

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Be glad and exult with all your heart.



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 5:30pm

Saturday

9:00am (livestream) & 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday (new as of 12-05-21)

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

Saturday Reconciliation

9:00am to 12noon

Reflections from the Rector



Dear People of God,
How quickly our Advent journey is moving toward Christmas morn. I share the following...
Read slowly and prayerfully...and pass it on...

A Christmas Blessing

May there be harmony in all your relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts and hostile feelings be dissolved.

May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day.

May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.

May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul. May it be a foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land.

May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you. May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted.

May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.

May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains.

May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind, and spirit

May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.

May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world.

Joyce Rupp, *Out of the Ordinary*

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May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul...

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Please keep the Advent Season in perspective and sprinkle with some humor...

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

Keep Reading...

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year-old buddy: "So I hear you're getting married?"

"Yep!" "Do I know her?" "Nope!" "This woman, is she good looking?" "Not really." "Is she a good cook?" "Naw, she can't cook too well." "Does she have lots of money?" "Nope! Poor as a church mouse." "Well, then, what is she good at?" "I don't know." "Why in the world do you want to marry her then?" "Because she can still drive!"

Keep Reading...

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor, "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty."

Blessings on the journey to Christmas,

Fr. Greg

Your Cathedral

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 12

2nd Collection Retirement Fund for Religious	ALL DAY
Children's Faith Formation	8:45 AM
Cathedral Filipino Network Mtg.	2:00 PM
Young Adult Music Ministry	3:30 PM
Advent Vespers	4:45 PM
"St. Nick for a Cause" YA Christmas Party	6:30 PM

Monday, December 13

Prayers with Mary (Mon-Thurs)	6:00 PM
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Wednesday, December 15

Wednesday Evening Mass	5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM
Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00 PM

Thursday, December 16

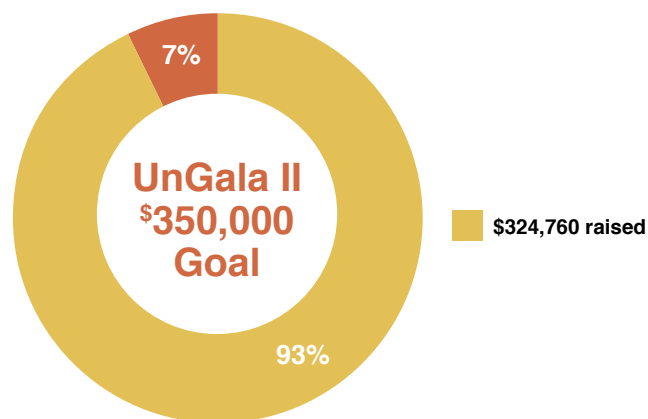
Catholic Charities Thursday Supper	3:00 PM
Career Network Webinar: LinkedIn Tips	7:00 PM

Saturday, December 18

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	9:00 AM
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Sunday, December 19

Children's Faith Formation	8:45 AM
Advent Vespers	4:45 PM



We Are Celebrating in Spirit This Year

Your Generosity is Deeply Appreciated

The UnGala II is our largest fundraiser of the year. Our stretch goal for this year is \$350,000 and we just passed the \$324,760 mark! If you have already donated, thank you very much! If you haven't had a chance to support the UnGala II, it's not too late. Can you help us to get to our goal?

As a reminder, those who donate \$25,000 or more will receive an invitation for two people to an elegant Italian dinner prepared by Chef Fr. Lou Cameli. Donation information and sponsorship opportunities can be found online at [tinyURL.com/UnGalall](https://tinyurl.com/UnGalall)

Thank you for your support!

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Save the Date - Special Invitation

Recording of Midnight Mass with Cardinal Cupich on Tuesday, December 21 at 4:30pm (arrive by 4:10pm).

Sign up in advance at tinyurl.com/Recording1221

This pre-recorded Mass will air on WGN on Christmas Eve.

