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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm
Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)
Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am
Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm
Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**(Baptism, First Communion,
Confirmation, RCIA)**

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GK Jude Aloysius 416.569.5833

LEGION OF MARY

Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Alice Warford

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544
Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

THE GLAD SEASON OF ADVENT

By Fr Robert D. Pelton

On December we find ourselves in that strange Advent haste that many people call “the Christmas rush.” In our rush and haste we — society — become for a time more like a family than a socio-economic system, as we spend ourselves in a carefully plotted frenzy of shopping, cooking, card-writing, partying, and sometimes praying.



We realize that all of these December-Advent carryings-on are not cut from the same cloth; some are secular and some spiritual, some Christian, some neopagan. Yet we are getting ready for Christmas, for the coming of God in our human flesh.

If we look at the Mother of the Infant Christ, we see prayerful listening quiet pondering on this Word of God who has taken her flesh and now fills her heart. Then why are we so busy? Why so much urgency that we are caught up and molded by it? But why not urgency? After all, God, not Santa Claus, is coming to town. He is coming as a baby.

Though at the first Christmas all creation was there with Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, the animals, and the star, it was a quiet affair, an intimate “concelebration” of the Blessed Trinity and Mary. Mary’s preparation had, in fact, been busy enough — journeying to her cousin Elizabeth and back, setting up house with a man whose faith was second only to hers, traveling again, her body heavy with the Child, all the way to Bethlehem.

But Christmas still wasn’t quite Christmas. It couldn’t be until that Child had grown and gone forth to create another sort of communion, first in the upper room with his disciples, then on the cross with his blood, and finally, raised up, glorified, enthroned, and empowered to send the Holy Spirit through his transformed flesh into ours.

The Christmas that we are getting ready for couldn’t happen without the Church, and if we want to see the Church celebrating its first Christmas, we look to those gentle yet overwhelming meetings between the risen Christ and his friends, especially the meeting at Emmaus, where he opened the Scriptures to them, made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread, and filled their hearts with the same fire Moses had entered on Mount Sinai.

We look to children, who know how to hope for the fulfillment of a promise that thrills them just because it is bigger than anything they can understand or imagine. Then we find within ourselves the place that hopes to be unimaginably surprised.

Christmas is coming, and we are trying as fast as we can to get there. We are trying to remember the story and fill it with as much love as we can so that our children will understand it and love the Child who is welcoming them from his cradle with so much love. That Child has all the time in the world. For him all the time between his resurrection and his second coming — all of that “already but not yet” that we know so well — is for him time found.

For us it may still be loose change waiting to be added to the treasure of the Kingdom by faith and love, by odds and ends of days, years, lives, and especially by the “waste” of suffering, still needing to be immersed in the unending offering of Christ to the Father.

But in joyfully and humbly showing himself to us as the Child year after year, Jesus shows us that he has all the time in the world. What we’ve lost, he’s found, and he is happy to wait for us to bring him the rest of what we’ve got so that he can share with us the banquet of all that he has — the everlasting banquet of love.

The whole human family is gathering around the manger. It’s a little crowded; there’s a bit of pushing and shoving, and some of the cousins are far from friendly. Many won’t arrive for quite some time. We need to show them what we’ve found here: the Child who takes whatever we have to offer and returns to us the gift of the Holy Trinity’s infinite love.



Christmas Pageant

This year, the Family Mass for Christmas Eve (**Monday, December 24th at 5 pm**) will include a children’s pageant enacting the story of the birth of Jesus. All children of the

parish (5 years and older) are invited to take part, and their families are asked to help with creating costumes. Please speak to any of the Children’s Liturgy teachers or phone the parish office for more information. The rehearsal will take place on Sunday December 23rd at 10:00 – 10:40 am [*meet at the back of the church*].



music at the 11 am Mass

- Opening: #492 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- Offertory: #515 - Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming
- Communion: #1041 - Now in This Banquet
- Closing: #500 - O Come Divine Messiah



 *Mass Intentions*

Monday December 17

12:05 pm † Delvia Kelly
requested by her daughter Joyce Murton

Tuesday December 18

12:05 pm † In thanksgiving for prayers answered
requested by Cora & Ruben Lopez & family

Wednesday December 19

10 am to noon Confessions

12:05 pm For the health of Natalia Caporusso
requested by Lia & Nick Caporusso

Thursday December 20

9:30 IHM School Mass

12:05 pm † Antonio Maramag Sr
requested by Angelita Maramag

Friday December 21

12:05 pm † Joan Caffrey Connors
requested by her husband, Jim

Saturday December 22

9:00 am † Cristiano Medeiros
requested by Jorgina Medeiros

5 pm † Arcely Briones
requested by the Briones & Patacsil families

Sunday December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 am For the People of the Parish

11 am In thanksgiving
requested by Letty Denovan

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Advent is the time for us to prepare in humility, contrition and penance for the commemoration of the first coming of our Savior on earth at Christmas. The sacrament of confession is our opportunity to clean the house of our souls so that we will be spotless and ready to receive Him – **the best present of all.**



Our parish Day of Confession will be held on Wednesday, December 19th from 10 am to noon.

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 **CHRISTMAS SEASON PARISH CALENDAR** 

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
5 pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
***Fourth Sunday of Advent***  
9 & 11 am Mass

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
***Christmas Eve***



12.05 pm No Weekday Mass  
5 pm Christmas Family Mass with Children's Pageant  
9.30 pm Christmas Mass at Night

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
***Christmas Day***



10 am Christmas Mass  
*(Please note that only one Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day)*

**December 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>**  
12.05 pm Weekday Mass

**Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
***Holy Family***

9 am Weekday Mass  
5pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**  
9 & 11 am Mass

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
***Mary, the Holy Mother of God***



12.05 pm No Mass  
5 pm Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
10 am Mass



*(Please note that this solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, and only one Mass will be celebrated on New Year's Day)*

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