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Second Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

STIR UP OUR HEARTS, O LORD, TO MAKE READY THE WAYS OF THINE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON, THAT BY HIS COMING WE MAY BE WORTHY TO SERVE THEE WITH PURIFIED MINDS. AMEN.

“Thou art He that was to come, O Jesus! We look for no other. We were blind, Thou hast enlightened us; we were lame, Thou hast made us walk; the leprosy of sin disfigured us, Thou hast cleansed us; we were deaf to Thy words, Thou hast given us hearing; we were dead in sin, Thou hast given us life again; we were poor and had none to care for us, Thou hast come to us with every aid and consolation. These have been, and will again be, the blessings of Thy visit to our souls, O Jesus! A visit, silent but wonderful in its work; which flesh and blood cannot understand, but which faithful hearts feel is granted them. Come, my Saviour, come to me, Thy condescension, and familiarity with such poverty as mine, shall not scandalize me; Thy workings in the souls of men are proof enough that Thou art God. He alone, that created souls, can heal them.”

A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS!



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: SEASONAL CUSTOMS

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
December 12th



According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a man of Aztec descent who had converted to Christianity, on December 9, 1531. She asked Juan Diego to build a shrine on the spot where she had appeared, Tepeyac Hill, now in a suburb of Mexico City. The local bishop—an important church official—demanded that Juan Diego provide a sign that would prove the Virgin Mary had really appeared to him before he would agree to build a church on the site. The Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego again on December 12th and miraculously showed him where to pick roses, even though it was winter, to take to the bishop as proof that she had really appeared. Juan Diego collected the roses in his cloak, went before the bishop, and then opened his cloak to show him the roses. Dozens of roses fell to the floor and his cloak had a beautiful picture of the Virgin Mary inside. The bishop was stunned by the miracle and ordered that a church be built in her honor on Tepeyac Hill. Patroness of the Americas, this is a very important feast for those who live in "the New World" to thank God for using His favorite daughter/mother/spouse in such a miraculous and effective way. You can find Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe | The Saints and Heroes Collection to watch with your children on YouTube or the Formed App. On the Formed App you will also find from the series 'Littlest Saints' — Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego.

Feast of St. Lucy, December 13th

Some of the loveliest St. Lucy's Day customs are Swedish: in Sweden, the oldest daughter of a family will wake up before dawn on St. Lucy's Day and dress in a white gown for purity, often with a red sash as a sign of martyrdom. On her head she will wear a wreath of greenery and lit candles, and she is often accompanied by "starboys," her small brothers who are dressed in white gowns and cone-shaped hats that are decorated with gold stars, and carrying star-tipped wands. "St. Lucy" will go around her house and wake up her family to serve them special St. Lucy Day foods, such as saffron buns and Lussekatter (St. Lucy's Cats), shaped into X's, figure-8s, S-shapes, or crowns.

Advent Rorate Mass "Golden
Masses"

At the darkest time of the year, we are reminded of the Light to come with the tradition of Advent Rorate Masses (**Friday, December 15th 6:30AM Latin Mass**) — whose name derives from the first words of the Introit, Isaiah 45:8: *Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.* These Masses are devoted to Our Lady as the bearer of God, so the priest's vestments are white instead of the violet typically worn in Advent. The only light allowed is candlelight, often from a great plenitude of candles — and because the Mass is offered before dawn, it begins in near darkness, becoming increasingly light-filled with the rising of the Sun — a lovely and dramatic symbolism of our being in darkness but awaiting the coming of the Son Who'll arrive at the midnight between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS		CONFESSION	ADORATION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH ADVENT FÉRIA			
ADVENT RORATE MASS - 6:30AM Latin Sung Mass For the Bishop			
9AM Latin Joseph Patsy from Brenda Prue		8AM-8:50AM	7:30AM-8:50AM
4PM English People of the Parish		3:15-3:50PM	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
7:30AM Latin Jared Mace from Sherry Mace			
9AM English Donna Cerio from the Ciara Family			
10:45AM Latin Elizabeth and William Kenneth Thomas from Family		10:10AM-10:40AM	12:45PM – 3PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH ST. DAMASUS, POPE & CONFESSOR			
6:30AM Latin Catherine and Sarah from K. McKinley		6:10AM-6:25AM	
5:15PM Latin Special Intention from Anonymous		4:30PM- 5PM	4PM-5:15PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH ADVENT, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE			
6:30AM Latin Low Mass Special Intention from Anonymous		6:10AM-6:25AM	7:05AM-12PM
12:10PM Latin Strott Family from Father Schultz		11:15AM-12PM	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR			
6:30AM Latin Bill Strott Sr. Strott Family		6:10AM -6:25AM	
8AM English Lisa Jo Heselden McIntosh † from Family		*By request	
9AM Latin Wallace Lambie from Brenda Prue			10AM-11AM
4PM Latin SCAPULAR GALA			
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH ADVENT FÉRIA			
6:30AM Latin Shaun Fyffe from Tom Fyffe		6:10AM-6:25AM	7:05AM-8AM
8AM English Lisa Jo Heselden McIntosh † from Family		*By request	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH ADVENT FÉRIA			
ADVENT RORATE MASS - 6:30AM Latin Fr. Schultz’s Intentions from The Zallo Family		6:10AM-6:25AM	6:30AM-8AM
8AM English Lisa Jo Heselden McIntosh † from Family		*By Request	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH ST. EUSEBIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR			
ADVENT RORATE MASS - 6:30AM Latin Sung Mass For Fr Belling			
9AM Latin Zachariah Zallo from The Zallo Family		8AM-8:50AM	7:30AM-8:50AM
4PM English People of the Parish		3:15-3:50PM	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
7:30AM Latin Werner Family from Teresa Foster			
9AM English Lisa Jo Heselden McIntosh † from Family			
10:45AM Latin Margaret and Michael Fallon from Family		10:10AM-10:40AM	12:45PM – 3PM
VOTIVE CANDLES		DEVOTIONS	
✦ Main Altar Michael Foster, Lisa Jo Heselden Mcintosh, Carol St. Joseph John Omicinski, Fritz Infant of Prague Debbie Hanczyk, Special Intention Faustina Barbara Omicinski St. Michael Father Schultz Blessed Mother Wisdom & Understanding Shrine Altar Parishioners Sacred Heart Thomas and Laura Cavanaugh Saint Anthony Thank you ✦ In Honor of the BVM (12 candles will be lit each week in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please consider making a \$35 donation to help offset the cost of this beautiful Marian devotion.) This week the BVM candles are from Gerard LeBlond		✦ Rosary before or after Mass ✦ 9 First Fridays & 5 First Saturdays. ✦ Benediction occurs once per day during the last hour of Adoration. (30min. of Adoration is a Plenary Indulgence under usual conditions) ✦ Scapular Apostolate ✦ Purgatorian Society	

