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Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
7:15am, 8:45am,
10:30am (*streamed for homebound*)
12:15pm and 5:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8am (*streamed for homebound*)
6:30pm
Saturdays 8am (*streamed for homebound*)

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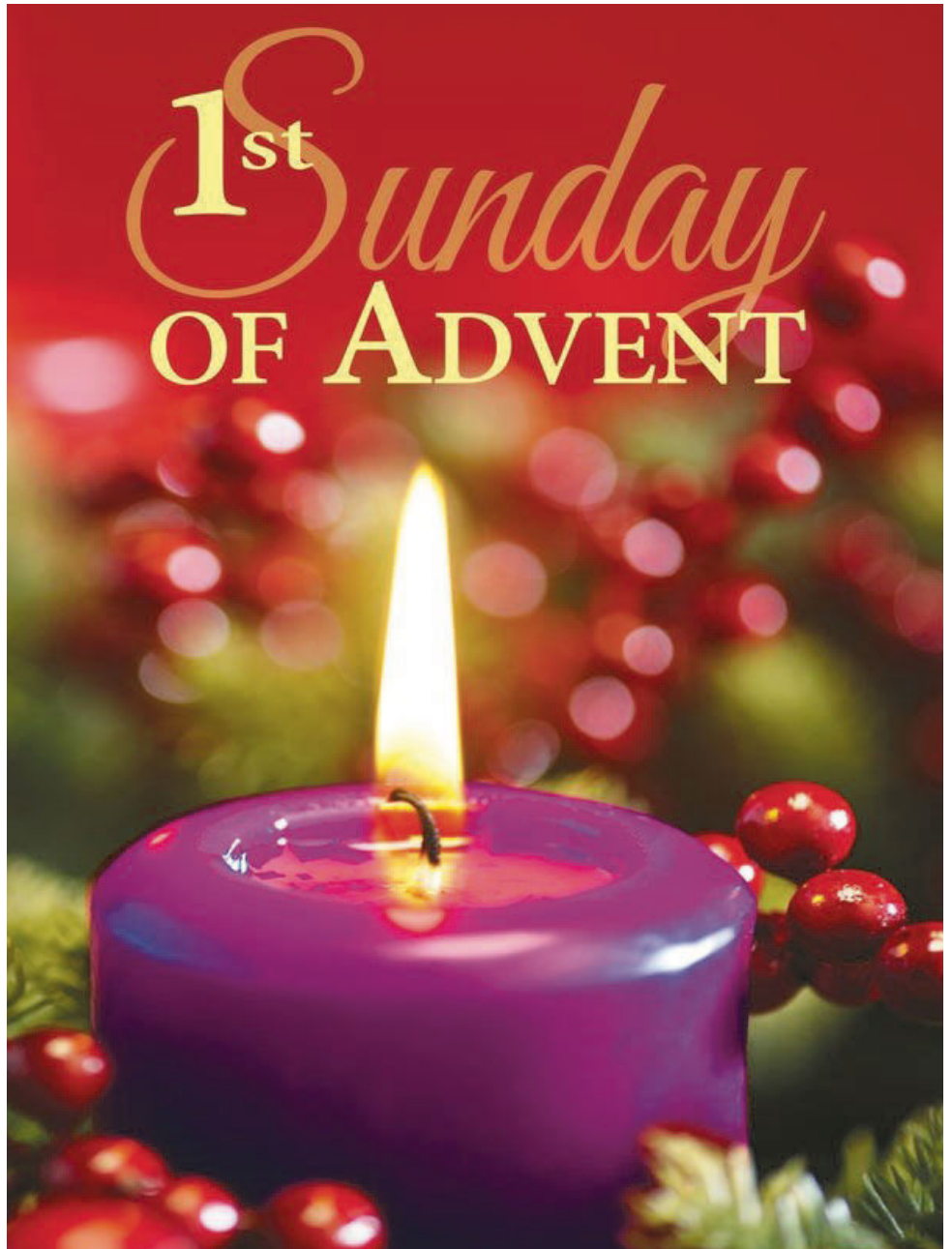
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Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 1st Sunday of Advent



OUR PARISH MISSION & VISION

St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ's disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God's love.

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FROM OUR DEACON MARK MURPHY

During marriage preparation, couples often share with me their desire to “do life” together. And they seem to know that such life will be filled with laughter and tears, deep joy and great loss. They don’t appear to me to be as *blinded* by love, as they are *compelled* by it. Their previous anxiety as singles about “how their life will turn out” has been transformed, where the joy of being on the journey with each other is now more important than the circumstances that life may offer up along the way.

