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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays: 7:15 - 8:15pm
Wednesdays: Following Mass at 8:45am
Saturdays: 4 - 5pm
Additional Advent Confession
Hours can be found on page 5

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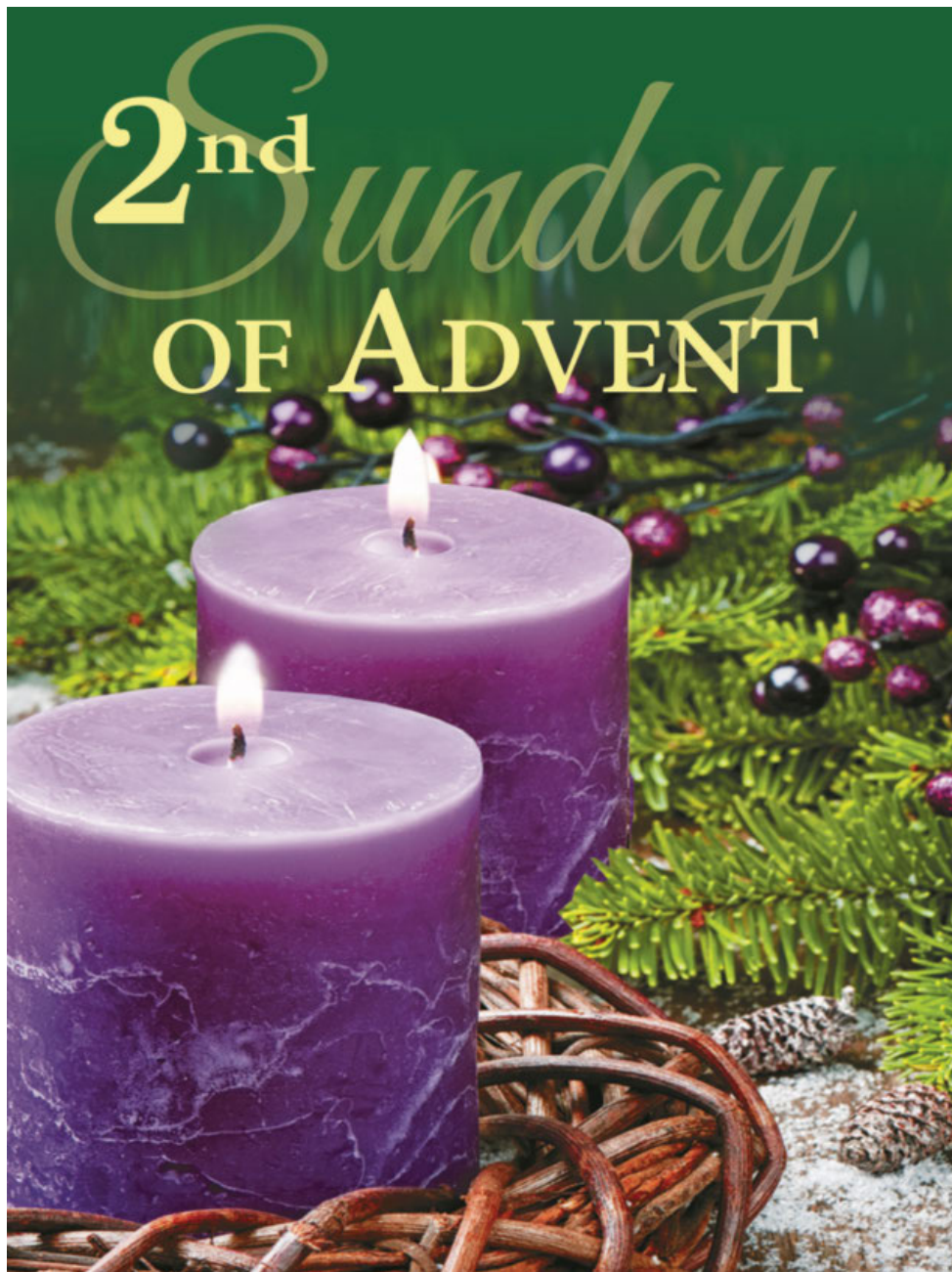
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Sunday, December 10, 2023 | 2nd Sunday of Advent



