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December 15, 2024

Joy



Advent

SUNDAY MASSES:

SAINT MARTHA

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

INFANT JESUS

OF PRAGUE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

SAINT MARTHA

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:00 a.m.

INFANT JESUS

OF PRAGUE (Chapel)

Due to Tornado Damage,

Weekday Services are

Suspended until further

notice

ADORATION HOURS

SAINT MARTHA

First Friday of month,

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION

Before Weekend Masses

Anytime by Appointment

SACRAMENTS OF

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE,

ANointing OF THE SICK,

RCIA

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ST. MARTHA PARISH

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

1st-8th Grade Tuesdays

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Doors Open @ 5:45

WESTBANK HIGH

One Saturday Each Month

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD

10:30 Mass St. Martha

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday)

Infant Jesus 4:00 p.m.
St. Martha 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday)

Infant Jesus 10:00 a.m.
St. Martha 10:30 a.m.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(New Year's Day 2025)
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



New Year's Eve Vigil (Tuesday, Dec. 31)
Infant Jesus Only 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1)
St. Martha Only 9:00 a.m.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. LICH

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isa 9:1). In the darkness and the struggles of our daily lives which engulfs us Christ is our light. It's time for us to pause and see this light and feel its warmth. As we celebrate Christmas this year, may the light of Christ illumine your ways and your hearts.

Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst who may join with us to celebrate Christmas mass. Make room in the pew, greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality like they were Mary and Joseph seeking room in the inn.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers. **“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”** And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angels praising God and saying: **“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”** (Lk2:10-14)

May God bless you and your family this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen.

Christ's joyful peace and love,

Father Lich Van Nguyen

3rd Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec. 14	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Evelyn Manuel, Amy Bairnsfather, Henry Ball, E. J. Geiling, Jr., Glenn Morvant, Dr. Earl Madere, Joseph Ditcharo, B. J. LeBlanc, Ronquillo & Lomonaco Families, Roy Allain, Bob Mire, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, OceanQuip-Connectors
Sat. Dec. 14	5:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Tuan Tran, Ann Bairnsfather, Belli Panni Family, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Maria Wun-Ham Ko, Agnes Newchurch & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean Quip-Connectors
Sun. Dec. 15	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Maria Ly Nguyen, Joseph Le Van Lac, Peter & Maria Minh Dang, Maria Ly Nguyen, Maria Nhiem Tran, JoAnn Hebert, Michael Claudel, Deen Hart & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean-Quip Connectors
Sun. Dec. 15	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Fr. Ambrose Udeze, Tony Mac Palisi, Nolan Seibert, All Parishioners, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean-Quip Connectors
Sun. Dec. 15	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Jim Martin, Teresa Sulong, All Parishioners, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean Quip Connectors
Tues. Dec. 17	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Wed. Dec. 18	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> JoAnn Hebert
Thurs. Dec. 19	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. Dec. 20	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Sat. Dec. 21	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> Evelyn Manuel, Henry Ball, Dr. Earl Madere, Barbara Hammer, Glenn Morvant, Josie & Bill Peperone, B. J. LeBlanc, Rodriguez & Strohmeyer Families, Roy Allain & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean Quip Connectors
Sat. Dec. 21	5:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Joseph Tuan Tran, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Nick Danos, Ann Bairnsfather, Maria Wun' Ham Ko, Agnes Newchurch, Carrie Ogden, Tony Lumetta, Maggie Lumetta, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean Quip Connectors
Sun. Dec. 22	8:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Maria Ly Nguyen, Joseph Le Van Lac, Peter & Maria Minh Dang, Maria Nhiem Tran, Lemoine & Dauzart Families, JoAnn Hebert, Michael Claudel, Deen Hart, Carrie Ogden & Our Bulletin Sponsor, OceanQuip Connectors
Sun. Dec. 22	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> All Parishioners, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean Quip Connectors
Sun. Dec. 22	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> Jim Martin, Teresa Sulong, All Parishioners, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Ocean-Quip Connectors
Tues. Dec. 24	4:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> All Parishioners
Tues. Dec. 24	4:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Tues. Dec. 24	4:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Wed. Dec. 25	10:00	<u>Infant Jesus</u> All Parishioners
Wed. Dec. 25	10:30	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners
Thurs. Dec. 26	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> Henry & Helen Roddy, Joseph Sin Van Vu
Fri. Dec. 27	8:00	<u>St. Martha</u> All Parishioners

IN MEMORIAM

St. Martha

In your masses and prayers please remember **Doris Sullivan**, wife of the late Henry G. Sullivan. Please also remember all those who mourn her.

Sanctuary Light

St. Martha

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of December 15th in memory of **Ann Bairnsfather** & the week of December 22nd in memory of **Joseph Sinh Van Vu**.

Infant Jesus

The Sanctuary light will burn the week of December 15th in memory of **Tony Mac Palisi** & the week of December 22nd in memory of **Anthony, Lena & Anna Peperone**.

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***EVENT DATE: TUESDAY,
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TIME: 6:30 PM***

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"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart."
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