Order of Worship

Prelude

**O Radix Jesse from The Great
"O" Antiphons**

Peter Hallock

Entrance Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Worship Hymnal #406

Penitential Rite

Spoken

First Reading

Worship Hymnal #1009

Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ 9

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation

Worship Hymnal #208

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

Offertory

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Worship Hymnal #402

Holy, Holy

Unity Mass

Worship Hymnal #250

Memorial Acclamation

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

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Worship Hymnal #404

Communion Hymn

Adios, Oh Virgen de Guadalupe

Communion Meditation

10am & 12:30 pm

Ave Maria

Jacob Arcadelt

Recessional Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah!

Worship Hymnal # 387

Midnight Mass Tickets Are Available Online

Ticket reservations for our in-person Cathedral Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve are now open. Go to tinyurl.com/Midnight2021 to sign up. If you have registered for the in-person Midnight Mass, we open the doors at 11:00pm for ticketed people only. At 11:30pm, Christmas carols begin and we open our doors for all.

Catholic Illuminations

Gaudete – Rejoice!

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

On this Third Sunday of Advent, our liturgy changes its focus, which is marked by many external signs.

Until now, our Gospel readings have focused on the second coming of Christ. They now turn to the initial coming of Christ among us, how he offers us freedom, peace and life. As we move beyond the midpoint of our Advent season, let us renew our desire to prepare a place for our God within our lives and our hearts.

This week, we light our rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath, and the priest and deacon wear a rare color for their vestments — 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 and is different from the general season of Advent. By changing from purple to rose-colored vestments, it is an external symbol of the reality we will soon celebrate: the coming of God in the flesh.

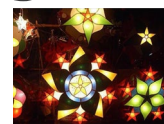
This change in the liturgical focus is found in the entrance antiphon for Mass: “Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” (Phil 4:4-5). We rejoice today because we draw closer to the reality of God keeping His promise that he will not abandon his people to death and that He comes among us in the person of Jesus Christ, to bring us life in abundance.

The Third Sunday of Advent this year falls on Dec. 12, the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is Mary who is the cause of our joy, for by her “yes,” the word was made flesh and dwelt among us. It is Mary who shows us how to be strong in the face of trial and adversity. As we journey closer to Christmas Day, let us invite Mary to walk with us on our Advent journey, as she teaches us there is always a reason to rejoice, because Christ has renewed all things by the Incarnation.



Join us for Simbang Gabi

**Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.
in the Cathedral**



Simbang Gabi, a cherished Filipino Christmas tradition that means ‘Mass in the Dark,’ takes place at dawn. The novena starts on Dec. 15 ending with the midnight Mass on Christmas. The Christmas lantern called a “parol,” a five-pointed star, is one of the most iconic symbols of Filipino Christmas spirit. It represents the Star of Bethlehem that guided the three wise men to the manger of Baby Jesus.

This year at Holy Name, we will host Simbang Gabi at 7 p.m. on Dec. 15. Parols will process at the start of the Mass sharing light into the darkened church while the Cathedral Filipino Singers (in masks) will process in singing “O Come, All Ye Faithful” followed by Filipino Christmas hymns and psalms.

We hope you can join us! Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon! (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)

Worship

Advent and Christmas 2021

SOLEMN ADVENT VESPERS

Sunday, December 12, 4:45 p.m.*

Sunday, December 19, 4:45 p.m.*

WEEKLY RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 11 & 18 in the lower level of the Cathedral: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

No Reconciliation offered on December 25

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE*

Sunday, December 12, 12:30 p.m. -Bilingual Mass

SIMBANG GABI*

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 24 -Christmas Eve Vigil Masses
3:00 p.m.*, 6:00 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass -ticket only: Reserve your tickets at
tinyurl.com/Midnight2021

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 25

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

There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1

Mass at 10:00 a.m.*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Vigil Mass -Saturday, January 1 at 5:30 p.m.

January 2 -Sunday Mass at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
10:30 a.m.*, 12:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

*Indicates livestreamed liturgy

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS TAPING WITH CARDINAL CUPICH



**Tuesday, December 21,
2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

(arrive by 4:10)

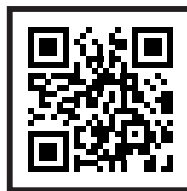
Holy Name Cathedral,

We invite you and your family to join us when we pre-record the annual Midnight Mass from Holy Name Cathedral, which will air on WGN-Channel 9.

