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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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REASON TO REJOICE



Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Monday

Las Posadas begins

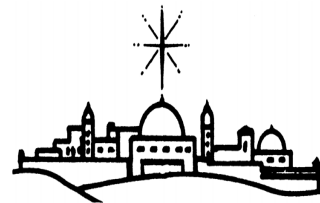
Saturday

St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

RECONCILIATION MONDAY IS DECEMBER 16.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 7PM– 9PM
IN THE CHURCH

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day



MERRY CHRISTMAS
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Christmas Day
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LECTORS SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 15	David Le Genevive Persaud	Felisha Fabian Melissa Rivera-Jovel
Dec 22	Genevive Persaud David Le	Josephine Nguyen Andre Johnson
Dec 29	David Le Genevive Persaud	Ruth Santana Josephine Nguyen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 15	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe Vera	Gregory Ender Pereta Rodriguez
Dec 22	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Ed Nolan Marilyn Martin
Dec 29	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
DECEMBER 1, 2019**

Tithing:	\$7,456.87	Thanksgiving:	
Children:	\$0.00		\$1,075.00
Total:	\$7,456.87		

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

Monday
 8:30am
 12:10pm Terexa (D)
Tuesday
 8:30am
 12:10pm Gioanbaotixita & Ana (D)
Wednesday
 8:30am
 12:10pm Terexa (D)
Thursday
 7:45am
 8:30am Giuse Cong (D)
 12:10pm
Friday
 8:30am
 12:10pm Gloanbaotixita Phi & Ana (D)
Saturday
 7:45am Giacobe Thong (D)
 7:00pm Juan Gonzalez (D)
Sunday
 8:00am All Souls
 9:30am Juana Isabel Merel Alvarado (D); Roberto Borge, Andre Polanco, Benedina Po, Louis Theresa Carta, Philipa Polanco, Felix Polanco (D)
 11:30am Bob Konchalski (D)
 1:30pm Phero & Maria (D)

*We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.
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