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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:  
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM  
1:15 PM - Spanish

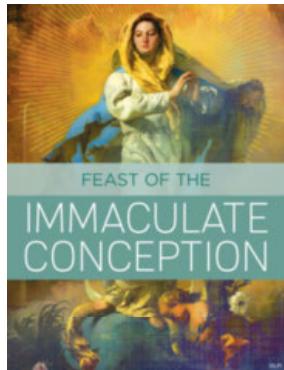
Daily Masses:  
Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM



Saturday	<u>December 2</u>
5:30 pm	Alfred & Claire Cialone
7:00 pm (Español)	Gustavo Jimenez—1st Anniversary
Sunday	<u>December 3</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Pedro Sebusa
10:30 am	The Departed Souls of the D'Silva and The Menezes Families
12:00 pm	Mark De Benedictus
1:15pm (Español)	Julian Flores
3:00pm	Special Needs Inclusive Family Mass
5:30pm (Tagalog)	Special Intention
Monday	<u>December 4</u>
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Catherine Cotrone
7:30 pm	Virginia Tobe
Tuesday	<u>December 5</u>
7:00 am	Francisca Cuison—3rd Anniversary
9:00 am	Edward Monsalve
7:30 pm	Marie Picone
Wednesday	<u>December 6</u>
7:00 am	Vincent Morrone—22nd Anniversary
9:00 am	Vladis Lava
7:30 pm	Socorro Ladera Anora
Thursday	<u>December 7</u>
7:00 am	The Klein Family
9:00 am	Martin Joseph Jennings
7:30 pm	Edwin Reyes
Friday	<u>December 8: Immaculate Conception</u>
7:00 am	Rudy Javellana
9:00 am	Teodora Bagayo
7:30 pm	In Honor of St. Gertrude
7:30pm (LC-Español)	Juana Rivas
Saturday	<u>December 9</u>
7:00 am	Rodolfo Dalisay
9:00 am	Ida Ascolese—1st Anniversary
5:30 pm	Paul Ryan Hipolito
7:00 pm (Español)	Kevin Charles Pineda
Sunday	<u>December 10</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Julian Dalisay
10:30 am	Mildred Lobaton
12:00 pm	Sp. Int.: The Priests at St. John's
1:15pm (Español)	Carmen Amelia Junez de Salazar

### Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Kathleen Muller,  
Maria F. Tavarez and Nenita Flores  
in your prayers.



Immaculate Conception  
Holyday of obligation  
Friday, December 8

7:00am  
9:00am  
7:30pm

7:30pm iglesia de  
abajo—Español

*34th Annual National  
Night of Prayer  
for Life*

*December 8 - 9  
9pm Friday to  
1am Saturday*

We will pray together  
in the Chapel on the  
2nd floor of the Parish  
Life Center.

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN

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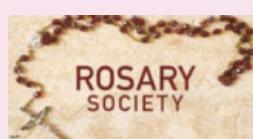
*We invite you to celebrate the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation by making a good confession  
before Christmas.*

**Deanery Penance Services:**

**Mon., Dec. 4 – 7pm**  
Ascension, New Milford

**Mon., Dec. 11 – 7pm**  
Church of the Annunciation, Paramus

**Mon., Dec. 18 – 7pm**  
St. Therese of Lisieux, Cresskill



Rosarians will gather for the 9am Mass  
on Monday, December 4, and pray the  
rosary together after Mass.  
All are invited to join in the Rosary.

**Memorial Fund/Special Intention**

Week of December 2–8

**Altar Flowers**

In loving memory of The Morrone Family  
Requested by Clare Kaberle

## A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Advent, or 'adventus' means arrival or coming.

St. Bernard tells us that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible.

In the First Coming, Christ took our flesh, and was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. He dwelt among us; his divinity was eclipsed by his humanity. He came in poverty and weakness; he was not recognized, not accepted. He himself testifies that those who saw him hated him.

The Second Coming will not be like that, for he will come in glory and majesty on the clouds, at the end of time, and all will see him, every knee will bend. This second coming will be experienced by all, both the living and the dead: for the living, either at the moment of death or at the Parousia; and for our departed brothers and sisters at the Last Judgment.

Advent has two parts, and we need both of them.

The first is a preparation not for Christmas, but for the Second Coming. 'Stay awake', 'keep watch', the Scriptures will tell us. Did you ever try it? In the first week of Advent, set the alarm for 3:00am, get up, wash your face, and sit down in silence to pray. You don't have to say much, in fact you don't have to say anything at all; just wait in hope for the Lord. Pray for five, ten or fifteen minutes; then go back to bed. You will probably experience nothing the first night; but on the second, or third, or fourth night you will. The Lord, seeing that you are serious, will stop and ask you, 'What do you want me to do for you?"

The second part of Advent -the Novena, from December 17 to the 24 - prepares us to celebrate the First Coming, Christmas. Not only as a memory of what happened two thousand years ago, but as an event that continues to occur for us now.

The third, the intermediate coming, which St. Bernard referred to, is a hidden one. Because it lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the First Coming to the Second. This road is travelled by us every day of our lives. As we travel the road between the First and the Second Coming, Christ comes again, invisibly. He can only be seen by the elect.

This third coming of Christ occurs in our everyday life, many times in the moments and places we would least likely expect it. Christ comes in our family, at work, at school, when we go to bed and when we rise, when we travel abroad and we are at home. May Advent help us to welcome the coming of the Lord in our lives.

Fr. Sean

## Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas*



Adviento, o 'adventus' significa llegada o venida.

San Bernardo nos dice que hay tres venidas del señor. El tercero vive entre los otros dos. Es invisible, mientras que los otros dos son visibles.