We look forward to your participation as we worship together again celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please make your reservation at holyname.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/287/responses/new or scan the QRcode below by Thursday, December 16, 2021.

Please arrive 20 minutes before the taping begins. Otherwise, you cannot be seated.



Evangelization

Living with the Saints

Happy Birthday Pope Francis!

 This saintly information compiled by Fr. John Boivin

Next Friday, December 17, is the 85th birthday of Pope Francis, elected in 2013 as the 266th Pope. Though not a canonized saint (yet), his words and reflections are saintly in their impact.

His devotion to St. Joseph is known worldwide. He introduced us to the image of St. Joseph Sleeping, a horizontal statue of this holy man asleep. In Matthew's Gospel, an angel twice spoke God's will to Joseph while he was asleep... and Joseph obeyed. So devoted is Pope Francis to him, we have just completed the *The Year of St. Joseph*.

As is true of all Popes and Saints, Francis has a devotion to *Mary*, the mother of Jesus and our mother as well. His love for her is evident in this prayer he wrote:

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears:

Grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus, among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and heart so that we may obey, unhesitatingly, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet "move with haste" toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world as you did.

Amen.



Happy 85th birthday, Pope Francis!

Blessing Salt



Young representatives of our Children's Faith Formation families received shakers of sea salt for the holidays. Reminded that salt never goes bad, Dr. Ken Ortega asked families to preach about God's ever presence at table gatherings. Fr. Joseph Tito blessed the salt and the children.

Family Christmas Caroling



Sunday, Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium

Join the families of Children's Faith Formation for morning Christmas carols, Sunday, Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m., in the auditorium. Please enter through the courtyard entrance. We will sing religious carols, and some secular favorites. There may be a special appearance as well.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021 Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3: 10-18

As adults, it's hard to accept that we are not in charge; it was for me.

It's been hard for me to accept that I've not ever been the captain of my ship; the master of my destiny.

Finally, I began to take account of my life. While believing that I was steering my destiny, I realized that every major and usually abrupt change in my life was not planned, or orchestrated, or even imagined by me. But change happened, usually, while I was busy planning, preparing and working hard at something completely different. And, after a bit of disappointment and sometimes a little hissy fit, I always found that I was completely happy and satisfied with what did come to fruition.

I now understand better what is meant by --have no anxiety at all... but pray and petition with thanksgiving (Phil 4:4-7). I've always thankfully accepted all daily gifts of life. Yet, it never dawned on me to give thanks for God hearing my prayers and petitions. Now, in knowing that God hears all my prayers, I am able to relax as never before without the burden of anxiety. Anxiety was my close companion for far too long. Now, I better understand that the love of God hears me and will not abandon me, and that prayers are answered with the clarity and sincerity that I commit to them, but not necessarily as I envision, and especially not within the control of my timing. Anxiety is fast losing its grip.

I'm learning to trust that God will not abandon me, misguide me, and always hear my petitions. Finally, I'm accepting that my logic, my thoughts, even my understanding of myself should follow instead of lead; and when I do that, I can indeed relax in the knowledge that God has plans for my life, has heard my prayers and petitions, and is always in charge whatever happens. He loves me, and I can trust this leadership wherever it takes me next.

Holy Name Parishioner, Kathy M. Bridges

Go to the Holy Name Cathedral website to read our daily Advent Reflections.
Each one is written and shared by a member of our Faith Community.



Young Adults Give Back Day

Saturday, December 11, 9am - 12pm

Holy Name Young Adults is partnering with the Big Shoulders Fund Auxiliary Board in transforming Our Lady of Tepeyac. It will be a fun morning full of cleaning, organizing, and so much more! To sign up, email Abby at asusko@wi.rr.com

Light breakfast and supplies will be provided. All volunteers will be required to wear a facial covering. We encourage all to wear comfortable clothes that you can get dirty and/or paint in. Parking lot and street parking available.

Volunteers must show either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR Test within 72 hours of the event. Any questions or issues, please go to tinyurl.com/COVIDwaiver1211 for the waiver. Please bring your completed waiver to the event.

Researching and Networking With LinkedIn

Webinar - December 16 at 7 p.m.



