

## SUNDAY, December 11, 2022

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7:00 Deceased members of the Vu family  
8:15 Marie Merolla  
9:45 Teresa Phan Tran Rosa  
11:30 Luz Maria Lopez  
1:15 Deceased members of the Randazzo, LoPresti  
& Scaffidi Families

### MONDAY, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 Ulises Rodriguez  
9:00 Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, December 13 – St. Lucy

7:00 Pro Populo  
9:00 Mary Grace Prudenti

### WEDNESDAY, December 14 – St. John of the Cross

7:00  
9:00 John Rios, Jr.

### THURSDAY, December 15 -

7:00  
9:00 Audrey Alexis Ernest

### FRIDAY, December 16

7:00  
9:00 Ana Acevedo

### SATURDAY, December 17

9:00 Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart & the  
Blessed Mother for Kenny McIvor  
5:00 Basilio Scarponetti

### SUNDAY, December 18

7:00 Living & deceased members of the Vu Family  
8:15 Living & deceased members of the Committee  
of Black Ministry  
9:45 Maria Hien Thi Bui  
11:30 Living & deceased members of the Prudenti,  
Riggio Bruno & Weisgerber Families  
1:15 Maria & Santolo Scodes

### Please Note: Rectory Office Hours -

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY

9:00AM to 12:30PM - & - 1:30PM to 4 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Closed

The Rectory will be Closed for Lunch between  
12:30 and 1:30PM

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, “sorrow and mourning will flee.”

### Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the “yield of the soil” so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

### Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, “Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?” Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.



#### Monday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings  
from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

#### Wednesday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

#### Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

#### Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

#### Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

**Confessions on Saturday 3:45 to 4:45;**

**Confessions on Sunday from  
9 to 9:45 AM**

*Advent is for preparation, not for parties.*



### BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

Families are asked to bring figurines of the Baby Jesus from their home nativity scenes. The “bambinelli” will be blessed at the end of each Mass this weekend, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Church of the Holy Rosary /Nativity  
of Our Blessed Lady  
Clergy**

Rev. Fr. Dennis Williams, Pastor  
Rev. Fr. Pat F. Rossi, Ph. D. Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Pleho, Nursing Home Chaplain  
Rev. Fr. Hippolytus U. Duru, Sunday Associate

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord's Day – Saturday, 5:00 PM Vigil  
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:15 AM,  
9:45 AM, 11:30 AM Solemn with Choir 1:15 PM.  
Weekdays: Monday – Friday 7:00 & 9:00 AM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM

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**RECONCILIATION MONDAY  
SCHEDULE**



**Confessions will be Monday,  
December 19th**

**7:30 AM to 8:00 AM,**

**9:30AM to 11:30AM**

**4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**

**7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Come and prepare the way of the  
Lord in your hearts.**

**Christmas Giving Tree**

*Kindly take a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the front vestibule of the Church and return the tag and the gift to Holy Rosary Church on or before Dec. 11, which is the absolute deadline so that all gifts can be delivered in time for Christmas. A million thanks to the Holy Rosary Church Family for its continued support for this event that brings joy to so many children!*

*Al Barbarino will be at Holy Rosary Church on December 11, 2022 to sing and speak at all Masses (except the 7AM). At 3PM he will give an Advent Presentation of "Reinforcing Our Catholic Faith & Does Society Still Celebrate Christ In Christmas."*



**Christmas Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**

**Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9AM, 5PM & 10PM**

**10PM Solemn**

**Festive Preludes at 4:30 & 9:30 PM with  
Choristers**

**(No Mass at Midnight)**

**Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:15 AM & 9:45 AM**

**11:30 AM ~ Solemn Mass with choir**

**(No 7:00 AM; or 1:15PM Mass on Christmas  
Day)**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



**Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve ~**

**Confessions 3:45- 4:45**

**9:00AM Mass**

**5:00PM Mass**

**Midnight 2023 Nigerian Community Mass**

**Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day**

**8:15 AM & 9:45 AM**

**11:30 AM**

**(No 7:00 AM; or 1:15PM Mass on New Year's  
Day)**

### THE "O" ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

The Sacred Liturgy notes a shift in emphasis on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Up until now, a primary theme has been preparing for the *Second* Coming of Christ at the end of the world. The color purple reminded us to reform our lives and to do penance. Now, on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the "O" Antiphons focus us on a preparation to remember and celebrate the *First* Coming of the Lord at Christmas.

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the 8<sup>th</sup> century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from Dec. 17-23. They provide a magnificent meditation that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. The popular hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is based on these texts.