Advent is a season of **devout and expectant delight**. This may sound naïve amid the myriad of challenges we all face in life. But it’s only naïve if we assume that we are to have *devout and expectant delight* about our circumstances in this life. One where God is our Santa Claus whose job it is to make everything here better.

But that is not what Advent is about. Like two people who choose *first* to be in *relationship*, *devout and expectant delight* is being reminded that our first and foremost identity is that of Beloved. The Father’s and the Son’s Beloved.

Are we dancing in delight this Advent the way a bride and groom dance at their wedding, even though they have no idea how the circumstances of their lives will turn out? Are we transformed, such that our joy of being on the journey with Jesus is now more important than the circumstances that life may offer up along the way? Are we living in each moment so as to make God’s love incarnate in ourselves and to those we meet?

May this Advent be a stunning affirmation of our core identity, of our most fundamental relationship, of our indescribable value, evidenced by God’s longing to **be with us**. When this sinks in, really sinks in, we will know in the depths of our heart the devout and expectant delight of Advent!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil: Thursday, December 7, 6:30pm
Friday, December 8, 6:30am, 8am, 5pm, and 6:30pm



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Dec-10 | 1:30 - 5:30pm | A Family Event!

Register by Dec 3 at smdpyl.org

(Childcare is available during breakout sessions only)

The word “Advent” means arrival - we are called to ponder the arrival (past, present, and future) of Jesus Christ into our world, much like those in the darkness await the coming of the dawn. Sometimes it can be difficult to have hope in the darkness, especially if we feel alone! Thankfully, we are never alone! Not only is Christ with us, but He gave us one another - we are *one*. One Church, one Family, one Body of Christ. Using the story of crossing of the Red Sea in Exodus, Curtis will reflect with us on what it means to *hope in the darkness*, both as individuals and as a parish community. Together we will discuss how we can help one another to grow in our faith, as we strive to faithfully walk the path of discipleship, following Jesus through death into life.



Curtis Keddy was born in Canada, raised in Hong Kong by his Protestant missionary parents, and received his higher education in the United States. After graduating with a BA in Biblical Studies in 2002 from Biola University in California, he worked as a Director of Music at an Evangelical church in Hong Kong where, while preparing a class on the liturgy, he was unexpectedly led to the Catholic Church.

Returning to California, he became Catholic in 2007 at St. Martin de Porres, eventually joining the staff full-time as the Director of Parish Faith Formation. In 2017 he received his MA in Biblical Theology from John Paul the Great Catholic University and relocated with his family to Kansas in order to help in the creation of a new parish, St. John Paul II in Olathe, where he served as Director of Liturgy and Formation. Over the past two years he has travelled extensively to various Catholic schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, helping teachers and leaders grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and His Church. He now works in the Archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate overseeing all formation for those men preparing for diaconal ordination.

Curtis lives in Gardner with his wife Amy and their five children and is currently in formation to become a permanent deacon, looking forward to his own ordination, God willing, this coming June.

REREDOS ARTWORK FOR DECEMBER



ST. NICHOLAS

Feast Day—Dec 6

St. Nicholas was born during third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. He was an early Christian Bishop of Greek descent from the Maritime City of Myra in Asia Minor during the time of the Roman Empire. He was known for his generosity and kindness, which gave rise to legends of miracles he performed for

the poor and unhappy. He is also known as Nicholas, the Wonderworker. Images of St. Nicholas shows the three gold balls, which represents the gold given to provide dowries for the impoverished maidens. Sometimes oranges or apples are used to represent the gold. The Miter, a special pointed hat worn by a bishop is a general symbol for bishops, but it is unique to St. Nicholas among holiday gift-givers. The Crozier, the hooked staff carried by a bishop; represents a shepherd's staff as the bishop is to be the shepherd of the people, as Jesus is the Good Shepherd. St. Nicholas became recognized as a saint long before the Roman Catholic Church began the regular canonization procedures in the late 10th century. Therefore, he does not have a specific date of canonization, rather records of him exist in a gradual spread until his stories became widely known and celebrated. He died on Dec 6, 343 at the age of 73.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Feast Day—Dec 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God to Blessed Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian at the Hill of Tepeyac on Dec 9, 10 and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous image of her appearance on his cactus fiber cloak, or "tilma", which still exists today for all to see in the Basilica of Our Lady of Gua-

