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ADVENT

MASS READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 52. 7 - 10
Second Reading Hebrews 1. 1 - 6
Gospel John 1. 1 - 18

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 20, 2025 5:00 PM

+ Thanksgiving for The Xavier Family

Sunday December 21, 2025 9:00 AM

+ Antonio Tiberini

10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

12:00 PM

Birthday Blessing for Kayceelyn Gonzales

Tuesday December 23, 2025 7:00 PM

- + Deceased Member of The Piques & Matos Families
- + Lucia & Carlos Melo
- + Fiorella & Enzo Quattrini
- + Antonio Tiberini

Deceased & Living Members of The Lobo Family

Wednesday December 24, 2025 10:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday December 25, 2025 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:00 PM

Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord

Friday December 26, 2025

No Mass





Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

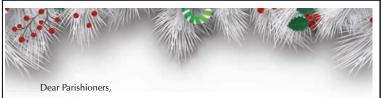
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us. Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



At Christmas, we celebrate a simple and beautiful truth: God comes close to us. He enters into our everyday lives, with all that weighs on our hearts, fear, guilt, pride, shame, and blame, those things that often wound or break our relationship with Him.

Baby Jesus, come to restore this beautiful relationship with the grace of His presence, making us feel loved again, and God know how much this generation is in need to feel loved.

The figure of the Virgin Mary accompanied us during the Advent season as we awaited Jesus' coming and taught us how to welcome Him. She opened her heart completely to God and trusted Him. Because of this, she became full of grace, not by her own strength, but because she made room in her life for God's presence.

This same grace is offered to us. When we welcome the baby Jesus into our hearts with faith, humility, and trust, God fills us with His love. His grace warms our hearts, brings peace to our lives, and renews our hope, even during moments of difficulty or uncertainty.

Christmas reminds us that God desires to dwell with us. When we make space for Him, our hearts become a place where Christ is born anew, and we feel joyful again.

May this Christmas be a time when you truly feel the warmth of God's love. May your hearts be open, like Mary's, to receive Jesus and be filled with His grace, His peace, His joy and His love.

With my prayers and Christmas blessings to you and your families,





Wednesday December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve

Church, Chapel & Office 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass Time: 10:30 PM

Saturday December 27, 2025

Chapel & Office Open 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass Time: Sunday Vigil Mass in English 5:00 PM No Confession

Thursday December 25, 2025 The Nativity of the Lord Chapel & Office CLOSED Mass Time:

9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (English) 12:00 PM (English)

Sunday December 28, 2025 Holy Family Chapel & Office CLOSED

Mass Time: 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (English) 12:00 PM (English) Friday December 26, 2025 Church, Chapel & Office CLOSED

Tuesday December 30, 2025 Church, Chapel & Office Open 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Mass Time: 7:00 PM (English)

Wednesday December 31, 2025 New Years Eve Church, Chapel & Office CLOSED Thursday January 1, 2026 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Chapel & Office CLOSED Mass Time: 11:00 AM (English)



Parish Reminders

2026 Offertory Envelope Pick up

The offertory envelopes for 2026 are available for pick up in the CHURCH.

If you cannot find your envelopes, or if you are new to our parish and would like to register with us, please visit the Parish Office, and we will be happy to assist you!



The **2025–2026 Sunday Missal** is now available for purchase at the **Parish Office**. **Cost:** \$10.00



Next Street Patrol

Saturday December 20, 2025 9:00 AM Parish Hall



Adoration

Friday January 2, 2026 At 7:00 PM

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes

First Holy Communion Classes will resume on Saturday January 10, 2026

Confirmation Classes will resume on Wednesday January 7, 2026

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