

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

He will prepare your way before you



Holy Name Cathedral

Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am (livestream) & 12noon
Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday

9:00am (livestream) & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream),
12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation

9:00am to 12noon

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,
Our Advent season marches forward and for many people the pressure and stresses are beginning to build. Who says it must be a "Season of Burden?" Can we see the "Blessings" within the Advent season?

The "Little Blue Book" originated from the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan. I was intrigued by the comment from the Dec. 5, 2003, booklet:

"Each time we read a passage about a miracle in scripture, we need to remind ourselves that Jesus performed miracles, not to prove something, but to teach something.

In curing these two blind men, Jesus is teaching us that we aren't going to 'see' the deeper truths of human life and the world around us unless we too let Him open our eyes. He is very glad to do this...if we only let him."

Are we opening our eyes and "seeing" the miracle of Advent giving way to Christmas? Or, like too many, has life become a "full court basketball press" as we hurriedly move into Christmas Day. The following story beautifully connects our lives and Advent's real meaning and purpose.

One day, riding a bus, British author C.S. Lewis got the feeling that he was keeping the door shut on something in his life. Then and there, he was given a grace to open the door if he wished or to let it remain closed. He writes in his book, *Surprised by Joy*, "I knew that to open the door...meant the incalculable." He then adds, "I chose to open it." That choice started him on the road to Christianity and a whole new life.

Lewis' story reminds us that Jesus knocks daily at the door of our heart, inviting us to open it more fully to his grace.

Along similar lines, Advent is about waiting, listening and letting life surprise us. This wonderful story captures the movement of Advent so well!

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for several years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear 100 percent.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

To which the elderly gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times."

Miracles – Opening our eyes – Seeing – Listening – Waiting – Surprise. What does Advent mean to you? Please slow down and don't let the power and beauty of the Advent Season get lost in the whirl and flurry of activities. God is present in the quiet and busy moments of our lives!

Journeying with you,
Fr. Greg

Welcome! Make Holy Name Your Cathedral.



We are delighted to welcome you to Mass today, whether you are visiting or looking for a parish to join. Through your presence and active participation, we can offer

rich, spiritual renewal every day. Our Faith Community is very diverse, composed of people like you. Our hope is that your experience today encourages you to join our community. There are many ways to get involved. Join one of our ministries or attend an event featured in today's bulletin. Or become a member of our Faith Community — all are welcome! Just scan the QR code to register as a new parishioner.



Your Cathedral

Upcoming Events



Sunday, December 11

15-minute Docent Express Tour	11:30 AM
Cathedral Filipino Meeting in the Club Room	1:30 PM
Advent Vespers	4:00 PM

Monday, December 12

Service PAC Monthly Meeting	6:00 PM
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Tuesday, December 13

Young Adult Men's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Young Adult Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 14

Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM
Advent Penance Service	7:00 PM

Thursday, December 15

Thursday Morning Bible Study Group	10:30 AM
CFN Simbang Gabi Mass	5:00 PM
Career Network (via Zoom) Webinar	7:00 PM

Saturday, December 17

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	9:00 AM
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An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master
of both light and
darkness,
Send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparations
for Christmas.
We who have so much
to do and seek quiet
spaces
To hear your voice
each day.
We who are anxious
over many things
Look forward to your
coming among us.

We who are blessed in
so many ways
Long for the complete
joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are
heavy
Seek the joy of your
presence.
We are your people,
Walking in darkness yet
seeking light.
To you we say,
"Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen
— Henri J.M. Nouwen

On the Cover

"John the Baptist in Prison," by N. Grigorescu; Zamfira Monastery, Romania

The Gospel today offers us a perfect example of waiting in John the Baptist, whose whole life was spent in waiting for the



coming of the promised Messiah. As he languishes in Herod's prison, he hears of a different Jesus than he expected. Following the Jewish tradition, John believed the Messiah would be a powerful figure who would overthrow the Romans and establish the kingdom of God.

Jesus' words challenge John's idea of the Messiah. Jesus says the true reading of Scripture looks forward to a Messiah who would touch the lives of people where they are. Jesus is saying that his actions show who he is. As Christians, we lead our lives like John the Baptist, waiting patiently while actively striving to prepare a way for Christ into our lives and into the lives of others.