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 PASTOR MSGR. STEPHEN DOKTORCZYK

Dear friends in Christ,

Today's gospel highlights one of my favorite saints, John the Baptist. His sole purpose in life was to point people to Christ, to whom he was a precursor. I remember visiting on several occasions Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome during my time in the Eternal City. A beautiful piece of art behind the main altar is that of baby John pointing to baby Jesus—"Ecce Agnus Dei"—behold the Lamb of God. John knew his mission from young childhood.

Preaching the good news, he made it clear that one much greater than he (John) was to come. He spoke with clarity, something not always the case in our days. He proclaimed a baptism of repentance, and, as we read in today's gospel, people acknowledged their sins. Those who went out to him (in the desert) realized their sinfulness and repented. I find it interesting too that he was so popular and his message so intriguing that people made the effort to go out and see him. John the Baptist knew what was important in life. It's as if he had a sense that his time on earth would be quite limited and that he had no time to waste. No time for idle chatter had he; there were too many much more important matters to discuss, like the possibility of eternal salvation, found in Jesus Christ. He wouldn't have run for public office or expressed interest in being part of any diplomatic service—it was outside of God's plan for him. Any other inclinations he may have had were trumped by service to our Lord—whatever the cost might be to him personally.

We know that he had a run in with Herod, who threw him into jail and eventually ordered him to be beheaded. Herod was interested in hearing what John had to say, but when John rightly pointed out the sinfulness of him taking under his roof the wife of his brother, Herod wasn't particularly enthused with this admonition. Even less so was Herodius, the woman in question. It was a case of clarity in charity—no watering down the truth in an attempt to be as loving and charitable as possible. John willed the good of Herod, which is why his lips uttered the tough teaching.

Let us pray for the humility, determination, simplicity, courage and charity of this saintly man.

Wishing you all a blessed remainder of the season of Advent,

Monsignor Stephen Doktorczyk
Pastor



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ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday, December 24

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

6pm | 8pm | 12 midnight

Monday, December 25

8am | 10am | 12pm

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This weekend we will take up our annual 2nd Collection to support the Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund aids 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 this special collection.

WORSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLYWEDS

MR. AND MRS. CHAVEZ
NOVEMBER 11, 2023 | Celebrant: Fr. Nicolaus Thai



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NOVEMBER 25, 2023 | Celebrant: Fr. Nicolaus Thai



"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." - Genesis 2:24



2023 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATION PLANNER

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is Sunday, December 24. Christmas is, of course, December 25. Both are Holy Days of Obligation. Therefore, we have two obligations to fulfill – **we must go to two distinct Masses**. To fulfill one's Sunday or Holy Day obligation, one may do so by attending any Mass between 4pm the evening before and 11:59pm of the day itself.

That means, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, you can go to any Mass between 4pm on Saturday, December 23 and 11:59pm on Sunday, December 24. For Christmas, you can go to any Mass between 4pm on Sunday, December 24 and 11:59pm on Monday, December 25.

The following planner will help you decide which two Masses you will go to at St. Martin de Porres, in order to fulfill both of your obligations!

To fulfill one's 4th Sunday of Advent Obligation, one may attend any of the Masses in purple below.

1st Obligation (Fourth Sunday of Advent)  (pick one from the right)	Saturday, December 23			
	5:30pm			
	Sunday, December 24			
	7:15am	8:45am	10:30am	12:15pm
	4pm	4:15pm	6pm	8pm

To fulfill one's Christmas Obligation, one may attend any of the Masses in green below.

