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ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

**DECEMBER 10, 2023** 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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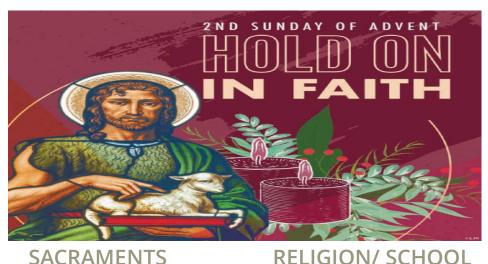
### MASS SCHEDULE

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:30AM Sal Sena	8:30AM Mary L. Granello 12NOON Salvatore LaBuglio	8:30AM Emanuel K. Amatrudo 12NOON Carmelo Borgognone
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
8:30AM Bertha Wagenstein 12NOON David Plum	8:30AM 12NOON Joseph Trevisano	8:30AM Robert Marshal

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Rosemary Callenberg, Eileen Carroll, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciricirillo, Carina DeGiulio, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarlino, Ricky Gundacker, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Josephine Linton, Lomando, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Marie McMillen, Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Joseph Pastore, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Gerry Pye, Edwin Rodriguez, Marty Rose, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, David Valle, Michael Walsh, Jerry Yannaci Sr., William

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Spec 4 Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Middle East.

Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

Technical Sergeant Michael Mazzarella, U.S. Air Force, Africa NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

> 4pm, 7:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford 9am, 10:30 Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Many people can recall the inspired wisdom in Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13. His important message is chosen by many couples to be read at their wedding. It makes a big impression on the congregation - and right now, preparing for Christmas, it can be useful for all of us. As Saint Paul says:

Brothers and sisters: strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I will show you a more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, or if I have faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered,
it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

It is worth noting that Saint Paul wrote this famous passage about love to the small Christian community in the city of Corinth, where he had worked for 18 months making leather goods and tents to support himself while teaching about Jesus. But the church there in Corinth enjoyed only a brief honeymoon before getting upset over contentious issues and customs that threatened to tear their community apart. The initial attraction—the initial love—among members, was fading, to the point where some people were not coming to the Eucharist.

Paul, far away on his missionary work, heard about this new disunity back in Corinth, and so he writes to remind them that love is an act of the mind and the will, not just a feeling subject to

Married life, and similarly a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church (which is the community and instrument of salvation God has established for us) usually begins with an intense desire to be with one another. But for this wonderful feeling to last, love requires a series of daily behaviors that sustain and deepen the relationship.

What are those behaviors? Paul makes a list, which you can add to or identify with. Being patient and kind. Not being jealous. Not being proud or self-centered. Not being rude. Not being selfish. Not jumping down other people's throats. Not ignoring other people's needs. Not respecting other opinions. Not holding grudges.

Happily, I recently came across a Christmas version of I Corinthians 13. You can add to it if you wish.

If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and snowflakes, slave away in the kitchen, and shop till I drop, but do not show love to my family and neighbors - I have missed the point of Christmas.

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss a spouse.

Love is kind, even when tired and rushed.

Love does not envy another person's home.

Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way.

Love is thankful the kids are there to be in the way.

Love rejoices in giving to those who cannot give back.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Toys will break, jewelry will be lost, gifts will disappoint, golf clubs will rust.

But love will be noticed, and love will endure, because the Bible says that God is love.

AND LOVE NEVER FAILS.

Msgr. William Belford



### OUR SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO WORSHIP ON BOTH SUNDAY AND MONDAY. FOR SUNDAY DEC. 24, WE HAVE MASSES ON SATURDAY AT 4PM, SUNDAY AT 7:30, 9:00 (ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL), 10:30, 12:30.

ON SUNDAY CHRISTMAS MASSES BEGIN AT 4PM IN BOTH OUR CHURCH AND CHAPEL. CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT NIGHT IS AT 9PM, WITH HYMNS AT 8:30.

THEN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING, WE HAVE MASSES AT 7:30AM, 9AM IN ST, NICHOLAS CHAPEL, 10:30, 12:30, WHICH IS LAST MASS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

AND GIVE YOURSELF A PRESENT TODAY. COME TO THE CUB SCOUT PACK 37 PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER TODAY IN OUR GYM FROM 8AM TO 1:00PM: DONATION \$15.

#### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY DEC. 18**

Advent is the beginning of a new year of grace, and time to remind everyone that we offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 12noon to 1pm in church. Prepare for Christmas and a worthy reception of Holy Communion. We will also have chance for confessions on RECONCILATION MONDAY – December 18, between 2-4 and 6-8.



Our St. Teresa-St. Rita Stream Academy's "Living Nativity" will be presented by the 5th grade students with the 4th grade students as the chorus.

Please join us on Friday, December 15th at 7:00pm in St. Teresa Church

Thank you for your faithful weekly donations to God for our Parish support.

WeShare online amount was \$,.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass
with contributions of \$8,868.

#### A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For husbands and wives to treasure one another, and to make that known to each other and to their friends and children, let us pray to the Lord...



We have a nice St. Teresa tradition of parishioners donating for the Christmas Flowers that will decorate our Church and Chapel. **Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes** are available now. The suggested flower offering is \$20. Donors' names will be displayed during Christmastime on a poster in church and chapel. To have the poster list made on time, we need your name and offering by Monday morning, <u>December 18</u>.