Parish Life NEWS & EVENTS



Christmas Mass schedule

Sunday, December 24th

7:30AM Latin, 9AM English

10:45AM Latin, 4PM English

Candlelit Midnight Latin

Monday, December 25th

9AM English

10:45AM Latin

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Coffee Hour & Christmas Pageant after the 10:45AM Latin Mass. **Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.**

HOLY FAMILY MISSION - OLIVE WOOD ITEMS

Sam and Ruth from Holy Family will be at Transfiguration selling their Christmas items after the 4PM Mass Saturday, December 16th and after 7:30AM, 9AM, and 10:45AM Mass on Sunday, December 17th. Holy Family is a group in mission to help catholic families from Bethlehem by selling their Olive wood carvings in churches. Catholic families in Bethlehem are going through a very hard economic situation and need your help, so please stop by our display, and support them by buying their beautiful hand carved olive wood pieces. They accept cash, credit cards and checks.

CATHOLIC APOLOGIST PRESENTATION

At 1:15PM on Sunday, December 17th, after the Christmas Pageant — French author and Catholic Theologian Matthew Lavagna will be offering a presentation with Q&A on Apologetics: Matthew and Celine Lavagna have been visiting our parish for the past month and will be leaving soon. Matthew works for a Catholic Apologetics Association in France. He has authored a few books especially in defense of the beauty and logic of the Faith. He will be discussing the rationality of being Catholic and speaking to atheists; Arguments used, etc. Celine will then speak on the Chartres Pilgrimage - Pentecost 2024 - What is it and why do it, will some go this year from our parish?

THE ANNUAL GIVING TREE IS HERE!

This year we are supporting 7 local families in need through Lincoln Middle School. Tags with specific toy or clothing requests can be found on the trees in the church vestibule beginning December 10th. Please return gifts for the families (wrapped or unwrapped) next weekend or no later than Wednesday, December 20th at 12PM. On our trees you will also find red and green donation envelopes to support liturgical and other material needs. There will be some big ticket items from Father's wish list (communion rail gate, new sanctuary lamp etc.) as well as smaller donation opportunities. Please drop off your donation (cash or check) in the collection basket on Sunday or stop by during office hours (no due date). May God bless you for your generosity!

FINANCIAL GOALS & HOPE APPEAL

Thank you for all your great generosity! We are getting closer to reaching our financial weekly goals. Our numbers were up in November - Thank you! All are invited to make a small increase in weekly donations if you are able so we can meet our financial needs. Also, please support the Hope Appeal.

TRANSFIGURATION CHOIR

The transfiguration Choir will continue rehearsing on Thursdays at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Any interested singers are welcome. No auditions required. Please contact Katherine Medicis at kdeemedicis@syrdio.org if you would like to participate.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saint Daniel's Christmas Concert is December 14th at 6:30PM in the school gym. Free admission! Great entertainment. The Lyncourt Community Band, The Harmony Katz and Katz Meow will perform. Refreshments will be sold. Doors open at 5:30PM. For more information call John Denega (315) 432-1005.

