

Saint Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church

A Tithing Community

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday :
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday:
9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Parish Staff

Reverend Peter Heasley, S.Th.D.,
Pastor
Reverend Benedict Paul, Ph.D.,
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Thomas Tortorella
Deacon Candido Padro

Reverend Akram Javid
Reverend Luis Saldaña
Sunday Associates

Brian Freeman, Parish Secretary
Sarah Glassman, Music Director

Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Mon.-Sat.):

9:00 AM

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM (Spanish)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

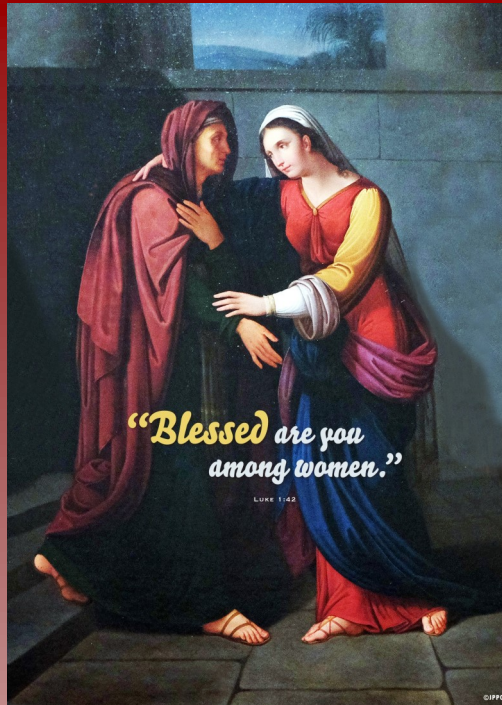
Saturday: 5:00-6:00PM
First Fridays: 9:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

Baptism and Marriage

Scheduled by appointment after meeting with one of the parish priests. Please see the parish website for more details.



FROM THE PASTOR

Christmas falls on a Saturday this year and so we have a special schedule for the weekend. Please note that we have added a Christmas Day Mass in Spanish.

Friday, December 24:

9am Daily Mass

4pm Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 25:

12am Midnight Mass

9am Christmas at Dawn

11am Christmas Day (Spanish)

There will be no Confession, Mass, or Exposition that Saturday evening.

Sunday, December 26 (Feast of the Holy Family)

8:30am

10am

11:30am (Spanish)

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass both for Christmas and for Sunday.

Advent Day of Reconciliation/Reconciliation Monday: on Monday, December 20, every parish in the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre will offer Confession from 11am-1pm and 6pm-8pm. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation to meet our Lord when he comes. There is no better way to meet Him than to accept his loving mercy for our sins by confessing them to a priest.

Fr. Peter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This year, we follow Saint Luke's account of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus, and this Sunday we hear the splendid story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. Most of Luke's account follows the Blessed Mother before her Son's birth and during his childhood, just as Matthew's account follows Joseph. This is a matter of focus, a complementary point of view. In the artwork below, we see Joseph and Zechariah, the husbands of Mary and Elizabeth, gazing in wonder upon the scene in which the unborn Jesus and John greet each other from within their mother's wombs.

It should not surprise us that Jesus, the Son of God, and John, his chosen herald, should recognize each other in spirit before earthly light covers their eyes. Their mothers, one Conceived without Original Sin and one who, though barren, conceives by the help of God, are pure vessels of devotion whose own flesh cannot veil the truth they bear.

We can and should trust what our eyes see in this world, but only to a certain point. We walk by faith, not by sight, as Saint Paul says (2 Cor 5:7), and while this does not mean closing our eyes to earthly responsibilities, it does mean that we can and should feel our way through this world by our God-given sense of trust in Jesus. Everything that we see, our bodies included, will eventually crumble, dissolve, and be rebuilt at the Second Coming of Christ in a spiritual manner perfectly coherent with what our faith sees now. So it is with the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary herself, which God assumes into heaven. So it will be with our bodies at the resurrection of the dead, so long as we greet Christ in faith now through the veil of flesh in which we walk.



Masters of Aachen, *Visitation*, 1485.



We pray for mutual understanding in our country and an end to violence.

We pray for our front-line workers during this pandemic: our doctors and nurses, our police officers, EMTs, and firefighters, our teachers and caregivers, our grocery store clerks and restaurant workers, and all exposed to the risk of contracting Covid-19.

We pray for the members of our parish who are living alone or homebound, especially Eula Burton and Maria Santiago.

We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Norma Padro and Julia Lopez.

We pray for the members of our parish serving in the military, especially SFC Lamont Cleare.

We pray for the protection of the unborn, of children, the sick, and the elderly.

We pray that the peace of Christ soon fill the earth.



Saturday–Sunday, Dec 25th–Dec 26th

4:00pm: Stephen Perry
8:30am: Jennifer Wells
10:00am: Hector Ortega
11:30am: Iris Ortega

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

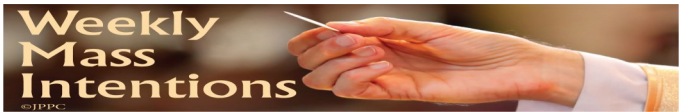
WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 5:

Sunday, December 5:	\$7,027
Building Fund:	\$1,143
WeShare, Nov 29–Dec 5:	\$715

Thank you to those who continue to send in their weekly tithe even though they are unable yet to return to Sunday Mass. All of us might consider using WeShare to make our donations online; please visit the parish website for links and information on how to do so.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Michael the Archangel Church is a multi-cultural Roman Catholic community seeking to live the faith honestly with courage, warmth, trust, love and hope. We are united together in fellowship as a family. The guiding spirit of Christ enables us to serve the needs of others, thereby leading to peace.



Sunday, Dec 19th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am: Pro populo
10:00am: Army Specialist Raven Dunbar (Special Intention)
11:30am: Fernando Rivera

Monday, Dec 20th: No Saints or Special Observances

9:00am: Virtudes Rosario (Special Intention)

Tuesday, Dec 21st: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

9:00am: Lamont Dominic Cleare

Wednesday, Dec 22nd: No Saints or Special Observances

9:00am: Estella Meredith & Priscilla Murphy

Thursday, Dec 23rd: St. John of Kanty

9:00am: Rafael Angel Garcia Jr.

Friday, Dec 24th: The Vigil of Christmas

9:00am: Luis Bríñez
4:00pm: Natividad & Antonio Del Valle

Saturday, Dec 25th: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12:00am: Maria Violeta & Aldo Rodriguez
9:00am: Karmely Paulose
11:00am: Rosa Maria Peña

Sunday, Dec 26th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30am: Benny K. Madden
10:00am: Pro populo
11:30am: Sonia Escobar

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Friday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday:	<u>Vigil</u> : Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night</u> : Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn</u> : Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day</u> : Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Sanctuary Lamp

Dawn Parker

