

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 12, 2022

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 PM Stephen Huggard
- 7:30 PM Spanish Intentions

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

- 7:30 AM Manuel George Vieira
- 12:30 PM In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima and Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

- 7:30 AM Domingos & Maria Lopes
- 12:30 PM Richard M. O'Callaghan

Thursday, December 15, 2022

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 12:30 PM Irene Krause

Friday, December 16, 2022

- 7:30 AM Joseph N. McKenna (Birthday)
- 12:30 PM Camilo & Luciana Rodrigues

Saturday, December 17, 2022

- 5:00 PM Kathleen Miller
Pat O'Keefe
Richard Going
Marta & Joseph DeSorbo
Antonio da Silva & Family
Antonio Caetano & Family
Miguel Paiva

Sunday, December 18, 2022

- 7:00 AM Irene Krause
- 8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions
- 10:00 AM Antonio & Jack Lopes
- 11:30 AM People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Maryam Hilda Castaneda
- 7:00 PM Piedade de Oliveira

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00 PM Fr. Tomaz

Sunday, December 18, 2022

7:00 AM Fr. Malcolm
8:30 AM Fr. Milciades
10:00 AM Fr. Malcolm
11:30 AM Fr. Ngozi
5:00 PM Fr. Carlos
7:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

(Schedule is subject to change)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me? (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 7).

- December 4th Actual Collection = \$11,570**
- December 4th Mail-In Donations = \$3,668**
- December 4th Electronic Giving = \$925**
- December 4th Total Collection = \$16,163**
- Christmas Flowers to date = \$938**
- Added Maintenance = \$817**
- Attendance = 1,045**



*Please Pray For
The Deceased*



- Elna Kearns**
- Jose Portilla**
- Dorothy Pendergant**
- Arline Cavanaugh**
- Patricia Carroll**

Altar Server Schedule



- Sat., December 17** 5:00 PM G.Wasserman/H.Calix
- Sun., December 18** 10:00 AM D.Lobo/G.Lamme-Damas
- 11:30 AM L.DaCosta/J.Ferreira

20 Catholic Ministries Appeal
22 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of

FAITH HOPE & LOVE

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

CMA Numbers for 2022

Goal = \$95,900

Pledges = \$54,558 Payments = \$53,968

Donors = 189 Average = \$289

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

Pastor's Notes



I pray that you are embracing this beautiful month of December, as we transition from autumn into winter (and thus far, no snow!), in this Advent Season. In November, all the Catholic Bishops of the United States met to discuss the National Eucharistic Revival; facing some challenging realities. The latest survey shows that only 10% of baptized Catholic Americans actually participate regularly in Sunday Mass. If you are reading this, you are probably part of that faithful remnant, thank God! There are many reasons for this steep declining over several decades. But it reminds us all that we together have a tremendous task ahead of us, to rebuild the Body of Christ with new members and those who have broken away.

If we rely only on our own human capabilities and programs, we will continue to fall. But if first and foremost we trust in the Holy Spirit and the true/real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Church will both survive and thrive. Towards that end, we are expanding the parish offering of “Holy Hours” before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration and Benediction. So many Catholics have lost the truth of the real presence of the Body of Christ in the Host, especially as we live in an ever-growing world of virtual reality and necessary technology. The more we pray in sacred silence and adoration before Christ Jesus, the more we become that mystical and unifying presence to one another. We experience a deeper hunger for the Lord. We develop in spiritual/mental/physical health through the Lord. We grow in holiness with the Lord.

The three weekly times for the Holy Hours are as follows:

Monday mornings from 8:00-9:00 PM (after the 7:30 AM Mass); Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-2:00PM (after the 12:30 PM Mass); Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm (beginning in January 2023). The hour will always begin with Exposition of the Eucharist in the “Monstrance” (icon seen above), followed by a time of sacred silence, and culminate with Benediction/Blessing the gathering with the Body of Christ. At times people will pray the rosary together; asking our Blessed Mother to bring us closer to her Son Jesus. Please feel free to come and go for any part of the hour; and consider making a new year’s promise, to love and cherish Christ in the Eucharist here at Corpus Christi!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Malcolm

Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe



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

Monday, December 12.
7:30 PM (Spanish Mass with a little Portuguese and English)

Outdoor Procession to follow.



COFFEE with JESUS **Advent Reflections**

From the comfort of your home, with a cup of coffee and ZOOM connection, join **Bishop Andrzej** at 10:00 am on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:



December 16 and 23, 2022

for Advent Scripture Reflections

...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart in anticipation of Christmas.

To register for **Coffee with Jesus**

please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will receive the ZOOM information prior to each session.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE TRADITION CONTINUES AT CORPUS CHRISTI



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 an ornament for inclusion on the tree, please drop it off at the rectory during normal office hours.

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. 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, 4th, 11th & 18th 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.



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

On Sunday, December 18th, following "Twenty Minutes with the Director", the young children will form a Nativity Parade honoring the birth of Jesus and process up and down the aisles set to the beautiful music by Mr. Troy Gordon and Mrs. Francine Luisi at 9:45 AM in the church. After the 10:00 AM Mass the children will create a living Nativity within the sanctuary.

