

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 4, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Mariama George (*1st Anniversary*)
- 12:30 PM The Lonely
- 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Joseph Pavia
- 12:30 PM Maria Barbosa Reis

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Armed Forces
- 12:30 PM Kevin Boland

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

- 7:30 AM Msgr. Dominick Graziadeo
- 12:30 PM Thresia Neroth (10th Anniversary)
- 5:00 PM Robert Hartlett

**Friday, December 8, 2023**

- 7:30 AM The Unborn
- 12:30 PM Joao Barbosa
- 7:00 PM The Homeless

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

- 5:00 PM Antonio Carlos dos Santos - *Anniversary*
- John & Rose O'Brien
- Rev. Patrick J. Callan

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

- 7:00 AM The Elderly
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM Margaret Gabriel
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Spanish Intention
- 7:00 PM Phenlia Sotelo

**PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

5:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

7:00 AM Fr. Yesudas

8:30 AM Fr. Tomaz

10:00 AM Fr. Malcolm

11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

5:00 PM Fr. Basilio

7:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

*(Schedule is subject to change)*

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure*

***"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."*** - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> Actual Collection = \$9,747**  
**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> Mail-In Donations = \$1,520**  
**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> Electronic Donations = \$460**  
**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> Total Collection = \$11,727**  
**Catholic Campaign = \$2,693**  
**Attendance = 1,177**

**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> Actual Collection = \$9,772**  
**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> Mail-In Donations = \$1,562**  
**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> Electronic Donations = \$848**  
**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> Total Collection = \$12,182**  
**Maintenance = \$3,669**  
**Thanksgiving = \$2,938**  
**Attendance = 886**



**CMA Numbers for 2023**

**Goal = \$95,900**

Pledges = \$47,185      Payments = \$46,753

Donors = 174      Average = \$271

**Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.**

**Altar Server Schedule** 

**Sat., Dec. 9      5:00 PM M.Palumbo**

**Sun., Dec. 10      10:00 AM C.Lima**

**11:30 AM L.Wasserman/G.Wasserman**



**First Sunday of Advent**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

Advent always begins the new liturgical year of the Church: Anticipating the three-fold coming of Jesus Christ; past, present and future. Advent invites us to prayerfully await the profound joy of the Lord’s birth

in our lives. May the mystery of the Incarnation bless our souls and families as we conclude this year 2023



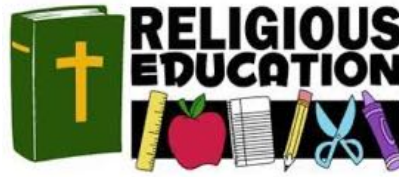
**2023 Symbolic Christmas Bulbs Sale**

*We would like to continue the tradition of offering the opportunity to purchase a Symbolic Bulb for the beautiful blue-spruce Christmas tree outside the church in memory or honor of a loved one. We will be offering two opportunities for you to purchase a \$5.00 bulb. • Fill out the form in the church bulletin and place in the collection baskets during each of the masses or send or drop of at the rectory. • Someone will be at the back of the church this weekend, December 2nd & 3rd, after all masses for you to complete a form. The intentions will be placed in a journal and placed on the altar during the Christmas Eve Mass on the 24th. Your intentions will need to be returned to the rectory by Friday 22nd.*

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: (someone who is still alive) \_\_\_\_\_



Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023

*First Sunday of Advent*

9:30 AM Gr. 3, 4 (Fitz. Hall) & 10:00 AM Class Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023

*No class for Gr. 8, IC-4 & Retreat on Friday*

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023

*No class for Gr. 8 & Retreat on Friday*

Friday, Dec. 8, 2023

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

**Confirmation Retreat for Gr. 8, IC-4 - School building, lower level**

6:15 PM Gown measurement and pizza

6:45 PM Retreat

9:00 PM Dismissal

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023

9:30 AM Gr. 5, 6, IC-3 (Fitz. Hall)

10:00 AM Class Mass

12:30 PM Pageant Practice



**" A CHILD'S PRAYER IS VERY POWERFUL."**

On Sunday, the children in levels 1,2, IC-2 blessed Father Malcolm in preparation for his upcoming surgery. Our prayers will continue for him.



