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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE



As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Tuesday

International Human Rights Day

Wednesday

St. Damasus I

Thursday

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday

St. Lucy

Saturday

St. John of the Cross

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepayac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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LECTORS SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 8	Genevive Persaud David Le	Eugene Mananga Josephine Nguyen
Dec 15	David Le Genevive Persaud	Felisha Fabian Melissa Rivera-Jovel
Dec 22	Genevive Persaud David Le	Josephine Nguyen Andre Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 8	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz
Dec 15	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe Vera	Gregory Ender Pereta Rodriguez
Dec 22	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Ed Nolan Marilyn Martin

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NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

Tithing:	\$6,451.08	Catholic Charities:	
Children:	\$2.00		\$780.00
Total:	\$6,453.08		

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 9, 2019**

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: 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, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 9, 2019**

Monday 8:30am San Miguel, las almas benditas del purgatorio. San Judas Tadeo Ana Bo (D)
12:10pm Tuesday 8:30am Acción de gracias al divino niño Ana Tung (D)
12:10pm Wednesday 8:30am San Miguel
12:10pm 8:30pm Thursday 7:45am Marco (D)
8:30am 12:10pm 7:00pm Clara Emilia Hernandez Acosta (D); Jose Garcia, Rafael Flores Olivera. Padre Antonio Aldana, Ernestina Lucero, Anita Rodriguez (D)
Friday 8:30am Felix Antonio Hernandez (D)
12:10pm Saturday 7:45am Phero Cao Khoi (D)
7:00pm Felix Maria Rosario (D); Miriam Gonzalez (D)
Sunday 8:00am People of SNT; Felix Antonio Hernandez (D)
9:30am Valentin Morel, Gilberto Romero, Elena Vil lamil (D); Acción de Gracias, La familia Vasquez-Luna; Darmado Castillo & Rita Peña (D)
11:30am 1:30pm Mary Velez (D)
 Phero & Phanxico (D)

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

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