



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word."



## Mass Intentions

- Saturday, December 18** *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
5:00pm John, Martha and Michael McGowan
- Sunday, December 19** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
8:00am Eileen Debernardis  
10:00am Evelyn Cardona—31st Anniversary  
12:00noon Felice Palma
- Monday, December 20** *Late Advent Weekday*  
9:00am Eleanor Higgins
- Tuesday, December 21** *St. Peter Canisius*  
9:00am Sue Ellen & Travis Powers
- Wednesday, December 22** *Late Advent Weekday*  
**4:00pm** The People of St. Anthony
- Thursday, December 23** *St. John Kanty*  
9:00am Andrew Leonardis
- Friday, December 24** *Late Advent Weekday*  
9:00am Angela Esack
- Friday, December 24** *Vigil: Nativity of the Lord*  
5:00pm Elizabeth & Herbert Corirossi  
10:00pm Dec'd Members of the Estioco & Lim Families
- Saturday, December 25** *Nativity of the Lord*  
10:00am Teresa & Vincenzo DeGiorgio  
12:00noon Kathleen and Eileen Lynch
- Sunday, December 26** *Feast of the Holy Family*  
8:00am The People of St. Anthony  
10:00am Somy Baby  
12:00noon Marilena Aiezza



The Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Linda L. D'Amato

### \* STEWARDSHIP \*

December 12, 2021	Next Week
Retired Religious	Next Week
Immaculate Conception	Next Week

Your continuous support and generosity to the Parish both financially and spiritually and all that it does for others is greatly appreciated.

## ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

December 19-25

In Memory of

**James & Beatrice O'Rourke**



Call the rectory (965-2733) to reserve a specific week for a loved one or special occasion.

## FORMED

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## OFFERTORY GIVING

THANK YOU FOR TRYING YOUR BEST TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY GIFTS. Of course, we continue to receive mail at: CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY, 10 SQUIRE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703. So feel free to mail your check. THANK YOU! In these days, we are even more grateful for electronic giving! To enroll with our electronic giving program, just visit:

<http://stanthony-yonkers.churchgiving.com/>

# Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

## 1st Reading – Micah 5:1-4A

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

## Responsorial Psalm –

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

## 2nd Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



## Gospel – Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

## REAL PRESENCE

We may never fully grasp God's real presence in the human form of the infant Jesus. Just so, we may never fully grasp the real presence of God in humble form of the Eucharist. The One who came down from Heaven and became human at Christmas comes down from Heaven at every Eucharist and offers us His Body and Blood so that all might be consecrated—that is, share in His Divine life. As we sing the Lamb of God litany and receive Communion this week, may we welcome the Son of God and Saviour of all people, the Messiah and Lamb of God. May we recognize Him not only in the infant Jesus and in the Eucharist, but in all of our sisters and brothers.

*In every Eucharist the Incarnation continues; God takes on human form and dwells among us.*

## **My Dear Parish Family,**

With Christmas less than a week away, I want to offer you and your families my warmest blessings and regards for a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for your continued support of St. Anthony's and please be assured of our love for all of you. The life of a parish is only as strong as the devotion of its people - and we have the best!

In a few days we will have the joy of celebrating the birth of our Savior. Christmas is a great time to put the past behind us and look towards a hopeful future. It is a time we can forgive old hurts and work for peace in our own hearts and lives. It is also a time when we can ask for forgiveness for ourselves - from others and from God. Understanding this need and opportunity, our diocese over the last 8 years, has offered an Advent Day of Reconciliation. That day this year is this coming Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Confessions will be heard here at St. Anthony's (and all neighboring parishes) from 11:00AM to 1:00PM and 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

Please also make note of the Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule. The Masses on Christmas Eve will be at the usual times of 5:00PM and 10:00PM. On Christmas Day, the Masses will be at 10:00AM and 12:00Noon. There will be no 8:00AM Mass on Christmas Day this year.

The day after Christmas this year is a Sunday and the Feast of the Holy Family. The Masses on Sunday will be as usual at 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00Noon. There will be no 5:00PM Mass on Saturday since it is Christmas night.

My prayers for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Pax,  
Fr. Dan**



*The Parish Office will be open on Christmas Eve from 9:00am until 12:00noon; closed on Monday, December 27th and reopens on Tuesday, December 28th at 9:00am.*

O God, help us in these final days of Advent to begin living more fully and faithfully the simple Gospel holiness to which you called Mary and to which you call all of us. Advent beckons us to a future of faithful responses to Jesus, not just to a past of warm childhood Christmas memories. How easily we forget that Advent is a serious call to prepare our hearts for a King and a Prophet, for "a mighty guest." May our Advent prayer and meditation plunge us ever more deeply into the mystery of our redemption and the redemption of the whole world.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th

9:00 AM Daily Mass



## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, December 24th

5:00 PM

10:00 PM



## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 25th

10:00 AM

12:00 NOON

*There is no 8:00 AM Christmas Day Mass  
and no 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday evening*



## HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Sunday, December 26th

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 NOON

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**965 - 5535**

**sasreligiously@gmail.com**

Our website contains information about our program, registration (including forms), Sacraments and a yearly calendar. <https://stanthony-yonkers.org/religious-education-1-7>

## **Mark Your Calendar**



**Monday, December 20th**

*Reconciliation Monday*

**Tuesday, December 21st**

*Bible Study on Prayer—7:00pm*

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK**

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:



· Drew Aaron · Gianna Colao ·  
· Maggie Coleman · James Collins ·  
· Kevin Corneille · Bessie Cortes · Laura DeSantis ·  
· Mark DeSantis · Kathleen Doherty · Germa Fioriti ·  
· Marie Galante · Mary Hasbrouck · Maria Iacontini ·  
· Brian Larkin · Daniel Lauricella ·  
· Michael Manuele · Bob McCormick · John Murray ·  
· Lauren Nicole · James O'Loughlin ·  
· Antoinette Palma · Deanie Pezzello · Barbara Popovic ·  
· Ulla Rattenni · Isabel Reithebuch · Richard ·  
· Baby Aaron John Rivera · Arthur Rotunno ·  
· Carmelita Santos · Susan Schiavone ·  
· Robert Taylor · Michael Treacy ·

## **RECONCILIATION MONDAY**



Confessions

**Monday, December 20th**

**11:00am—1:00pm and 6:00pm—8:00pm**



**Mitten and Scarf Tree**

**Please place your gift in the  
baskets near the tree by THIS  
WEEKEND, December 19th.**

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## **UPCOMING OFFERTORY SCHEDULE**

<b>Dec 19</b>	ONE COLLECTION
<b>Dec 25</b>	CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
<b>Dec 26</b>	ONE COLLECTION
<b>Jan 1</b>	SOLEMNITY OF MARY

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!!!**