Join Holy Name Cathedral Career Network for our monthly event. This month, our topic deals with researching and networking with LinkedIn. Our speaker is

Mike Munger, the assistant recruiting manager at MAKE Corporation, a national resource for staffing, recruiting and IT consulting services. He has spent most of his career learning the hiring techniques and processes for a wide variety of organizations. He has been a career coach and program facilitator at the Career Transitions Center for almost 5 years.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/Career1216

New Liturgical Ministers Needed!

It is the Advent season and we've added a Sunday Mass. We need your help!

If you've ever wanted to distribute Holy Communion, proclaim the Readings, or welcome our Faith Community, this is your chance. With more opportunities to worship at Holy Name Cathedral, there are more opportunities to serve as well.

We need more Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers. These ministries help enhance our worship and provide a way to invite people to offer their gifts in service to God and His people through active participation in the liturgy.

If you feel called to be a liturgical minister here at Holy Name Cathedral, please reach out to Michelle Peltier who will coordinate training times for you.

Questions? Contact Michelle at mpeltier@holynamecathedral.org

Serve at Thurs/Fri Suppers

What is it?

Every Thursday and Friday, Holy Name Cathedral partners with Catholic Charities and parishioners to serve 120 people who need a helping hand.

Serve at Catholic Charities

Volunteers pack 60 to-go bags and serve hot meals to 60 guests, working from 3:00pm - 5:00pm on a Thursday or Friday.

Entertainment

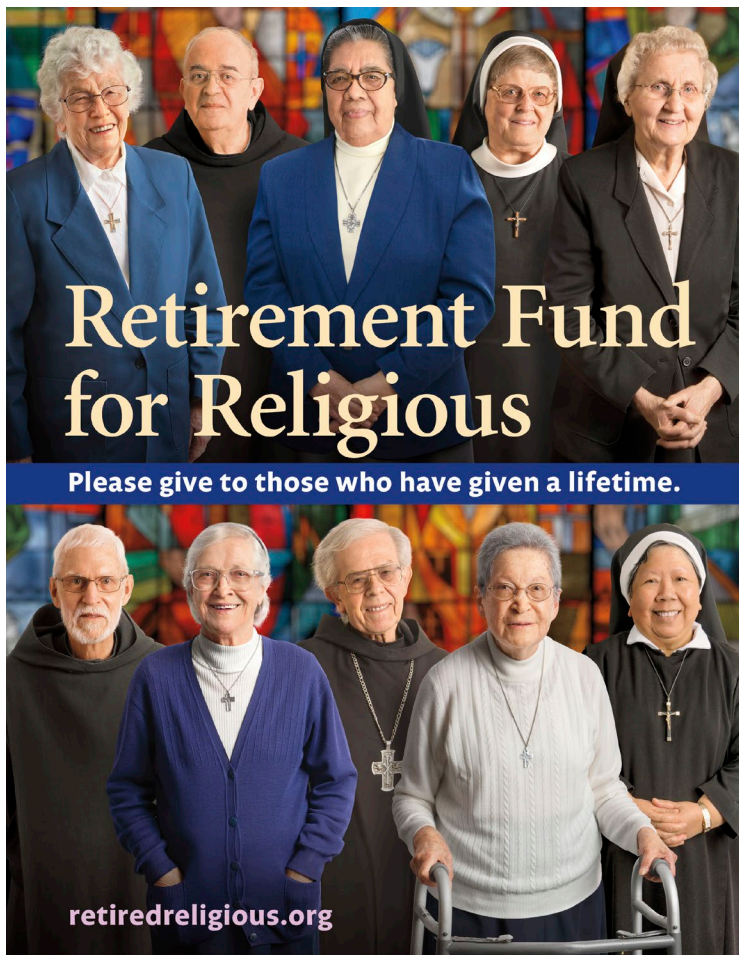
Can you play the piano? We would love to entertain the guests with music on Thursdays and Fridays from 4-5pm.

Sign up today

Please share your areas of volunteer interest. One of our program leaders will be in touch with you.

tinyurl.com/CCsuppers

Stewardship



Please Support Our Retired Religious

We will have a second collection during all Masses on December 11 and 12.

