEMBER

The Choir of the Church of Our Saviour will present its annual Christmas Concert this **Wednesday**, **18 December at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour**. Tickets (\$20) are on sale at the Parish Office (cash or check). To purchase tickets using a credit card, visit https://oursaviour2019.bpt.me/. Tickets will be on sale at the door on the evening of the concert. Please join us and bring friends and neighbors.

#### ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The St. Nicholas Project is a year-round initiative to help the most vulnerable in our community. To learn more, please e-mail <code>st.nick.project@archny.org</code>. We are very close to our parish's goal in helping twenty-five families. Thank you!

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Gaudete in Domino semper — Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Holy Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent opens with these words of St. Paul and is therefore called "Gaudete" Sunday. The Apostle urges Christians to rejoice because the Lord's coming, that is, his glorious return, is certain and will not be delayed. The Church makes this invitation her own while she prepares to celebrate Christmas and her gaze is focused ever more intently on Bethlehem. Indeed, we wait with hope, certain of Christ's second coming because we have experienced his first.

- Benedict XVI

#### THE O ANTIPHONS

Beginning on 17 December, the Church prays the *O Antiphons* as the Magnificat antiphon at Vespers. The *O Antiphons* express the Church's longing and expectation for the Messiah, her startled wonderment at the fullness of grace which the Christ-Child is about to bestow on the world. Their theme is the majesty of the Savior, His wisdom, His faithfulness and sanctity, His justice and mercy, His covenant with His chosen people, who in their ingratitude broke faith with Him. They are concerned with His power and love as King and Redeemer of the world, His relation to every soul as Emmanuel, God-with-us.

The *O Antiphons* were arranged with a definite purpose: If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one – Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens,

Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia – the Latin words *ero cras* are formed, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come." Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, "Tomorrow, I will come." The "O Antiphons" not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but also bring it to a joyful conclusion.

#### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER 5:00 p.m. Sung Mass – Sacred Hearts Please note the location change.

10:15 p.m. A Festival of Lessons and Carols

— Our Saviour

**11:00 p.m. Mass during the Night** – Our Saviour with the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour

CHRISTMAS DAY – WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER 9:00 a.m. Low Mass with Carols – Our Saviour

**11:00 a.m. Choral Mass** – Our Saviour with the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour

**12:45 p.m. Sung Mass** – Sacred Hearts

Please note that there are no evening Masses on Christmas Day.

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

In recent years, we have taken up a collection a few Sundays before Christmas for the flowers which beautify our Church and Chapel. This year, the collection will be taken up this Sunday, 15 December and will also support our parish's Adopt-A-Family program, to purchase necessary items such as sweaters, socks, and blankets for needy families. We have set a goal of helping twenty-five families.

It seems to be a good sign, for ourselves and others, that we seek both to beautify our worship spaces and look outside our Church buildings to our neighbors in need. To support these two purposes, we count on your increased generosity. Thank you in advance.

The Second Collection next Sunday, 22 December, is for the retired religious who served the Archdiocese of New York. Please support the *Retirement Fund for Religious* and in praying for God's continued blessing on our elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please make checks payable to the Church of Our Saviour, as we send one check to the Archdiocese on behalf of the entire parish.

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