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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRUST IN GOD



On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday

St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins

Tuesday

Vigil of Christmas

Wednesday

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Thursday

St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins;

Boxing Day (Canada)

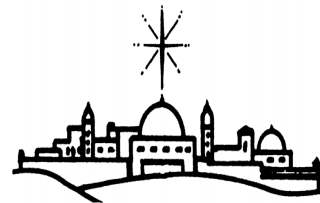
Friday

St. John

Saturday

The Holy Innocents

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th
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LECTORS SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 22	Genevive Persaud David Le	Josephine Nguyen Andre Johnson
Dec 29	David Le Genevive Persaud	Ruth Santana Josephine Nguyen
Jan 5	Juan Dones Elisia Dones	Daisy Soler Melissa Rivera-Jovel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 22	Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea	Ed Nolan Marilyn Martin
Dec 29	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz
Jan 5	Juan Dones Elisia Dones	Dhariana De La Cruz Fitzroy Williams

OFFERTORY COLLECTION DECEMBER 8, 2019

Tithing:	\$7,583.59	Immaculate Conception:	
Children:	\$6.00		\$1,043.00
Total:	\$7,589.59		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 23, 2019

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 23, 2019

Monday
8:30am
12:10pm Estrella Nieves, Lita Nieves, & Damian Jr. & All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday
8:00pm Souls Offering: St. Expeditus, St Peregrino, All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday
10:00am Eugenia S. Abella (D); Laura Muñoz (D)
12:00pm Binh an (D)

Thursday
7:45am
8:30am Giuse Ngoc (D)
 Juana Curbelo, Ramon Bonet, & Carmelo Bonet (D); Hector Hernandez & Blanca Gutierrez (D)

12:10pm
Friday
8:30am
12:10pm Cleotide Martinez (D)
 Thanksgiving for the gifts, blessings, good health received & for reaching 79 years of age— Gloria Dacila

Saturday
7:45am
7:00pm LH Catharina (D)
 Ramon Bueno (D); Divino Niño Jesus

Sunday
8:00am
9:30am People of SNT
 Josefina Altagracia Mejia (D); Todos los difuntos; Ricardo Umaña (D), Virgen Maria

11:30am
1:30pm Phero Luc (D)

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We pray for the sick: Eladio Perez
We pray for the dead:

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WHY IS IT?



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January 23 | Enero 23
February 25 | Febrero 25
March 24 | Marzo 24
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