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Plein Jeu from Ave Maris Stella

Nicolas de Grigny

Gaudete in Domino (Sun. 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

Chant Mode I

Entrance Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Worship Hymnal #406

Pentitential Rite

Spoken

First Reading

Worship Hymnal #1007

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/ 17

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation

Worship Hymnal #326

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

*To all our faithful parishioners
who give of their time, talent
and treasure – thank you for your
generosity.*

*To all of our visitors today from all
over the country and world, know
that your monetary gift will go
toward the support of the mission and ministries of
Holy Name Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.*



Offertory Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Worship Hymnal #402

Holy, Holy

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #250

Memorial Acclamation

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #251

Amen

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #254

Lamb of God

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #255

Communion Antiphon

**Take courage, and do not fear; our God will
come and save us.**

Communion Hymn

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Worship Hymnal #404

Communion Motet

Prepare the Way (Sun. 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

Anders Öhrwall

Recessional Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah!

Worship Hymnal #387

Postlude

**Dialogue de les Grands Jeux
from Ave Maris Stella**

Nicolas de Grigny

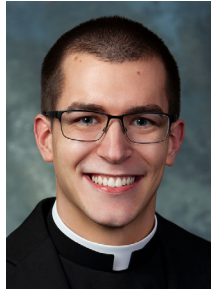
Catholic Illuminations

Gaudete Sunday — Rejoice! Rejoice! The Lord is Near

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Our liturgy changes its focus on this Third Sunday of Advent, marked by our external signs of the liturgy. Until now, our Gospel readings have focused on the second coming of Christ. They now turn to the initial coming of Christ among us and how he offers us freedom, peace, and life. Particularly this weekend, the Gospel focuses on John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus, though the Gospel account comes from Matthew 11. The coming of Christ is a constant reminder to us that God does keep his promises and that being on this side of the resurrection, we have a role to play in building up the kingdom we prepare for in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

As we move beyond the midpoint of our Advent season, let us renew our desire to prepare a place for God within our lives and hearts. This week, we light our rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, and the priest and deacon wear a rare vestment color, the color rose. This color is used only twice a year, during the midway



point of our Advent and Lenten seasons.

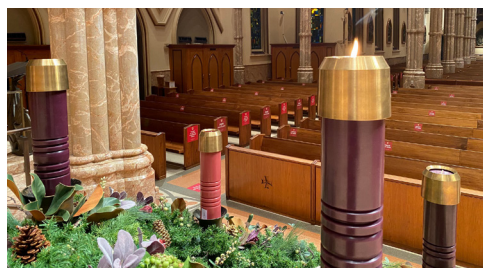
The priest wears rose-colored vestments as a visible expression of joy, of something different from the general season of Advent. Changing from purple to rose-colored vestments is an external symbol of the reality we will soon celebrate: the coming of God in the flesh. We hear the liturgical focus shift in the entrance antiphon for Mass: “Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” (Phil 4:4-5). We rejoice today because we draw closer to the reality of God keeping His promise. He promised He would not abandon his people to death and came among us in the person of Jesus Christ to bring us life in abundance.

Each year the Advent season has four weeks, though depending on the calendar day that Christmas falls, we sometimes only get one or two days in the fourth week of Advent. This year we have four full weeks, with Christmas falling on a Sunday. And so we have more time to wait and to prepare, but also more time to look with joyful hope at the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we move closer to the nativity of our Lord, let us remain joyful and always rejoice because the Lord is coming and is here among us in the Sacraments we celebrate as his mystical body, the Church.

Join us for Vespers During Sundays in Advent

**Sundays, Dec. 11, 18
at 4:00pm**

Vespers is one of the oldest of the Divine Offices, the liturgical division of the day into hours of prayer. It has evolved as the prayers said in the early evening. Vespers encourages us to spend time in prayer thanking God for the day we have passed through and anticipate the day to come. This spiritual anticipation is reflected in the season of Advent, where we as a faith community



prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Advent Vespers is celebrated during the Sundays of Advent, continuing on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral, led by our Schola Cantorum Cathedralis. The service is comprised of chanted Psalms,

Magnificat, Responsory, reflection and a choral anthem each week. Join us to enrich your holiday season with prayer and participate in the endless cycle of grace in our days.