2nd Obligation (Christmas)  (pick one from the right)	Sunday, December 24			
	4pm	4:15pm	6pm	8pm
	Monday, December 25			
	Midnight	8am	10am	12pm

FAITH FORMATION



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 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 CFF Closures Below:

- No First Eucharist or Continuing Faith Formation classes from December 25 - January 3
- No Sunday School on December 24 and 31

Childcare and Childrens Liturgy of the Word will continue to gather for the 8:45am and 10:30am Masses as usual.



YOUTH MINISTRY

IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation

C1: December 10 Advent Parish Mission (*no class*)

C2: December 16 XLT (*Saturday Mandatory Event*) 5:30 Mass

Middle School (*Meeting 6:30-8pm*)

December 18, January 8

SMYL (*Meeting 7-8:30pm*)

December 20 Christmas Party

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

December 10, January 7 & 14

2023 Men's Retreat



Thirty-six men attended the 2023 St. Martin de Porres Men's Retreat at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside the weekend of November 17, 18 & 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 Date: Starting January 10 WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 8 SESSIONS

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

(*A Quick Journey through Salvation History*)

Video series by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Facilitated by Adult Faith Formation

7:15-8:30pm 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



2023 SIMBANG GABI* CHRISTMAS NOVENA

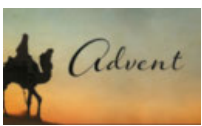
** Also known as Misa de Gallo or Mass at Dawn, Simbang Gabi or Mass at Night is a Filipino tradition in anticipation of Christmas to ask for special favors.*

All are invited to attend the Simbang Gabi Masses December 16 -24 at 6:30am except at 7:15am on Sunday, December 17 & 24

On Saturday, December 23, join us for a complimentary Breakfast Reception after Mass in the Parish Hall.

FORMED

PICKS OF THE WEEK – December 10



"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," but what does that look like at your house? Most of us anticipate the great sales, string lights on our house, and decorate the inside of our homes. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? Watch "Advent" on FORMED.org this week and explore the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, and experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.



Catholics have long observed the Advent season by meditating on peace, hope, joy, and love; but do you understand their meaning in the context of Advent? Watch "Advent Word Study" this week on FORMED.org and study these rich biblical words in four short videos with the Bible Project's Advent series.

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YEAR-END GIVING



As 2023 comes to a close, consider a year-end gift to St. Martin de Porres Parish. You can choose to support a specific ministry or you may give to general support - which focuses on the greatest need of the Parish.

There are several ways to give:

1. Donate online through the Parish Web Site at smdpyl.org/egiving
2. Drop off a check or credit card payment at the Parish Office.
3. Directly transfer appreciated securities by contacting your investment advisor. Please note, wire transfers are not immediate and may take 3 to 5 business days from initial transfer.
4. Donate through your IRA or if you are eligible through a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) both of which are tax-deductible. Please contact your investment advisor for more specifics related to your financial situation.

To learn more about ways to make a year-end gift, please contact the Parish Office at 714-970-2771. As this year ends, open yourself up to new possibilities and success achieved through giving and receiving. Thank you for your continued support of St. Martin de Porres Parish!



FAITH & FITNESS MINISTRY

Our next Faith and Fitness Ministry meetings are:

Monday, Dec. 11: 9-10am in St. Elizabeth Room

Thursday, Dec. 14: 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

THE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES (THE HOLY LAND)

Next weekend, December 16 & 17, the Bethlehem Christian Families will be on campus to sell their hand carved religious articles made of olive wood. The sale of these precious articles supports their Church Mission which is to maintain the roots and the existence of the Christian Families who are struggling to remain in Bethlehem. At Least ninety percent of the funds raised through these sales go directly to Christians living in the Bethlehem area. The proceeds will create more work which helps them to survive and stay in the Holy Land since they have no other source of income and are dependant on the olive wood industry. Thank you for your support and generosity.