dalupe in Mexico City. Radiating from La Virgen de Guadalupe are sun rays representing the power of God, as well as the Aztec god Huitzilopochtli, the sun god. She stands on a crescent moon, representing her power over the Aztec god of darkness, as well as the image of the Immaculate Conception. The black ribbon around her belly indicates that she is with child. She is pictured in prayer, showing that she is not a god, but praying to someone else who is. Her knee is slightly bent which could indicate a prayerful dance. She is clearly the woman from the book of Revelation. In 1754, Pope Benedict XIV approved her patronage, and granted her a proper feast and mass for December 12. Pope Pius X proclaimed her patroness of Latin America in 1910, and in 1935 Pius XI approved her patronage over the Philippines. Pope John Paul II, canonized Juan Diego and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the Patroness of the Americas.



ANNUAL OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RE-ENACTMENT, MASS & RECEPTION

with Bishop Kevin Vann presiding

Sat, December 9

7:45am Pre-Mass Aztec Dancers outside

8am Mass with breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall

Breakfast tickets available for purchase on the day of the event. **\$15** adults **\$5** children

One of the most famous and loved of the approved Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Our Lady of Guadalupe. "The Patroness of the Americas," (as declared by St. John Paul II) appeared near Mexico City to Saint Juan Diego.

Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego in the course of four days on four separate occasions—from December 9 to December 12, 1531. These apparitions to the humble, simple, child-like Juan Diego would radically transform the face of the earth and the Catholic world. In fact, within 30 years—from 1531 to 1561 close to five million Mexicans would be converted to Catholicism! This monumental miracle of massive conversions has never been equaled in the history of the world, in the history of Catholicism.

Religious gift items will be available for purchase. Please contact Crystal Olivar, Guadalupeana President, at guadalupanas@smdpyl.org



ADVENT CONFSSION TIMES

Tuesday

Dec 5, 12 & 19: 8:45-10am & 7-8:30pm

Wednesday

Dec 6 & 13: 8:45-10am | **Dec 20:** 8:45-10am & 7-8:30pm

Thursday

Dec 21: 7-8:30pm

Friday

Dec 22: 7-8:30pm

Saturday

Dec 9: 4-5 pm | **Dec 16:** 8:45-10am & 4-5pm

Dec 23: 8:45-10am & 3-5pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

4pm (Church) | 4:15pm (Parish Hall)

6pm | 8pm | 12 midnight

Monday, December 25

8am | 10am | 12pm



SUNDAY ADULT RCIA CLASSES

Come be inspired as we deepen our Catholic faith by journeying with our RCIA families **every Sunday from 10 - 11am** in Sts. Paul & Elizabeth Rooms.

Walk-ins are welcome to class anytime.

The Upcoming Class Topics are:

Dec 3: *Matrimony: Sacrament of Service & Communion*
—Deacon Mark

Dec 10: *Holy Orders: Sacrament of Service & Communion*
—Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk

Dec 17: *Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace & Path to Happiness*
—Peter Medina



We want to wish all our Kids of the Kingdom families and friends a joyous Advent season. As we embark on this festive time, may the spirit of joy and peace fill your hearts with love and wonder as we await the greatest gift of all – our newborn King, Jesus. This is a time of anticipation, a period of reflection on the year that has passed and the promise of new beginnings. Happy Advent!

Please Note: There will be NO Eucharist or Continuing Faith Formation Classes from December 25 - January 3.

For more information contact: Ambar Duarte, Associate Director of Child Faith Formation: Childff@smdpyl.org



IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation (Meeting 7-9pm)

C2: December 3 Christmas Tree Lighting & Chili Dinner

C1: December 5 Sacraments of Initiation: Eucharist

Middle School (Meeting 6:30-8pm)

December 4 & 18

SMYL (Meeting 7-8:30pm)

December 6 Meeting, **December 20** Christmas Party

High School Youth Night (Meeting 6:30-8:30pm)

December 10, January 7 & 14

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"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." - Matthew 28:19



BIBLICAL RETREAT CONTINUES

Join us on **Friday, Dec 15, from 7:15 - 8:45pm** in the Sts. Paul & Elizabeth Rooms as Fr. Timothy Peters concludes his study on the Book of Job (suffering, meaning and divine justice). Visit the Parish website for more info: smdpyl.org.