This Advent, You're Invited to Our Reconciliation Service

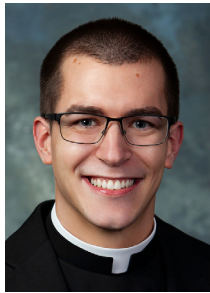
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:00pm in the Cathedral

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

The Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation is one of the seven sacraments of the Church and one of the two Sacraments termed as a Sacrament of Healing (the other being Anointing of the Sick). Though baptized and original sin removed from us, we tend to sin and concupiscence and our human condition is prone to fall. Confession allows us to recognize our failings and seek forgiveness from God.

The Church invites us to go to confession at least once a year. Due to this invitation, parishes make it easy for the faithful by offering communal reconciliation services during the weeknight during Lent and Advent. A communal reconciliation service is not a group confession where everyone shares their sins for everyone to hear. It is a time to come together as a community to pray and ask for forgiveness. We fracture our relationship with God, our neighbor and ourselves every time we sin. A communal reconciliation service allows these three transgressions to be healed. We gather as sinners during this Advent season, aware that with Christ's coming among us, our sins will be forgiven through His passion, death and resurrection.

A communal reconciliation service includes a few songs, some reading from scripture based on the



season we find ourselves in, an examination of conscience, and individual confession. Like any Sacrament, one cannot be forced to receive it. Some people may wish to attend the service but not participate in an individual confession. But if you do partake in individual confession, you can confess your sins to the priest and receive absolution. If you do not go to individual confession at a communal reconciliation service, you do not receive absolution from your sins because you did not confess anything.

The benefit of attending a communal penance service is that we gather as sinners together, aware of God's mercy. We have the opportunity to reflect with each other through song and scripture about God's immense love and mercy that we will experience in confession. And more practically, since more priests help during communal services, the wait is shorter than on a Saturday morning with only one priest in the confessional.

Holy Name Cathedral will have an Advent Communal Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7pm. All are welcome to join us as we come together to sit in the stillness of this Advent season, waiting for the coming of the Messiah. We will have more than six priests available for confession. Let us prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by preparing our hearts and souls by confessing our sins and basking in the glory of God's unending love and mercy.

St. Nicholas Festival of Carols

Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral

The Women's Schola of Holy Name Cathedral will be opening the Festival of Carols concert sponsored by the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art on Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 835 N. Oakley Blvd. The concert begins at 1:00pm and is a celebration of seasonal music by local faith choral groups in a benefit for Ukraine.



Theology 101

The Foundations of the Moral Life (part 1)

By Fr. Louis J. Cameli

Traditionally, moral theology in the Catholic tradition has been divided into two sections: fundamental moral theology or principles of moral theology and special moral theology or the application of moral principles to particular situations. Because of its concreteness, special moral theology has garnered most of the attention. Today, people are both perplexed and fascinated, for example, by questions about the beginning and ending of life, sexual morality, ecological concerns, and the just distribution of wealth. These are complex issues, and they have an immediate sense of urgency about them.

Fundamental moral theology or basic principles of the moral life certainly seems to be important but not as engaging as specific moral questions. In fact, I would suggest, the way that we envision the foundations of our moral life shapes us decisively in the most important decisions of our lives and our behavior. It's certainly worth our careful consideration. Let me explain.

Our sense of morality — which holds the key to our decision-making and behavior — can be directed by different kinds of motivation. For some people, the major motivator behind their moral sense is a fear that forces



them to comply with what they perceive to be moral demands. In other words, they may fear punishment or even damnation and, therefore, they will decide and act in a particular way, even though they may personally prefer to act otherwise. For others, a sense of external social obligation directs how they decide and act. These people do not so much choose to act in a certain way as to conform to outside expectations. Finally, there are some people who have developed an idealized sense of themselves — as they think they ought to be. For them, the moral thing to do is to conform to this self-ideal or suffer the consequences of guilt and shame for not having lived up to it.