En la Primera Venida, Cristo tomó nuestra carne, y nació de la Virgen María en Belén. Habitó entre nosotros; su divinidad fue eclipsada por su humanidad. Vino en pobreza y debilidad; no fue reconocido, no fue aceptado. Él mismo testifica que los que lo vieron lo odiaban.

La Segunda Venida no será así, porque él vendrá en gloria y majestad entre nubes, al final de los tiempos, y todos lo verán, toda rodilla se doblará. Esta segunda venida será experimentada por todos, vivos y muertos: para los vivos, ya sea en el momento de la muerte o en la Parusía; y por todos nuestros hermanos difuntos en el Juicio Final.

El Adviento tiene dos partes, y las necesitamos de ambas.

La primera es una preparación no para la Navidad, sino para la Segunda Venida. 'Manténganse despiertos y vigilantes', nos lo dirán las Escrituras. ¿Alguna vez lo intentaron? En la primera semana de Adviento, ponga la alarma para las 3:00am, levántese, lávese la cara y siéntese en silencio para orar. No tienes que decir mucho, de hecho no tienes que decir nada en absoluto; solo espera con esperanza al Señor. Ora por cinco, diez o quince minutos; luego vuelve a la cama. Probablemente no experimentarán nada la primera noche; pero en la segunda, o tercera, o cuarta noche si sentirás algo. El Señor, viendo que eres serio, se detendrá y te preguntará, '¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?"

La segunda parte del Adviento -la Novena, del 17 al 24 de diciembre - nos prepara para celebrar la Primera Venida, la Navidad. No solo como un recuerdo de lo que pasó hace dos mil años, sino como un evento que continúa ocurriendo para nosotros ahora.

La tercera, la venida intermedia, a la que St. Bernard se refería, es una oculta. Porque se encuentra entre los otros dos, es como un camino por el cual viajamos desde la Primera Venida a la Segunda. Este camino es recorrido por nosotros todos los días de nuestra vida. Mientras recorremos el camino entre la Primera y la Segunda Venida, Cristo viene de nuevo, invisible. Solo puede ser visto por los elegidos.

Esta tercera venida de Cristo ocurre en nuestra vida cotidiana, muchas veces en los momentos y lugares que menos esperamos. Cristo viene en nuestra familia, en el trabajo, en la escuela, cuando nos acostamos y cuando nos levantamos, cuando viajamos al extranjero y estamos en casa. Que el Adviento nos ayude a acoger la venida del Señor en nuestras vidas.

*Fr. Sean*



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please share our Christmas Mass schedule with family and friends. We invite all to come and celebrate the birth of our Savior with us this Christmas!

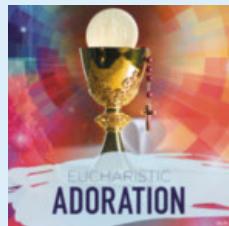


### **Christmas Eve—Dec. 24**

**4:00 pm Vigil Family Mass**

**9:00 pm Mass—Español**

**12 Midnight Mass**



### *Come & Pray*

Adoration  
This Week:

Tues. & Thurs.  
12pm—6:30pm

Wednesday  
12pm—7:15pm

### **Christmas Day—Dec. 25**

**7:30 am**

**9:00 am**

**10:30 am**

**12:00 pm**

**1:15 pm—Español**

*O Come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

St. John's Scout Troop & Pack 139  
Annual Christmas Wreath &  
Grave Blanket Sale  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

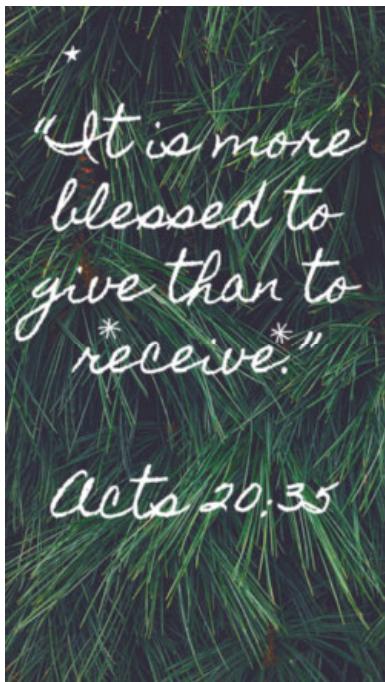


Please stop by after Mass and purchase a beautiful Christmas wreath or grave blanket on Sunday 12/3 & 12/10 in the church parking lot.

**Wreaths \$28.00 and Blankets \$42.00**

The wreath and/or grave blanket can be delivered locally if you are unable to attend mass or carry home the items.

**Please call 201-417-1877**



Please select a tag from the tree, buy the item, and return it to the church this week so that the volunteers can sort, pack and deliver the gifts.

If a gift request is for a “gift card”, please place it in a box or holiday gift bag and bring it to the Rectory. Please do not place it under the tree (as small Envelopes, bags or boxes can be easily misplaced). We thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions, please contact Terry Ryan (201)456-9618.





**Árbol de Regalos de Navidad /  
Giving Tree**

Por favor, seleccione un adorno del árbol, compre el regalo, y tráigalo a la iglesia esta semana para que los voluntarios puedan organizar, empacar y entregar los regalos.



Si una solicitud de regalo es para un gift card, por favor colóquela en una caja o bolsa de regalo de navidad y llévela a la rectoría. Por favor, no lo coloque debajo del árbol (ya que los sobres pequeños, bolsas o cajas pueden se pueden perder fácilmente).

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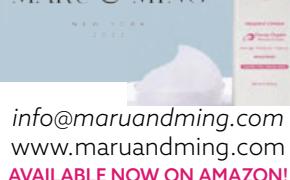
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