You can also give online at tinyurl.com/HNCgiving

Sign up for eGiving today!

eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Holy Name Cathedral. It is ecofriendly and cost-saving. Just scan the QRcode to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.



God bless you for your generous heart!

Please Consider Making a Gift from Your IRA

Making a year-end gift from your IRA can benefit you and our parish. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD), allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. The main benefits of giving this way are:

- If you are 72-years-old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

Fellowship

A Little Humor from the Rector



“Santa, my wish is for a fat bank account and a thin body.

Please don’t mix these up like you did last year!”

ACT II Social Dining



**Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday,
December 22**

Our group will gather in December at McCormick and Schmick located at 1 East Wacker Drive (east of State Street.)

The cost is \$37.50 per person. This price includes an entrée, dessert and coffee. We will start lunch at 3:30pm and end at 6:00pm.

Go to tinyurl.com/SocialDining1222 to reserve your spot.

Any questions, give Margarette Alfaro a call at (312) 280-0006.

“Oplatki”

Christmas Wafers



Now available at the Rectory for anyone who would like them in helping to celebrate your family holiday tradition. Donations are welcome.

Join Our Young Adults Music Ministry

The next Young Adult music ministry for choir and musicians will be Sunday, December 12 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Sign up for the ministry and get all of the music for the upcoming Sunday Mass performance:

forms.gle/2mHi8Kn5rnLbFoAu7

Following the December 12 5:30 p.m. Mass, we will have the Young Adult Christmas party in the Parish Center Cafeteria. Wear an ugly sweater and come ready to carol, eat, drink, and be merry! Use the QRcode to register.

Suggested donations will benefit Catholic Charities.



SCAN ME



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For more information on these events, please check our Young Adults newsletter or Facebook page. Not getting our YA newsletter? Scan the QRcode to sign up.

Santa Visits Holy Name Cathedral!



Before returning to the North Pole after his whirlwind visit to Holy Name Cathedral, Santa graciously agreed to the Parish Life Commission's request to read a story that could be enjoyed by children of all ages from the Holy Name Cathedral

parish family. We recorded it so you can share in the experience.



Santa will read “Santa and the Christ Child” by Nicholas Bakewell to bring Christmas cheer. The Santa recording will be available at 12noon on Saturday, December 11. Just scan the QRcode to be connected.

What is a Mass Intention?

Holy Name Cathedral offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. First, it may be helpful to understand what happens when you ask that your intention join to a Mass. 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. An intention can also be directed to a cause, such as an increase of vocations or respect for life.

Usually, a single intention is attached to a given Mass. But it is also possible to gather several intentions in one Mass with exactly the same effect. At Holy Name Cathedral, we celebrate single-intention Masses as well as gathered-intention Masses. You may find it more convenient to request one of the two weekly gathered-intention Masses (Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. and Fridays at 12 p.m.). If you do, we can accommodate your request sooner, and it is the same as a single-intention Mass.

Mass Intentions

Week of December 13 – December 18

Monday, December 13 (St. Lucy, virgin and martyr)

7:00am Leonard Rebeck +

8:00am Shirley Charpentier +

12:00pm Therese Kearney +

Tuesday, December 14 (St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church)

7:00am Jean Brindle +

8:00am Sandra Eckrich

12:00pm Chip O'Brien +

Wednesday, December 15 (Advent weekday)

7:00am Tom Duffy

8:00am Adelaida A. Estenzo

12:00pm Joseph Boden +

5:30pm Walter and Steve Kotow +

Thursday, December 16 (Advent weekday)

7:00am Cyriac Pullapilly +

8:00am Michael Cao-truong Nguyen +

12:00pm Walter Sowa

Friday, December 17 (Advent weekday)

7:00am Holly Duffy

8:00am Clark Pleiss +

12:00pm His Excellency Tikemedash +

John R. Blair +

Saturday, December 18 (3rd Week in Advent)

9:00am Tim Edburg +

Wedding Banns



December 12

I. Molly McGurk & Louis Michaud

II. Sylvia Piszczor & Michael Sachaj
Allison Behrendt & Charles Jhin

In Memoriam



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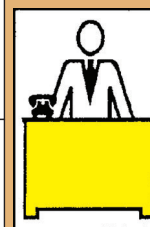


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