All of these foundations for personal morality reflect a reality that doesn't really belong to the person who is deciding and acting. They might personally prefer another course of action, but they will manage to respond to their fear, to their sense of external expectation, or to some floating idealized sense of themselves. In fact, a genuine foundation for morality in the Judeo-Christian tradition is much, much different.

Consider this basic text for morality from the Book of Exodus (20:2), a verse that stands at the head of the Ten Commandments: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me." Then the other nine commandments follow.

Part two will be published in the Dec. 18 bulletin.

Christmas Mass Schedule at Holy Name Cathedral

Christmas Eve:

Saturday, Dec. 24 – Vigil Mass, 3 p.m.*, 6 p.m.

Midnight Mass: Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass – by ticket: check the website for more information.

Christmas Day: Sunday, Dec. 25

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m.

There will be no 5:15 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

** indicates a live streamed liturgy*

Service



Thanks for Thanksgiving!

Thank you to all our volunteers who served our guests a delicious hot meal on Thanksgiving at Catholic Charities.

We served nearly 300 people. Thank you for sharing your time and generosity on the holiday. And thank you to all of our donors who make these meals possible!



The Stump of Jesse

Honor Mary and Shout With Joy for All Blessings Received

By Fr. Ton Nguyen

As I dragged a heavy bag to my car after visiting my previous parish, a parishioner commented, “Wow, people gave you many gifts, and it is not even Christmas yet.” “Yes, I received many gifts!” I responded joyfully. These gifts came from “Joanne.” When she found out about our Thursday/Friday Suppers, she handed me a huge bag filled with presents. She said, “Father, these are for those in need. I know you know what to do.”



This act of generosity made my heart full and made me want to shout for joy! Why shout? Well, for both this generous act and because we are halfway through Advent.

Joy, according to Paul, is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Joy is the deep inner experience of satisfaction and exhilaration. Human hearts shout for joy because God’s love has touched us. Last week we honored our Blessed Mother Mary on Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We were reminded of a perfect example of someone who responded to God’s grace in their life.

Mary had two moments when she shouted for joy. First, when Angel Gabriel announced the birth of the Messiah, Mary cried out with all humility, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me

according to your word.” Mary puts her trust in the Lord, which enables her to have a deep inner experience of satisfaction and exhilaration even though she cannot comprehend the mystery.

Mary might have had plans for her life, but now she had to change them. Mary’s experience affirms that the Lord is in our midst whether things are going the way we would like, whether we are prosperous or needy, whether we are vigorous or in ill health, whether we are enjoying life or struggling with death.

The second time Mary shouted out with joy was when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. How can it be to have the Mother of God travel such a long distance? And she came not to be served but to serve! At the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, she once again shouted for joy, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, My Spirit rejoices in God my Savior For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant...”

Our Blessed Mother is a fantastic example and inspiration for all of us. “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none,” Jesus replied. Take time to reflect on Mary’s responses and accept the invitation to follow her example to serve the Lord and those who live among us. JMJ.

I Love Being a Priest

My heart fills with joy as I load your gifts to deliver to those in need at Catholic Charities.

Pivoting in Your Career? Our Webinar Can Help

Thursday, December 15 at 7pm via Zoom

The HNC Career Network’s Zoom webinar topic for December will be Career Pivoting. Pivoting mid-career to a different profession, while potentially rewarding, can be difficult to execute. Join us as Nicole Magats, recruiter and career coach, walks us through how to successfully stand out when trying to pivot careers. She has worked with both hiring managers and candidates through all stages of the hiring process, she knows what hiring managers are looking for and how to help candidates be intentional & strategic in their job search. Scan the QR code to sign up. We will send you the Zoom link in advance.



Retirement Fund for Religious Second Collection

December 10 and 11



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A Stewardship Prayer for December

Lord, as we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship. Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Keep Climbing the Advent Mountain

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News



that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Fellowship

A Little Humor from the Rector



“You know children, I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart, while they’ve never ever seen one of his paintings!”