Save the Dates: Starting January 10 WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 8 SESSIONS



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

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Video series by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Facilitated by Adult Faith Formation

7:15 – 8:30 pm | in the Parish Hall
Cost is \$30 for materials and supplies

Register online at: smdply.org (mandatory)
Childcare available

January

10 – Introduction | 17 – Early World
24 – Patriarchs | 31 – Egypt & Exodus & Desert Wanderings

February

7 – Conquest & Judges & Royal Kingdom
14 – Ash Wednesday (No Bible Study)
21 – Divided Kingdom, Exile & Return
28 – Maccabean Revolt & Messianic Fulfillment

March

6 – Messianic Fulfillment, the Church & Continuing the Journey

Donate Walmart Gift Cards to Outreach Center



St. Martin's Outreach Center would like to help 100 children have a happier Christmas by providing them with a \$15 gift card to Walmart. Please consider this small gesture in His name to put a smile on the face of a child in need. Drop off donations at the Parish Office by Monday, December 11. Thank you for your generous hearts for our families in need this year.



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SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED

We need a volunteer to fill the Sunday Rosary Leader position on the 4th Sunday of even months for 12:15pm Mass. Contact Frank Cinadr, facinadr@gmail.com or 714-595-1099.

AD ALTARE DEI RELIGIOUS & POPE PIUS XII EMBLEM PROGRAMS

Scouting youth and young adults and their parents are invited to an information meeting for those who wish to earn these religious emblems:

Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem Program is for Catholic youth who are in the 7th grade or above. Both Scouts USA and Venturing are invited to attend an Information Meeting. This emblem program explores in depth each of the seven sacraments. Participants meet monthly and work together with other youth from various Scout troops and Venture Crews in the Orange County Area to complete the program. Meeting: Sunday, December 10, from 2-3pm at St. Martin Church.

Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem Program is for Catholic youth in grade 9 to age 20. Young men and women in the Scouting & Venturing Programs meet monthly. Their focus is to help the youth to discern his or her secular calling and vocation in life. This program is run by the teenagers and monitored and guided by trained adult leaders. Meeting Sunday, December 10, from 3:30-4:30pm at St. Martin Church.

If you are not in Boy Scouts, come anyway and we will explain other Scouting opportunities. Please contact Hunter Piper at 714-996-5139 if you want further information.



FAITH & FITNESS MINISTRY

Our next Faith and Fitness Ministry meetings are:

Monday, Dec 4: 9-10am in St. Elizabeth Room

Thursday, Dec 7: 7:30-8:30pm in St. Matthew Room

Please join me for this very special prayer and movement class called "**SoulCore.**" *SoulCore is a movement that combines core stretching and gentle, functional exercises with prayers of the Rosary & other Catholic prayers.* Participants must wear tennis shoes (no open-toe or slip-on shoes), comfortable attire, bring a water bottle, and an open heart. For more information visit smdpyl.org/fitness or email Rebecca Gonzalez at fitness@smdpyl.org.

SUPPORTING OUR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

On December 10, we will take up our annual 2nd Collection to support the Retirement Fund for Religious. This funds aid those men and women who have given their lives to Our Lord and to His Holy Church. Now, in their retirement years, we have the opportunity to thank them for responding to their calling. Thank you in advance for your generosity in next weekend's special collection.



ANGEL TREE THIS WEEKEND

Choose a holiday wish today from a child of Crittenton Services. Return wrapped gifts to the Parish Center Vestibule by Dec 10 with tag attached. Questions - call Bev Berryman 714-680-9022 or email bberryman@crittentonsocal.org. Thank you for your abundant blessings.



ANNUAL NATIVITY BLESSING AND TREE LIGHTING

Our annual Nativity Blessing and Tree Lighting will be next **Sunday, Dec 3, following the 5:30pm Mass.** The Knights will offer a FREE chili dinner to all parishioners in the Parish Hall, following the blessing.

WINGS...THE NATIVITY



Ladies, join us on **Wednesday, December 6**, as our Fall season continues. Our guest speaker is Father Scott Borgman, speaking on "*Meditations on Christmas, Ancient Family Traditions of the Catholic Church leading up to the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus.*" Start time is 9am, but come a little early to greet friends, share refreshments and get your Opportunity Drawing tickets. See you there!

Remaining speakers for the Fall season are: **December 13** Father Christopher Heath (Subject TBD)



2023 SIMBANG GABI* 9-DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA

* Also known as Misa de Gallo or Mass at Dawn, Simbang Gabi or Mass at Night is a Filipino tradition in anticipation of Christmas to ask for special favors.

Masses will be on December 16 – 24 at 6:30am except at 7:15am on Sunday December 17 & 24

Saturday, December 23: Everyone is invited to a Breakfast Reception after Mass in the Parish Hall

We need Simbang Gabi singers for the 6:30 am Masses.