JOANIE'S PURSE PROJECT

Bring some cheer into the lives of women in need. "Joanie's Purses" is an outreach program providing purses filled with personal care items and small gifts to struggling women in Orange County shelters, motels, transitional living, and other support programs to become employed, empowered, and independent. We do large distributions for Spring/Mother's Day and the Holiday Winter Season and many in between.

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Socks (new) / Scarves / Hair Brushes / Hair Clips / Wallets / Cosmetic Bags / Bracelets / Necklaces Band-Aids / Note Pads/Pens
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Drop-off Locations (We accept donations all year long)

ORANGE: 475 N. Citrus, anytime, bin on front patio

ORANGE: Communications Lab: 701 E. Chapman (corner Chapman/Harwood), M-F 9-5

YORBA LINDA: Knoll Optometry, 19871 Yorba Linda Blvd (three driveways east of Fairmont) M-F 9-4

Please help if you can

Assembly/Purse fill Day for Holiday Distribution at
The Cantlay Center 2020 W Chestnut Ave, Santa Ana 92704
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Visit us on Facebook at: [facebook.com/JoaniesPurseProject](https://www.facebook.com/JoaniesPurseProject)
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Meetings take place today!

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 is today, 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 is today, 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.

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.



ANGEL TREE THIS COLLECTION

Return wrapped gifts with tags attached **TODAY** to the Parish Center Vestibule.



WILLIAM HUNTER RECOGNIZED

The Parish Pastoral Council recognizes William Hunter for his 4 years of service. Pictured with William are Gary Parzych and Deacon Denis Zaun.

SENIORITY CLUB

Please join us on Sunday, December 17 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Parish Center for a light lunch with holiday desserts will be served. Fun, games and a very special visitor will provide an afternoon of holiday festivities, plus a gift for everyone attending. We look forward to you joining us Deacon Nick and Lisa Sherg

WINGS...MY SACRIFICE AND YOURS



Ladies, join us on **Wednesday, December 13**, for our final Fall season speaker. Father Christopher Heath of St. John Neumann parish will speak on appreciating a part of the Mass that most overlook: **"The Preparation of the Gifts."** Start time is 9am, but come a little early to greet friends, share refreshments and get your Opportunity Drawing tickets. We hope to see you there!

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.



Question: The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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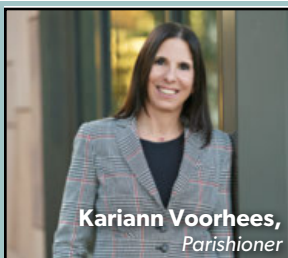
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Anointing of the Sick

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Baptism for Infants

Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead) or visit www.smdpyl/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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9:

8:00 AM (Bishop Vann) Ester Rodriguez, Cara Robinson

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

Sunday, December 10:

7:15 AM (Msgr Stephen) † 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

Monday, December 11:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Linda Sanfilippo

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Teodoro Loicano

Tuesday, December 12:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Denis) † Allan Lynch

6:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Cesar Valenzuela

Wednesday, December 13:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Carlo Del Carlo, Vanessa Orrin

6:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Lauro Maiquez, † Hermie Maiquez

Thursday, December 14:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) Amber Duarte

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Veronica Villaruel

Friday, December 15:

8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) † Hildebrando Enriquez, † Joseph Heo, † Adela Kim, † Maria Manlosa, † Gerardo Ortega

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) Fr. Hoa Tran

Saturday, December 16:

8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) Lynch and Melman families

5:30 PM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Nick) † Benjamin Misa, Sr., † Dorothy Lucier, † Brian Caciatori, Jackie Brandon, Bacolod Family

Sunday, December 17:

7:15 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Nick) Mass for the People

8:45 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Nick) † Jessica Jablonski

10:30 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Nick) † Jessica Jablonski

12:15 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Isidor Rodriguez

5:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus/Dcn Nick) † Gabriela Belinsky

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 December 3

Sunday Donation	\$28,610
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DIED IN CHRIST

Francisco Montaña	Raymond Parzych
Camilla Anne Berger	Jesus Villalpando