Save the Date

Come to Our Young Adult Fellowship Event

Sunday, Jan. 8 after the 5:15pm Mass

All Young Adults (18-40) are invited to our January fellowship event on Sunday, Jan. 8. We will attend the 5:15pm Mass and then gather across the Courtyard in the Parish Center Club Room. We will have a speaker with a short presentation and then enjoy wine and cheese. Mark your calendars!

To stay updated on all of our Young Adult Ministry events, scan the QR code to subscribe to our newsletter.



Celebrate Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas Tradition

Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00pm

Simbang Gabi is a revered Filipino Christmas tradition in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a novena of dawn Masses in the Philippines that began in the 16th century called *Misa de Gallo* (Mass of the Roosters). *Misa de Gallo* allowed rural farmers, who typically began their day in the fields when the rooster crowed before sunrise, to attend Mass at dawn for nine days starting Dec. 15.

As years passed, *Misa de Gallo* became Simbang Gabi (Evening Mass) to accommodate the urban schedules of Filipino immigrants all over the world. It is now held in the evenings for nine days in churches in the Archdiocese.

At Holy Name, the Cathedral Filipino Network will host Simbang Gabi on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7pm. The Mass begins with a procession in the darkened cathedral led by bearers of “*parols*” or Christmas lanterns to commemorate the Star of Bethlehem which led the way to the Manger where Jesus was born. The Cathedral Filipino Singers will sing the Christmas hymns in English and Tagalog. A new feature this year is the recitation of the Universal Prayer in major Filipino dialects.

The overall theme for this year is “All Generations Call Me Blessed.” The special prayer for the day is to “Imitate the Prophets-Proclaim the Importance of God.” “*Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon!*” (Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!)

What is a Mass Intention?

Holy Name Cathedral offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose, for example, for a deceased person or a living person who is ill or in thanksgiving for a favor received.

At Holy Name Cathedral, we celebrate single-intention Masses as well as gathered-intention Masses (Wednesdays at 8:00am and Fridays at 12pm). To request a Mass Intention, please stop by our Rectory during business hours. Any questions, call the Rectory (312) 787-8040.

Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our honor to have one of our resident priests light a



Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention.

Just scan the QR code to complete the request form.

Wedding Banns



I Mallory Abel & Samuel Wildeman

II Kathleen Naughton & Kevin Lind

In Memoriam

• Michael "Mike" McGrath Sr., husband of Kristina; father of Michael, Jr., Kevin, and Ryan



Mass Intentions

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○ Monday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

7 AM + Judge Alma Bantias-Delfin
8 AM + Alfredo Roa Garcia
12 PM + Lucy Antonia Claris Ogufero

● Tuesday, Dec. 13 (Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr)

7 AM + Peregrina "Tita Nina" Sucaldito
8 AM + Arvin Cruz, Arnold & Pilar Donato
12 PM + Raymond Prybil

○ Wednesday, December 14 (Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church)

7 AM + Jon Mark Stanford
8 AM + Ruby Amoroso Serritella & James Serritella
+ Robert Shanahan
Paul Bucklaw
+ Mein Van Lerland

12 PM + Lucy Antonia Claris Ogufero
5.15 PM + Natalie Small

● Thursday, December 15 (Advent Weekday)

7 AM + Moritz Schultz
8 AM + Nikolaus Chudzinski
12 PM + Mary Prybil

● Friday, December 16 (Advent Weekday)

7 AM + Cyriac Pullapilly
8 AM + Rachele Lyn Dembowski
12 PM + Clara Tarvidas
+ Robert Shanahan
+ Lucy Antonia Claris Ogufero
+ Mariano Pacini
+ Corinna Pacini
+ Salvatore Pacini
+ Maria Pacini
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+ Lucrecia V. Zarate
+ Diane Panozzo

● Saturday, December 17 (Late Advent Weekday)

9AM + Soledad Tantoco

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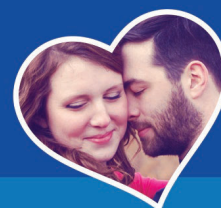
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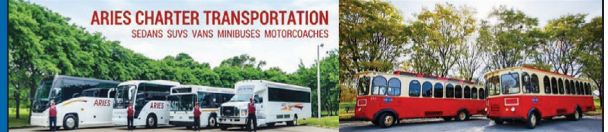
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