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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. Spanish (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. English (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. Spanish (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. English (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays	8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)	12:10 p.m. English (Mon-Fri)
	7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Thu & Sat)	

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades Kindergarten - 8. For registration information call the school office at (718) 364-5110.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)

1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MEMORIES AND DREAMS



Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday

Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Wednesday

St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

Thursday

St. John

Friday

The Holy Innocents

Saturday

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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day



Christmas Eve Mass
Monday, December 24th
 will be at 8:00 pm

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25th
 10:00 am - Bilingual
 12:00 pm - Vietnamese

LECTORS SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 23	Marilyn Torain Genevive Persaud	Eugene Mananga Camille Luke
Dec 30	David Le Marilyn Torain	Pereta Rodriguez Andre Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 23	Rosa Susana Bethzabe Vera	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz
Dec 30	Yvonne Ebea Rosa Susana	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 24, 2018

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Tuesday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 24, 2018

Monday
8:30am Florangel Del Carmen Medrano De Lopez (D); William Augusto Villamar Pesante (D)
12:10pm Ta on & Binh An
8:00pm
Tuesday
10:00am Aurelia Ramos (D); Laura Muñoz (D); Eugenia S. Abella (D)
12:00pm
Wednesday
8:30am Juana Curbelo, Ramon Bonet, Carmelo Bonet (D)
12:10pm
Thursday
7:45am Gioan Chat & Maria Nghi
8:30am
12:10pm
Friday
8:30am Phanxico Xavier Hung, Ta on
12:10pm
Saturday
7:45am LH Phaolo
7:00pm Rene & Elizabeth Fernandez (L); Sylvia Hernandez (D); Martin Lima (D)
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Amalia & Natalio Collado (D); Ramona Carmen Jimenez, Ramon Ignacio Rodriguez (D)
11:30am
1:30pm Giuse Dang Ton(D)

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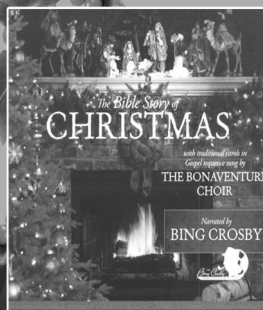
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