***Twenty Minutes with the Director***

***Sunday, December 10***

***Grades 5, 6, IC-3***

**Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023**

**Junior Lectors - 10:00 AM Mass**

**Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023**

**Diana Lima and Alcina Lima**

**Ashley Ferreira and Jasmine Ferreira**



CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH  
Reverend Malcolm J. Burns, *Pastor*  
~Presents~

A FESTIVAL  
OF  
LESSONS  
CAROLS &

The  
Combined  
Choirs  
of  
Corpus Christi  
Troy Gordon, *Director of Music*

The Nativity Pageant  
*Directed by:*  
Susan Anaischik, *Director of Religious Ed*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023  
3:00PM



## Thanksgiving 2023 at Parish Outreach

**YOU** are abundantly Generous!!!! We are humbled, blessed and so grateful for all that **YOU** do to serve others so beautifully. We thank all of those who used our **Blessing Bags** this year and donated chickens, turkeys, hams, canned vegetables, soups, cranberry sauce, Stove Top stuffing, gravy, yams, apple sauce pancake and muffin mixes, maple syrup, oatmeal, cereal and dessert mixes along with gift cards and cash to the Food Pantry so that those members of our community in need would be able to have a delicious Thanksgiving meal and leftovers. Due to YOUR generosity, we were able to provide 146 people with a bountiful Thanksgiving meal and leftovers.

As special word of gratitude to the adult and junior Mineola Lions clubs who donated hundreds of pounds and boxes of canned food through their generous food drive. This wonderful act of charity, compassion and service speaks well of the generosity of heart from this community. Our prayers of thanksgiving are endless; our neighbors in need have been served with love, respect and dignity.

We couldn't do it without **YOU!!!!** **THANK YOU**

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## Corpus Christi 2023 Giving Tree

For many people, the holidays are extremely difficult. This year the Christmas season looks difficult for many. Hunger, poverty, run-away inflation, unemployment, loss of a loved one prevent many people from experiencing the joy of the Christmas season. The Church of Corpus Christi helps bring the miracle of Christmas spiritually and materially to families that are in need through our Giving Tree. Please take an ornament off the tree and purchase the requested gift card which is inside the stocking and return the gift card to us by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful kindness and generosity by making this Christmas season a little brighter for those in our community who are in need.



## Parish Outreach Sponsors: REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS



At this wonderful time of the year when we remember and celebrate our Savior's birth, we give thanks for the many gifts and blessings we have received. One way to give thanks is by remembering our friends and families by offering Christmas greetings, writing and sending Christmas cards.

Once again, Parish Outreach is sponsoring our "REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS" program. Our outreach is simple and easy. When you are writing out your Christmas cards, write one extra Christmas card for a sick or homebound parishioner. These unseen and still important members of our parish won't be able to join us in person for our parish Christmas celebrations, but we want to let them know that they are still remembered in our hearts, thoughts and especially our prayers.

Bring that Christmas card with you to Mass during the weeks of December 3, 10 & 17 and drop it into the specially prepared mailbox in the lobby of the church or drop

it off at the rectory during normal business hours. Don't worry about addressing it to a specific parishioner or sealing & stamping the card. Members of our Parish Outreach team will take care of that and deliver your joyful greetings to our homebound parishioners.

Help us spread the joy and peace of this holy season to those in need who can't be present with us at Christmas.

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### Our Memorial Christmas Tree Tradition Continues

Help us to remember your deceased loved ones during the Christmas season by bringing a **single** meaningful Christmas ornament to the church to be placed on our memorial Christmas tree in the sanctuary. These ornaments will help beautify our sanctuary and serve as a loving tribute and reminder of those who now celebrate the Savior's birth in our awaited eternal home. These ornaments will serve as a permanent collection and will be used to decorate the memorial tree in future years; therefore, the ornaments will not be returned at the end of the Christmas season but will be stored here at the church. If you would like to bring in a **single** ornament for inclusion on the tree, please drop it off at the rectory during normal office hours.





## Honoring Mother Mary during Advent

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

8<sup>th</sup> December is the Patronal Feast Day for our country honoring the Blessed Mother. Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation.

#### Mass Schedule

Thursday 5:00 PM

Friday 7:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 7: 00 PM



## Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

As a united community of faith let us rejoice in celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Tuesday, December 12.  
7:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

With an indoor procession.





*“Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God’s mercy,”*  
*-Pope Francis*

## Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

**During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.**

Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It’s a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

How does the **Catholic Ministries Appeal Care for God’s People**? It supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs, providing food and nutrition to more than 15,000 people.



**Have you tried Text-to-Give to make a donation!**  
**It’s fast and secure.**

**Go to the following link to find your parish’s keyword: [bit.ly/3VFrMCE](https://bit.ly/3VFrMCE)**

**TEXT your parish’s Keyword To:**  
**(516) 271-3338**

**Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone’s life. Thank you!**

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To make a donation, you can also visit **CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org**  
 or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**  
 Thank You!





# COFFEE with JESUS

## Advent Zoom Webinars



### Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings in December:

**December 1, 8, 15, 22**

Online Advent Reflections

### on Scripture Readings

with the special emphasis  
on Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind and heart,  
in preparation for Christmas.