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IN HONOR OF SERVANT OF GOD DOROTHY DAY, THE NEW STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC WORKER INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE A FREE HOLIDAY MEAL ON JANUARY 1 AT SAINT PETER'S CHURCH HALL, 53 ST. MARK'S PLACE FROM 1:00 TO 2:30. TO WORK, DONATE, OR REGISTER: SICATHOLICWORKER@GMAIL.COM

Coming Soon: SIMBANG GABI Dec. 15 to 23

**Simbang Gabi** is a Filipino Christmas tradition introduced by Spanish Friars. It is a series of nine Masses at dawn on the days leading up to Christmas. Here in the States, this is modified to being Masses in the **evening.**) See dates and places on a flyer in the vestibule, and join these joyful celebrations to get ready for the coming of Baby Jesus.

### Have a peaceful, Merry Christmas!

Do you aim for an idyllic Christmas celebration complete with a warm fire, joyful music, and tinsel-covered tree? For many of us, Christmas comes at the end of weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and is wrought with family tensions, obligations, and exhaustion. Try these steps to keep your sanity and your Savior in your Christmas celebration:

Be realistic. It isn't the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don't overspend and over extend before Christmas, you'll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives. Soothe the beast. Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for your celebration. Pick your favorite holy hymns to put yourself in the Christmas frame of mind.

Reach out. Want to make your own problems seem small? Take on someone else's. Do at least one good Christmas deed for someone needy.

Seek the eternal. Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remind yourself of what is most important about Christmas.

### from Scripture

### Luke 2:22-40, Encountering God in the ordinary

To the uninformed observer, Jesus' birth was unremarkable, and His family was quite ordinary. In fact, when it was time to present Jesus in the temple, His parents couldn't afford the customary offering of a lamb, and instead made the offering of the poor – two pigeons. As faithful Jews, they did all that was required by their faith to thank God for the gift of their child.

Yet, when Joseph and Mary presented their new baby in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized Him as the Messiah. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32).

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord in the temple. Anna was also filled with the Holy Spirit. Her faith in God's promises gave her hope. The hope God places in our hearts gives

us a desire for the kingdom of Heaven. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who want to know Him, receive Him, and to be happy with Him forever.

# Q How can I make Christmas A joy last?

The Church's real Christmas season starts on Christmas Day and lasts until the Baptism of Our Lord. By celebrating the whole season, you can make your Christmas joy last long after you've taken down the tree. Here are some highlights of the season:

Feast of the Holy Family,
December 31. Gather for a
meal with loved ones, or
contact out-of-town
friends or family.
Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God, January 1.

Dedicate a Rosary to the Blessed

Mother, asking her to help you grow
in love and trust.

Epiphany, January 7. The example of the Magi honoring Jesus has become a symbol of sharing Him with the world. This is our chance to think about the way we live so that we can better reveal Christ to our world.

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 8. Baptism is our entry into the Kingdom. Take time this day to renew your Baptismal vows and decide what you can change in your life to help you live as Christ did.

## Feasts & **\*** © Celebrations

December 3 – First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and His coming on the last day. Catholics everywhere light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego. She asked St. Juan to carry roses to the bishop as proof. When the roses were emptied from his *tilma*, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

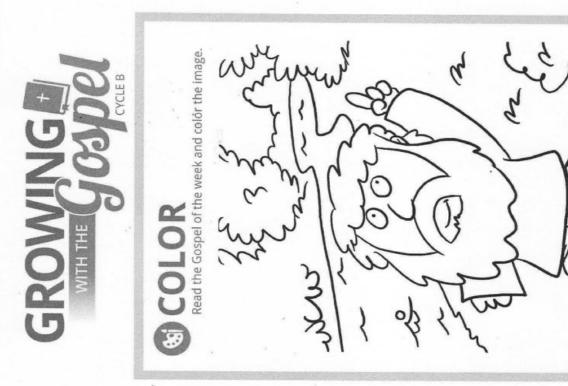
December 15 – St. Maria di Rosa (1855). Born into a wealthy family in Brescia, Italy, Paula was renowned for holiness, generosity, and concern for the sick. She founded the Handmaids of Charity in 1840. She took the name Sr. Maria Crucifixa di Rosa.

December 27 – St. John the
Beloved (1st Century). As an apostle
and friend of Jesus, St. John was
known for his fiery
temper. Scholars
believe he is the
"beloved disciple"
who sat by
Jesus at the Last
Supper in John's
Gospel.

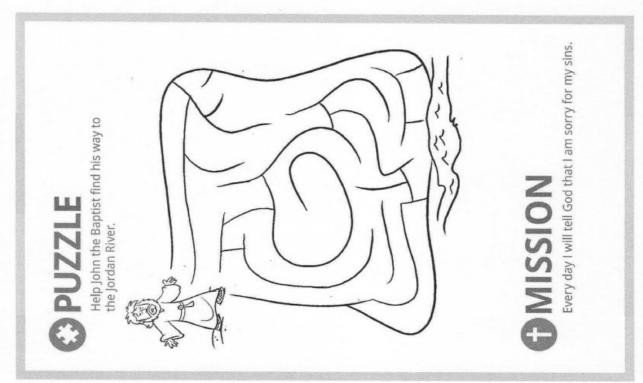
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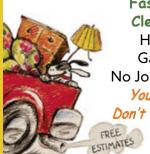
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