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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.

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION



Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the LORD” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11–14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749)

December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John’s message for the church’s spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This “incarnational theology,” the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today’s pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as “windows into heaven”—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day

Tuesday

St. Francis Xavier

Wednesday

St. John Damascene

Friday

St. Nicholas; First Friday

Saturday

St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



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LECTORS SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 1	David Le Genevive Persaud	Daisy Soler Melissa Rivera-Jovel
Dec 8	Genevive Persaud David Le	Eugene Mananga Josephine Nguyen
Dec 15	David Le Genevive Persaud	Felisha Fabian Melissa Rivera-Jovel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 1	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Pereta Rodriguez Dhariana De La Cruz
Dec 8	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz
Dec 15	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe Vera	Gregory Ender Pereta Rodriguez

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

Tithing: \$6,829.23
Children: \$7.00
Total: \$6,836.23

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 2, 2019**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; 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 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 2, 2019**

Monday
8:30am Benera Sufron, Damaris Sanchez, Petra Ortiz, Wilberto Rivera (D)
All Souls
12:10pm
Tuesday
8:30am Pedro Antonio Jimenez, Angelica Moncion (D), Todas las Animas Ancestors
12:10pm
Wednesday
8:30am Jesus de la misericordia, la Virgen de la Altagracia
All SOuls
12:10pm
Thursday
7:45am Ong ba To Tien
8:30am Al Sagrado Corazón de Jesus, la Virgen de Altagracia, la Virgen de Guadalupe
All Souls
12:10pm
Friday
8:30am Santa Ana, San Miguel
George B Szkred (D)
12:10pm
Saturday
7:45am Phero Sach & Maria Phien
7:00pm Todos los santos; Mercedes Acosta Martinez (D)
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Papo Garcia (D); Manuel Cruz Pina, Angel Pugo, Antonio Deleg, Lola Gueailasela, Felix Cabrera, Ana Cabrera, Luis Cabrera (D)
11:30am Peter Scavetta (D)
1:30pm Marco & Cecilia (D)

*We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.
We pray for the sick:
We pray for the dead:*

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