To register,  
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850  
or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the  
ZOOM Webinar information prior to each session  
of this Advent series.



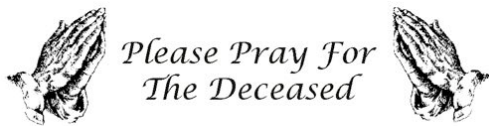
**Corpus Christi Knights  
of Columbus Council 2502  
& The Columbiettes  
Will be having a Food Drive**

**When: December 10, 2023  
Where: Corpus Christi Garage  
Time: 8:00 am to 2:00pm  
Please bring any non-perishable items to the garage that day to donate for the less fortunate in our neighborhood for this Christmas Season.**



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Christine Englund, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liquy, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Svirichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



**Frederick W. Watcher**



**Our Lady of Mercy Academy  
Principal's List Honor Roll  
Diana Torres**

**Kellenberg Memorial High School  
National Honor Roll  
Caroline Azzara  
Christian Azzara  
Jonathan Hoffman  
Julia Ocasio  
Alyssa Rawlings**

**Perfect Attendance School year 2022-2023  
Daniel Carsey  
Jarithza Cortez Navarrete**

**St. Anthony High School  
Honor Roll  
Gabriela Rodriguez**

## Give in gratitude

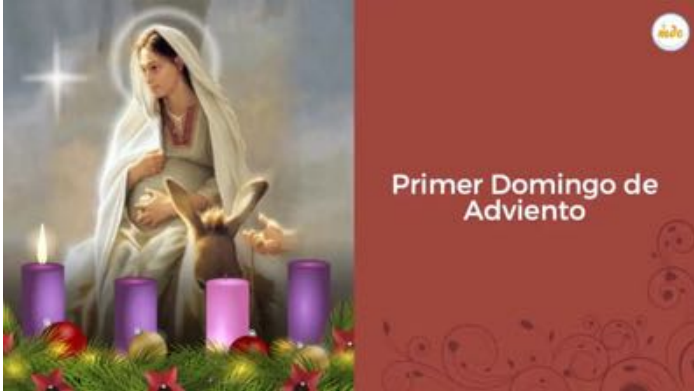
A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:  
Second Sunday of Advent: Prepare the Way of  
the Lord, make straight his paths**

January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT, February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY, March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

# Español

## I DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



### EVANGELIO DE SAN MARCOS, 13, 33-37

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: *“Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento. Así como un hombre que se va de viaje, deja su casa y encomienda a cada quien lo que debe hacer y encarga al portero que esté velando, así también velen ustedes, pues no saben a qué hora va a regresar el dueño de la casa: si al anochecer, a la medianoche, al canto del gallo o a la madrugada. No vaya a suceder que llegue de repente y los halle durmiendo. Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo para todos: permanezcan alerta”.*

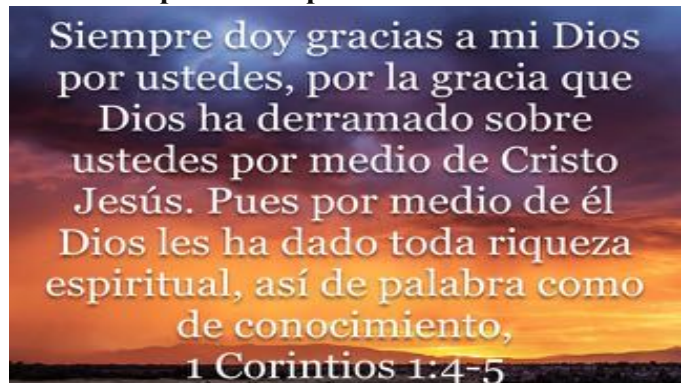


Iniciamos un nuevo ciclo litúrgico. El Adviento es el tiempo preparatorio para la gran fiesta de Navidad. Con el paso del tiempo, la Navidad se ha ido comercializando. En muchas familias cristianas, en medio de tanta fiesta, el gran ausente es aquel a quien decimos celebrar: Jesucristo. Si realmente queremos prepararnos para la Navidad, la primera pista podemos encontrarla en el salmo 25 con el que iniciamos la eucaristía de este primer Domingo de Adviento: el salmo nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra vida. Ante los problemas que vivimos, solemos refugiarnos en nuestra tristeza y miseria, y así no resulta fácil encontrar la salida. El salmista nos muestra que solo Dios nos puede guiar por el

camino recto, pero solo cuando busquemos y pedimos sinceramente su ayuda. Los momentos más oscuros de nuestra vida son los que manifiestan la presencia de Dios de una manera especial; cuanto más lo necesitamos, más cerca está de nosotros. El mensaje evangélico de este primer domingo de Adviento es insistente y rotundo: Estad preparados. No os dejéis engañar. No tengáis miedo. Es una magnífica llamada la que nos hace la Palabra del Señor al inicio de este nuevo año litúrgico. Suena a vigilancia, a conversión, a compromiso, a esperanza; a no nos dejar lugar al abatimiento. El que viene y está en medio de nosotros es el Vencedor! Y volverá como tal! Lo último a que nos sentimos llamados y esperados, es el encuentro con Él, Vida-plena, Amor-sin-fin.



