

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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PARISH REGISTRATION

All Roman Catholics, (21 years and older) living within the boundaries of the Parish should register (stop by the Parish Office). Parents with children in our **Parish Religious Education Program** must be registered and using offertory envelopes.

Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage

No dates given over the phone. Please consult the Parish website for further information.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm (English) and
7pm (Spanish)

All Sunday Masses are in English

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and
12:10pm

Monday to Friday: 7:00am and 12:10pm

Saturday: 8:00am and 12:10pm

The Sacrament of Confession

Monday to Friday

6:45am to 6:55am

11:30am to 12noon

Saturday

11:30am to 12noon

4:00pm to 4:55pm

6:30pm to 6:55 (in Spanish only)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rectory Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9am to 4pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9am to 3pm

Served by:

Pastor: Rev. William Luciano

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Biju Peter, C.M.I.

Rev. George Obeng-Yeboah Asumah

Deacon Rudy Babor

Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Mary Rose

Office Manager: Mrs. Luz Maldonado

Music Director and Organist:

Mr. Jonathan Mercado

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Parish Religious Education Program

Thomas Aquinas Center

24 Shea Place

914-235-7311

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Coordinator: Mrs. Gina Gardon

Secretary: Mrs. Gladis Kann

PREP Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am to 10:00am

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am to 11:45am

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Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Located at:

95 Kings Highway

Cemetery Hours

8:00am to 4:00pm

Office at: 15 Shea Place

914-636-6343

Manager: Mrs. Mary Rose

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday,

Friday 9:00am to 12 noon

cemetery@blessedsacramentnr.com



From the Pastor's Desk



Every year, the Church asks us to call to mind, and to reflect on, the Lord's second coming. In order to properly think about the second coming of Jesus, we need to recall His first coming. The Old

Testament points to the first coming of the Messiah, to Jesus. In the season of Advent, we hear the words of Scripture which promise the coming of the Son of Man. We know this in our

reflecting back on the covenants and promises God made to His chosen people. The final covenant, which God made, was the sending of Jesus, into the world, to fulfill the promise, inherent in the Old Testament.

The Season of Advent is a time of preparation. If you knew that a very important person was coming to visit, how would you prepare? Let's say that it was a beloved relative you have not seen on over twenty, thirty or forty years. What would you do to get the apartment or house ready? Would you dust, mop the floors, vacuum the carpet or perhaps paint to freshen up the rooms? Perhaps, you would buy new furniture, clean the windows, cut the grass or sweep the driveway. I could see people not using their chipped dishes (meaning they have to buy new ones or take unused ones out of boxes), making sure the glasses were clean and polishing the silverware (or at least making sure the silverware matches). I can only envision the buying of food, sweets and cookies and perhaps, even a cake. Would you greet that beloved relative in your everyday clothes? Probably not. You would make sure that your clothes were clean and pressed. Perhaps, you would put on new clothes.

The Lord is coming and yet what do we do to prepare? We seem to concentrate on Christmas day only. That is okay in some small way. It is good to remember the first coming. It is better to prepare for the second. Sometimes, when we keep our focus only on Christmas Day, we lose the specialness of the Advent Season. How do we prepare for the second coming of Jesus?

First, we have to recognize that Advent is a wonderful time, of preparation, for the second coming of Jesus. Perhaps, it might be coming to an extra Mass, during the week, or making sure your soul is clean by going to the Sacrament of Confession. It could be that you will help make a child's Christmas brighter, by taking an ornament off the "Giving Tree", and then bring back the unwrapped present. God gives us opportunities to prepare. We should take these opportunities to prepare for the second coming of Jesus.

Quotes about Saint Joseph

Saint Thomas Aquinas, said:

"Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.

First Friday - December 3rd

This coming **Friday, December 3rd**, is the First Friday of the month. As usual, during every First Friday of the month, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10pm Mass and then at 3:00pm, Prayers in Honor of the Divine Mercy. If you want to follow along with the prayers to the Divine Mercy you can purchase a booklet at the Rectory for one dollar.

First Saturday - December 4th

On **Saturday, December 4th**, we will immediately at the conclusion of the 12:10pm Mass, Prayers in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you want to follow along, to the prayers, you must purchase a booklet at the Rectory for one dollar.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Wednesday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Roman Catholics. This Solemnity celebrates the fact that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived, in the womb of her mother Anne, free from any stain of original sin. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 7th at 5:00pm and on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00am, 12:10pm. All the Masses will be in English.

Our Annual "Giving Tree"



Our Annual "Giving Tree" tradition continues until Monday, December 13th. The "Giving Tree" benefits "Catholic Guardian Services", a not-for-profit provider of foster care, adoption services and residential programs for people with developmental disabilities. Catholic Guardian Services has asked for our help in the way that they receive the Christmas gifts from the various Churches and organizations that assist them at this important time. **They want the presents gathered, for the children, unwrapped.** Please take some time to pick an ornament or tag from the tree and return the **unwrapped** gift with the ornament/tag attached to it. Each ornament contains the gender and age (from newborns up to the age of 15) of the child. You may give the appropriate gift — toys, clothes, towels, winter accessories, gift cards, etc.. Thank you for your anticipated participation of this worthy cause.



Music Notes for this Weekend

By Mr. Jonathan Mercado, Organist and Music Director

Happy New Year!