### THE "O" ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

**December 17** *Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!*

**December 18** *O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!*

**December 19** *O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!*

**December 20** *O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!*

**December 21** *O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.*

**December 22** *O King of all nations and keystone  
of the Church: come and save man, whom you  
formed from the dust!*

**December 23** *O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of  
Law: come to save us, Lord our God!*

### CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

The Christmas Masses will be offered for those enrolled. If you wish to have a loved one remembered, please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection or leave it at the Rectory. Envelopes are available in the church lobby.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Traditionally offerings are made in memory of a deceased loved one. The funds collected help to cover the sizable cost of the greens and flowers for the entire Christmas Season. Envelopes are available in the church lobby.

**POTS – Part of the Solution.** The mission of POTS ("Part Of The Solution"), a soup kitchen on Webster Ave, is to nourish the basic needs of all who come to its door. The POTS Ministry at Holy Rosary (administered by the Holy Name Society) collects non-perishable food items and delivers them to POTS. Please leave your donations on the cart in the lobby of the church and we'll do the rest! Thank you for food donations and support for this vital organization that so many depend on.

See <https://potsbronx.org> for more information on POTS.

### Healing After Abortion

. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the word of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are Jan.14 and Feb.4 in English. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at: (866) 575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

### Sunday Collections

Your gift to **God** for the weekend of Dec.3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> was \$7,776.00 Attendance was 518. Holy Rosary thanks parishioners who have rejoined with fellow parishioners at Mass. If you have not attended services during this time, you are most welcome to join us and invite a neighbor or friend.

**Mr. Richard Janniello continues his  
Bible Study in FWH on Sundays at 3PM.  
Schedule is Dec.18<sup>th</sup> .**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Francis Bele, Paul Brezovsky, Sidney Brown, Christina Celantano, Margaret Centrone, Dawn Effendi, Fr.Bala Etouri, Catherine Kirangas, Carmen Ortiz, Liz Risen, Dorothy Santomauro, Carmine & Jean Testa, and our **home bound and residents of our local Nursing Homes.**

**Cabrini Care to Go.** The high quality care that has made Cabrini Nursing home a leader in rehabilitation and skilled nursing care is now available in the privacy of your own home. If you or a loved one is in need of rehabilitation or skilled nursing care call Cabrini Certified Home Health Agency today! 914 693-6800 x 550.

Parish pay is now **"WeShare"**

The parish pay online is **-WeShare**. If you are already enrolled in parish pay, your account has been automatically transferred to a new **WeShare** account.

Access to your account is easily obtained via a dedicated parish website.

[HTTPS://HolyRosaryBronx.ChurchGiving.com](https://HolyRosaryBronx.ChurchGiving.com)

Parishioners interested in enrolling and donating online via **WeShare** can go online at the above web site and click "Make a donation" at the various donation opportunities listed and continue following the online directions. Questions may be directed to WeShare support at [WeShare@4lpi.com](mailto:WeShare@4lpi.com) or by calling 1-877-316-0260.

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The Holy Name Society would like to express their thanks and gratitude to everyone who purchased a Christmas Wreath. A total of 80 wreaths were sold. Your generosity will help provide gifts for over fifty children.

**Thank You and Merry Christmas.**



**Let's Keep Christ in Christmas!**

Monday through Saturday at 8:30AM in December. Holy Rosary-Nativity Parish will dedicate ALL Rosaries recited for the intention of Keeping Christ in Christmas

**Please join us!**

Saturday December 17, 2022 AFTER the 9AM Mass, INSIDE the Church. Holy Rosary/Nativity Parish invites you to a Rosary Rally to "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Imagine what our world would be like if we spent as much time praying as we do shopping! Sponsored by The Rosary Altar Society, The Committee for Black Ministry and The Holy Name Society.

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

***"Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing. They will meet with joy and gladness; sorrow and mourning will flee."***

Take a minute to reflect on what the prophet Isaiah has to say. Centuries before Christ he offered a solution to peoples' problems with words of encouragement and hope. In our advent season we need such words to help us resist what pulls us down and discover ways to long for and meet our Savior. Although he uses images of physical healing we need to apply them to our spiritual well being. Our eyes are to be fixed on Jesus, our ears open to His call to renewal, walking in His company, and speaking of His coming and abiding with us. With Him there can be joy and gladness. With Him sorrow and mourning will flee

### **HIS WORD TODAY**

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

*By Rev. William J. Reilly*

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH IS  
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### **PARISHIONERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

In order to make attendance at Mass easier and more pleasurable for you we encourage you to consider two things:

1) Those with **walkers, canes, or who cannot get up for Communion**: - Please sit in the **front pews**. We will bring Holy Communion to you.

2) Those with **wheelchairs**: - Please place your chairs in the **Baptismal area** to the right of the sanctuary. We will bring Holy Communion to you.

**Official Website**

[www.holyrosarybronx.org](http://www.holyrosarybronx.org)