Everyone is welcome. Just show up on the Thursday practice dates below. Meet at 7:15pm in St. Cecilia Room. There is **NO** audition needed. Sing with the choir whenever you are available at the weekday and Saturday Masses. Recruit family and friends to sing with you. Tagalog and English prayers and songs will be sung.

For questions, contact music director Bobby Nafarrete at 714-970-2771 x114 or email at robertn@smdpyl.org

Simbang Gabi Choir Practice Dates: Thursday 7:15pm, St. Cecilia Room: **Dec 7, & 14**

Choir will sing at Simbang Gabi 6:30 am weekday and Saturday Masses: **Dec 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23**

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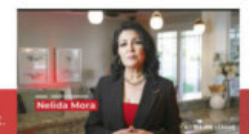
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Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office with your request.

Baptism for Infants

Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead) or visit www.smdpyl.org/baptism to register online for Baptisms. For non-infant Baptisms, please contact the Parish Office at 714-970-2771.

Funeral Rite

For assistance with funeral arrangements, kindly direct your questions to the Parish Office at 714-970-2771. Please note that in most cases, funeral requests require 7 days of preparation and planning.

Rite of Matrimony

Call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least 6 months prior to the planned date of marriage.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Jim Bray	Therese Alexander
Nicki Roden	Laura Marquez
Lyne Colaco	Harry Paris
Jose David	Liz Coulter
Dominguez	Ray Parzych
Tom Norton	Rachel del Rosario
Dakota Challacombe	Rosario Lozoya
Amina Sayes	Tony Scalise

DIED IN CHRIST

Maria Rodriguez	Maria Hoang
Thomas Roslansky	Charles Hoffman

MASS INTENTIONS

Presider schedule is subject to change

Saturday, December 2:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Paul Castillo Kruthoff

5:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Gwin Stevens, † Marcel Franz, † Alfonso Ramirez, † Marion Crossman, Pete Carandag

Sunday, December 3:

7:15 AM (Fr Nicolaus) Gautreau, Meister, Salazar, and Michelle Families

8:45 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Judy Knittle

10:30 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Gabriela Belinsky

12:15 PM (Msgr Stephen) Mass for the People

5:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Dorothy Rico

Monday, December 4:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Phillip James

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) Hang Nguyen

Tuesday, December 5:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus/Dcn) St Martin's Staff

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) Okazaki & Bato Families

Wednesday, December 6:

8:00 AM (Fr Francis) Mike & Monica Fautch

6:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Victoria Ramos

Thursday, December 7:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) † Christian Aguirre

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Thang & † Tuat Cao, Cao Family

Friday, December 8:

6:30 AM (Msgr Stephen) Gustavo & Tracey Rocha

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † John Johnson, † Andres Norgard, † Diana Sobol Slack, Francesco and Cynthia Micaletti

5:00 PM (Fr Nicolaus) Mila Aragones

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) St Martin's Parishioners

Saturday, December 9:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) Ester Rodriguez, Cara Robinson

5:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Ann That Tran, † Joseph Huan Nguyen, † Jesusa Guzman, Jaden Millán

Sunday, December 10:

7:15 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Mark) † Tony Dueñas

8:45 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Irene Baroldi

10:30 AM (Fr Nicolaus) Michael Porretta and Family

12:15 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Remigio Oloriz

5:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) Mass for the People

DEVOTIONS

Rosary Monday - Saturday after 8am Mass, Monday - Friday at 6pm, before Mass on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation & Holidays

Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily 3pm

Miraculous Medal Novena Mondays after 6:30pm Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Wednesdays after 6:30pm Mass

St. Joseph Novena Thursdays after 6:30pm Mass

Litany of the Sacred Heart Fridays after 6:30pm Mass

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send to pulpitann@smdpyl.org with a copy to parishOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Contents are to be only 1-2 sentences.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Submit articles 10 days before the weekend (holiday submissions vary). Send to Becky Fautch at: bulletineditor@smdpyl.org

FACILITY RESERVATION

For all requests or those which include tables in the outdoor Gathering Plaza, please visit smdpyl.org/reservations on the Parish Website. Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance. After your request has been approved and entered, you will receive a confirmation from the Parish Office.

MILITARY SERVICE



Prayers for our Men and Women serving in the Military and in Law Enforcement.

WEEKLY TITHE REPORT

*Thank you for your generosity.
For the weekend of November 26*

Sunday Donation	\$27,561
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