With this weekend's change in liturgical Season, we also begin a new church year. Our new year takes that same anticipation of the secular calendar's New Year's Eve, and places it on a four-week journey to a great event; the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Certainly, there are many ways in which we "make straight the way" for the coming of the Lord at Christmas each year. Our Advent journey from the darkness of the First Sunday of Advent to the light of Christmas is rooted in tradition. Advent is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. The Advent Wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. Its circular shape tells us of God's everlasting love and faithfulness. It's evergreen branches tell us of eternal life and of God's desire for us to live with Him forever. The four candles remind us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through his Son, Jesus. This is a time of grace, a time for a new advent of Jesus into our lives. On the First Sunday of Advent, we focus on the Lord's second coming. Let us heed the Gospel words of Jesus, "Be on guard; be prepared." As the first candle is lit this week, may its flame bid us to be always ready for the coming of the Lord.

Our seasonal entrance antiphon furthers the theme of the great season of Advent. *"Come to us Emmanuel, Alleluia! Shine in our darkness, hope for the world, Alleluia!"*

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

A Spanish Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place on Saturday evening, December 11th, at 7:00pm. While it is in Spanish all are invited to attend.



La Misa en Honor a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe, será el sábado, 11 de diciembre, a las 7 de la noche. ¡Vengan, los esperamos!

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

It's not too late to sign up for Advent Bible Study. Please register on the parish website: <https://blessedsacramentnr.com/advent-bible-study> or call the rectory at 914-632-3700.

The group will meet on Wednesday mornings during the 4 weeks of Advent to learn and reflect on the Advent Gospel readings
Wednesdays
December 1, 8, 15, 22
From 11am – 12noon
at the Aquinas Center on Shea Place



Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021

- Monday:** Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11
Matthew 4: 18-22
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-31, 3b-4,5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1, and 8-9, 19-21,25-27a,
Matthew 7:21-24-27
- Friday:** Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalm 27:1-4, 13-14
Matthew 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Baruch 5:1-19
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

The Catholic Course Continues

There are 3 sessions left to the first unit of "The Catholic Course."

New participants are warmly invited to any or all these sessions!

- November 30:** Christ is Our Savior and Redeemer
December 7: Answering the Question: "What is the Church?"
December 14: What about Life After Death?

The group meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Aquinas Center (previously Blessed Sacrament HS).

If you plan to attend any of these sessions, please e-mail Mary Rose at adulded@blessedsacramentnr.com or call the rectory at 914 632-3700

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 29th

Our Lady of Beauraing
 7:00am – Alejandro Rivera †
 12:10pm – Charlie Zena †

Tuesday, November 30th

Saint Andrew the Apostle
 7:00am – Coco Arzuaga †
 12:10pm – Kochuparambil Mercy & K.J. Gregory

Wednesday, December 1st

Saint Charles de Foucauld
 7:00am – Regina Saat †
 12:10pm – Lillian Rivera †

Thursday, December 2nd

Blessed Ivan Sleziuk
 7:00am – Ana Elvia Tellez †
 12:10pm – Frank Martorana †

Friday, December 3rd

Saint Francis Xavier
 7:00am – Adele Soldano †
 12:10pm – Nicola and Rosa Aiello †

Saturday, December 4th

Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00am – Dulce M. Yannuzzi †
 12:10pm – Dorothy Cowan †

Memorials for the Week

The Bread and Wine, used at all the Masses this week, are donated **in memory of the Lange Family**

The Sanctuary Lamp, burns this week beside the Tabernacle **in memory of Kochuparambil Mercy and K.J. Gregory.**

WEEKLY (and Monthly) DEVOTIONS

Monday after the 12:10:pm Mass:
 Miraculous Medal Novena
Tuesday after the 12:10pm Mass:
 Saint Anthony Novena
Wednesday after the 12:10pm Mass:
 Saint Joseph Novena
First Friday of the month:
 after 12:10pm Mass: Sacred Heart Novena
 and at 3:00pm: Divine Mercy Prayers & Benediction
First Saturday of the month: after 12:10pm Mass:
 Prayers in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Conversación Católica en Inglés

La Conversación Católica en Inglés continúa... los Miércoles de 1:30 a 2:15 de la tarde en el Centro Tomás Aquino. Sobre la calle Shea.

Todavía pueden participar en este programa. ¡Los participantes asistiendo a este programa están muy contentos con los resultados! ¡Vengan los esperamos! Si desean información llamen al: 914 632-3700.

**Salesian High School
 Scholarship Exam**

Salesian High School is offering a scholarship examination on December 4, 2021, to everyone that has applied or is interested in attending. The result of the examination assists in providing additional scholarship monies to qualified students. For more information, visit www.salesianhigh.org/admissions or contact via phone at (914)-632-0248.

Collections

Last Sunday Collection	\$5,410.00
Charity and Justice Collection	\$1,147.00

Your Giving Matters

There might be times when you are away for a while and attending Mass elsewhere. As a loyal parishioner of Blessed Sacrament we still need your generosity. While away, or at any time, you can sign up for online giving through **"WeShare"**.

WeShare is an automated giving program. Visit blessedsacramentnr.com to set up automatic giving to keep our Parish economically strong. Visit our website and follow the directions.

Offertory Collections; Mail-In or Drop-Off

- Drop your envelopes and contributions in the offertory basket during Mass.
- You can mail or drop them off at the Rectory during our current office hours: Weekdays, 9:00am to 4:00pm. The address is on the first page of this bulletin.
- Lastly, you can mail your stewardship offerings directly to the Parish: Blessed Sacrament Church, 15 Shea Place, New Rochelle, New York 10801.