THE ARM OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

The Arm of St Jude the Apostle is visiting the United States. Known as the Apostle of the Impossible, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need. There will be a special mass at the ***Basilica of The Sacred Heart of Jesus*** on **Thursday December 21st at 7PM**. *Veneration of the Relic begins at 3PM and ends at 10PM*. Visit apostleoftheimpossible.com for complete details.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS

Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating ***World Marriage Day on February 11th, 2:00PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception***. Special recognition and certificates will be given to couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage in 2023. If you would like to attend this Mass with Bishop Lucia, please contact the office to let us know if you are a couple married 25, 50 or more years. You will then receive a personal invitation. The Mass is not limited to couples celebrating special anniversaries, but only those couples who contact their parish to receive an invitation. All married couples and their families are invited to attend, and all married couples will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO QUEBEC

SAVE THE DATE: January 5th-7th. Pilgrimage Trip St. Anne's, St Joseph's, Pilgrimage walk, french culture, language, food and Christmas decorations.



MASSES OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023, AT <u>4:00PM</u> [SATURDAY] AND <u>9:00AM</u> (USUS RECENTIOR IN ENGLISH) AND <u>10:45AM</u> (USUS ANTIQUIOR IN LATIN)		Source & Summit Missal Reference
Proper of the Mass	Second Sunday of Advent [<u>4:00pm</u> and <u>9:00am</u>] Second Sunday of Advent [<u>10:45am</u>]	Page 97 -----
Prelude Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	#161
Sprinkling Antiphon	"Asperges Me" [<u>10:45am</u>]	Page 32
Kyrie, Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)	<i>Missa XVII C</i>	#76
Credo (Creed)	<i>Credo I [English text; 4:00pm and 9:00am]</i> <i>Credo IV [Latin text; 10:45am]</i>	#83 -----
Offertory Hymn	"Comfort, Comfort, O My People" [<u>4:00pm</u> and <u>9:00am</u>]	#164
Sanctus (Holy)	<i>Missa XVII</i>	#77
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)	<i>Missa XVII</i>	#78
Marian Antiphon	"Alma Redemptoris Mater"	#113
Hymn after Dismissal	"O Come, Divine Messiah"	#265

PARISH INFORMATION

If you are new, please introduce yourself! We are so glad you are here and can't wait to meet you! If you are a returning visitor, and have not already done so, we cordially invite you to register & join our Parish Family. Go to the online services tab on our website transfigurationsyr.com. To find our more information on the Sacrament of Baptism, Marriage, and the Anointing of the Sick, please visit our website or call the office (315) 479 - 6129.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass schedule for 2024 is now open. Parishioners are invited to request a maximum of 4 Masses between January and December 2024 at this time. The Mass schedule will then be opened for each quarter and parishioners have another opportunity to request Masses each quarter. Please send in your 4 intentions/names for 2024 along with the dates and your Mass stipend, using the pew envelopes. Make sure to indicate living or deceased. We will do our best to fulfill your request as close to the requested date as possible. Dates can be selected from the entire year. Once parishioners have had an opportunity to submit these 4 intentions and they are added to the Mass book, the Mass Schedule will be opened again for the first quarter (January to April) and you will have another opportunity to have additional Masses offered, depending on availability. Use Pew envelopes for your mass requests. **Mass stipend is \$15.**

MEMORIAL GIFTS

We always accept Memorial Gift donations in remembrance and celebration of personal intentions. Feel free to use a pew envelope or any handwritten note. Memorial gift intentions are always available and dedicated to church repair projects or specifically stated intentions. *Requests can be dropped in offering basket and/or mailed to us at 740 Teall Ave, Syracuse, NY 13206.*

VOTIVE REQUESTS

- ♦ Weekly Votives: \$5 a week; request any # of weeks
- ♦ Monthly (Statue of your choice) Votives: \$20 a month
- ♦ Main Altar Votives: \$30 a month; limited to three (3) total each month (*Votive requests can also be made with a pew envelope or any envelope of your choosing. Drop in collection basket, or mail to us your contributions enclosed.*)
- ♦ 12 Candle Votives – These 12 candles, will be lit each week in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please consider making a \$35 donation to help offset the cost of this beautiful Marian devotion.

FLOCKNOTE

With Flocknote you will receive text message alerts and/or emails with Parish news/updates on parish events/groups, Mass time changes or cancellations, etc. You can opt-in to join the groups you are a part of/interested in or would like to attend. Text the words SYRTRANSFIG to the phone number 84576 or go to transfigurationsyr.flocknote.com to sign up.

TITHING & ONLINE GIVING

We would like to express our profound gratitude for your ongoing support. Record numbers of souls continue to flow to Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish to receive the sacraments, to partake in the thriving life of our community, and to share in the joy of our Parish Family. We are currently doing all we can to restore, grow and revive our Church. Please consider tithing as a way of life – “Give and it will be given unto you.” Your contributions and volunteerism truly show your gratitude to God for what He has given us in this Parish. We encourage envelopes and online giving for budgetary reasons. What you give goes toward the events and upkeep of the Parish, however, if you would like to make your donations specific, such as the Music Program, vestments or fuel; we will be adding a comment box to the online giving so that you may make your request known.. — transfigurationsyr.com/onlinegiving

CONTRIBUTIONS 12/3/2023

Envelopes (68)	\$3,795.09
Loose	\$511.00
Online (14)	\$2,090.00
Total	\$6,396.09



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