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ADVENT





Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners

Our Advent journey is almost over. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior this week, along with Fr. Sojan, Fr. Martin, and the Parish staff, I wish you and your loved ones a season filled with joy, peace, and the love of Christ. In this season of hope and love, let us reflect on the beautiful words from the Gospel of John: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us (John 1:14). These words remind us of the incredible gift we celebrate—God becoming one with us, dwelling among us in the person of Jesus Christ.

The profound mystery of the Incarnation reveals the depth of God's love—love that meets us where we are and invites us into a relationship full of grace and truth. The Incarnation is not just a historical event but an ongoing reality that shapes our lives today. Because God became human, every part of our existence is touched by His presence. Our joys and sorrows, our work and relationships, even our challenges and fears—all are places where His grace can be found.

In Jesus, the Word made flesh, we see God's love fully revealed—a love that is personal, tangible, and transformative. The celebration of Christmas is an invitation to encounter this love anew. I warmly encourage you and your loved ones to join us for our Christmas liturgies here at St. Rose of Lima. Together, let us come before the manger, where heaven touches earth, and rejoice in the gift of Emmanuel, "God with us."

May the light of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas, and may His grace guide you into the New Year with renewed hope and joy.

Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), DECEMBER 20TH

4TH Sunday of Advent

5:00 P.M. + Suad Hannoush

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

4TH Sunday of Advent

6:00 A.M. - Tiru Family-Thanksgiving

7:30 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

9:00 A.M. + George Philip D'Souza

10:45 A.M. + Pamela David

12:30 P.M. + Tomas & Silvestra Decena

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

6:00 A.M. + Jesusa De Leon

7:00 P.M. + Peng Han Lim

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

6:00 A.M. + Domiciano Bautista

12:00 P.M. + Sheila Tangney

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

6:00 A.M. + Primitiva C. Dela Cruz

Christmas Eve

5:00 P.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

7:00 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

9:00 P.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

12:00 MN - For All of Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH Christmas Day

7:30 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

10:45 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

12:30 P.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH Boxing Day

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr (Feast)

8:30 A.M. + Joyce Zielinski

7:00 P.M. - No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)



In Loving Memory

An offering made in memory of a deceased loved one.

An acknowledgement for your donation will appear in the weekly bulletin but no tax receipt is issued.

Below are the suggested donation amounts:

Bread and Wine \$25

Sanctuary Lamp (Church) \$20

Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel \$10/each

Oil for Altar Candle \$10

Remembering Our Loved Ones

The Bread & Wine was donated by Piedad Viorge in loving memory of Saturnina & Agustin Viorge.

The Sanctuary Lamps (Chapel) was donated by Oralia Olvera Hernandez in loving memory of Sacramento Pena Correa.

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers. "Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love."

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"
~St Francis de Sales~

4TH Sunday of Advent



This week's Gospel tells us how the "birth of Jesus Christ came about." More specifically, it tells us how an angel appeared to Joseph, explaining to him that Mary's son would save the people from their sins. While Joseph might not have understood it at the time, we know that Jesus is the fulfillment of the great prophecy of Isaiah 7:14, that the Messiah would come from the line of David and be born of a Virgin. In our readings this week, we first read that prophecy and then see its fulfillment in the Gospel. (formed.org)

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 21ST, 2025



Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

We wish to extend a warm invitation to the Faithful of the Archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo for the Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome.

Each Jubilee Pilgrimage Church will also celebrate a Closing Mass for the Year of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at a regularly scheduled mass of their own choice. Please visit the pilgrimage church websites for further details:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>



2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2026 Offertory Envelopes at the back of the Church.

It is important that you discard all previous envelopes when New Year commences.

Please enter your full name and address on the first few 2026 envelopes so that we may allocate donations correctly for income tax purposes.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME IN PRAYER!

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Dec 24, Christmas Eve and December 31, New Year's Eve

Reposition of The Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 pm

Dec 25, Christmas Day and January 1, New Year's Day

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament after the 12:30 pm Mass



From Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm (after the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass) To Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm.

**VOCATION ADORATION HELD OVERNIGHT ON THE
3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**

Chapel Regular Hours are from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Those who wish to spend time outside the regular hours (7:30 PM to 6:30 AM) are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code.

"The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth can't supply is proof that Heaven must be our Home." CS Lewis



DECEMBER 24TH - WEDNESDAY

6:00 am—9th Day Novena Mass
(Office closes at noon)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation

DECEMBER 24TH - WEDNESDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE)

5:00 pm Mass / 9:00 pm Mass / 12:00 Midnight
7:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass)

DECEMBER 25TH - THURSDAY (CHRISTMAS DAY)

7:30 am Mass / 9:00 am Mass
10:45 am Mass / 12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm—Vietnamese Mass
(Office closed)

DECEMBER 26TH - FRIDAY

8:30 am - St. Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)
(Office closed-Boxing Day)

DECEMBER 27TH - SATURDAY

8:30 am - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist (Feast)
5:00 pm - Holy Family (Vigil Mass)

DECEMBER 28TH - SUNDAY

The Holy Family
7:30 am Mass / 9:00 am Mass
10:45 am Mass / 12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm—Vietnamese Mass

DECEMBER 29TH - MONDAY

5th Day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 am Mass / 7:00 pm Mass

DECEMBER 30TH - TUESDAY

6th Day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 am Mass / 12:00 pm Mass

DECEMBER 31ST - WEDNESDAY

7th Day within the Octave of Christmas
7:30 am Mass (Office closes at noon)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Holy Day of Obligation

DECEMBER 31ST - WEDNESDAY (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

7:00 pm Mass / 9:00 pm Mass

JANUARY 1ST - THURSDAY (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

9:00 am Mass / 10:45 am Mass / 12:30 pm Mass



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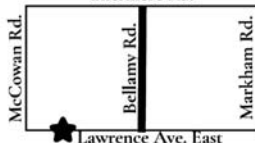
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