La primera lectura es del libro de Isaías, y es la reflexión de un profeta que después del exilio de Babilonia sabe o que es la crisis de identidad de su pueblo. Un pueblo que vive sin Dios, buscando simplemente subsistir, no tiene futuro, porque no tiene esperanza. El profeta nos ofrece una visión majestuosa sobre quién es Dios: nuestro padre y nuestro redentor. Es de los pocos textos del Antiguo Testamento que usa esta expresión para hablar de Dios como “padre” del pueblo.



La segunda lectura es el inicio de la carta de Pablo a la comunidad de Corinto, aquella que habría de darle mucho quehacer pastoral y teológico. La comunidad se vanagloriaba de su elocuencia y de sus carismas.



# Português

## DOMINGO I DO ADVENTO



### EVANGELHO DE SÃO MARCOS, 13, 33-37

Naquele tempo, disse Jesus aos seus discípulos: *“Acautelai-vos e vigiai, porque não sabeis quando chegará o momento. Será como um homem que partiu de viagem; ao deixar a sua casa, deu plenos poderes aos seus servos, atribuindo a cada um a sua tarefa, e mandou ao porteiro que vigiasse. Vigiai, portanto, visto que não sabeis quando virá o dono da casa: se à tarde, se à meia-noite, se a cantar do galo, se de manhãzinha; não se dê o caso que, vindo inesperadamente, vos encontre a dormir. O que vos digo a vós, digo-o a todos: Vigiai!”*



O Evangelho de Marcos que nos é proposto neste domingo refere-se diretamente ao final dos tempos e à atitude que os discípulos devem ter face a esse encontro último e definitivo com Jesus. Começa com uma parábola – a parábola do homem que partiu em viagem, distribuiu tarefas aos seus servos e mandou ao porteiro que vigiasse – e termina com uma admoestação aos discípulos acerca da atitude correta para esperar o Senhor. O dono da casa da parábola é, evidentemente, Jesus. Ao deixar este mundo para voltar para junto do Pai, ele confiou aos discípulos a tarefa de construir o Reino de Deus. Quem é o porteiro com uma tarefa especial de vigilância? Na perspectiva de Marcos, o porteiro será todo aquele que tem uma responsabilidade especial na coordenação da comunidade. A sua missão é impedir que a comunidade seja invadida por valores estranhos ao Evangelho. A palavra chave do

Evangelho deste dia é esta: vigilância. Estar vigilante significa não estar de braços cruzados. Estar vigilante é lutar de forma decidida e corajosa contra a mentira, o egoísmo, a injustiça. A casa referida na parábola é a comunidade de Jesus. O Evangelho deste domingo coloca-nos diante de uma certeza fundamental: o Senhor vem. A nossa caminhada humana não é um avançar sem sentido ao encontro do nada, mas uma caminhada feita na alegria ao encontro do Senhor que vem. O tempo do Advento é o tempo da espera do Senhor.



O texto desta primeira leitura do profeta Isaías situa-nos em Jerusalém, na época posterior ao Exílio da Babilônia. Jerusalém está em construção que é lenta e modesta, porque os retornados de Babilônia são pobres e os inimigos estão à espreita. Há desânimo e medo. Os profetas desta fase vão tentar acordar a esperança num futuro de vida plena e de salvação em que Jerusalém voltará a ser uma cidade bela e harmoniosa, o local onde Deus habita no meio do seu Povo. O profeta quer que Deus – o pai e o redentor de Israel – não deixe o Povo continuar a endurecer o seu coração e a afastar-se dos caminhos da Aliança. O texto termina com uma imagem muito bela: Deus é o oleiro e o Povo é o barro que o artista modela com amor e cuidado.

### INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 10 DE DEZEMBRO

+Domingos e Teresa Cardoso + Domingos Lage Cardoso + João Paulo Cunha + Manuel e Joaquina Portela + Leonardo e Lurdes de Albuquerque + Julian Barreto Albuquerque +Américo Pereira Mendes + Zacarias Rodrigues +Francisco Ralha, irmão e pais + Joaquina Lopes Pinheiro