May this beautiful display by our young students open our hearts to the Gift of Jesus that the Father has given to us, and may we have a greater appreciation and devotion to the Nativity scenes we have set up in our homes.

Join us!

CORPUS CHRISTI 2022 GIVING TREE



For many people, the holidays are extremely difficult. This year the Christmas season looks difficult for many. covid, 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 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 18th. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

CATHOLIC CHURCHES, 2022-2025, UNITED STATES

CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOURS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

MONDAYS : 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS : 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

THURSDAYS : 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COME LET US ADORE HIM!

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

Sunday, December 18, 2022
3:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022



Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24th)

4:00 P.M. Family Mass (English)

6:00 P.M. (English)

8:00 P.M. (Spanish)

11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th)

7:00 A.M. (English)

8:30 A.M. (Portuguese)

10:00 A.M. (English)

11:30 A.M. (English)

There is no Mass on Christmas Day at night.

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th

6:30 P.M.- 7:30P.M.

Tuesday, December 20th

11:00 A.M.– 12:00P.M.

Wednesday, December 21st

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31st)

5:00 P.M. (English)

New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1st)

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Portuguese), 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

There is no Mass on New Year's Day at night.



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

Connie Altvater, Amanda Alves, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal. Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lena Fiorillo, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Frank Iaquinto, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liquiry, 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 Sivirichi, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

CDA Says Thank You

Catholic Daughters of the Americas , Court Immaculata #444 would like to thank everyone in the parish for being so generous in making our Basket Raffle the great success that it was. The proceeds will fund our various charities which includes our scholarship program. A big thank you to our members for donating the beautiful baskets and prizes and for manning the tables to sell chances. Corpus Christi is a community and we thank each and everyone of you for your support.



Marriage Encounters

Attention married couples & Priests. Are you looking for a great Christmas gift? Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend Our next weekend experience will be - February 3-5, 3023. At the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, Long Island. Register at WWME.org or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss (631) 486-8607



Distressed financially or need food or clothing?
Please call 516-746-1223

Sometimes we get so absorbed in the ordinary things of life, namely eating, drinking, selling, marrying, and raising a family; that we neglect what is of ultimate importance. Jesus tells us in the time of Noah, people were all engaged in these activities when suddenly, disaster struck, the flood came and all these human tasks seemed less important. It is on this foundation that Jesus warns his followers not to become so preoccupied by these very human and necessary activities.

It is true that we sometimes are caught up in the ordinary day to day business of living. Then without warning something happens which renders everything else of secondary importance. What is it that keeps us going when those familiar routines no longer sustain us? For us as Catholics, it can only be our faith. We know when everything collapses around us, God is with us. "The Kingdom of God is among you."

God's power is made perfect in our weakness. In our times of greatest vulnerability and shortcomings, we can experience the Lord's strength most fully. Jesus tells the story of Noah, Lot, and Sodom and we must learn lessons from the past. We need to heed the words of the Lord who prayed that, "We are in the world, but do not belong to the world."

A Catholic's life should be marked by detachment from too many worldly distractions and vain glory and separation from sinful ways and evil tendencies. Perhaps our own life, our family, our church and our society are resembling the city of Sodom. Let us deepen our faith in the Lord, let us be passionate about our love for the kingdom and let us be less attached to the world.

Jim O'Keefe,
President

Español

III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



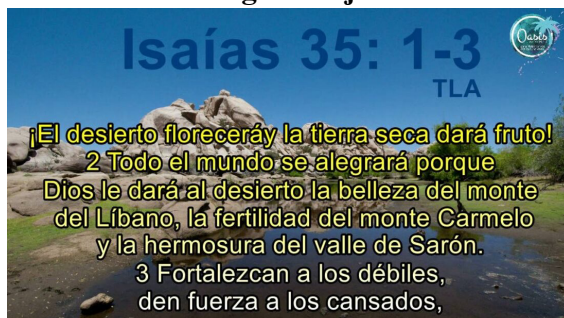
EVANGELIO DE SAN MATEO 11, 2-11

En aquel tiempo, Juan se encontraba en la cárcel, y habiendo oído hablar de las obras de Cristo, le mandó preguntar por médio de dos discípulos: *“Eres tú el que ha de venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?”* Jesús les respondió: *“Vayan a contar a Juan lo que están viendo y oyendo: los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de la lepra, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio. Dichoso aquel que no se sienta defraudado por mí”*. Cuando se fueron los discípulos, Jesús se puso a hablar a la gente acerca de Juan: *“Qué fueron ustedes a ver en el desierto? Una caña sacudida por el viento? No, Pues entonces, qué fueron a ver? A un hombre lujosamente vestido? No, ya que los que visten con lujo habitan en los palácios. A qué fueron, pues? A ver un profeta? Si, yo se lo aseguro; y a uno que es todavía más que profeta. Porque de él está escrito: He aquí que yo envío a i mensajero para que vaya delante de ti y te prepare el camino. Yo les aseguro que no ha surgido entre los hijos de una mujer ninguno más grande que Juan el Bautista. Sin embargo, el más pequeño en el Reino de los cielos, es todavía más grade que él”*.



El evangelio de hoy puede dividirse en dos partes. La primera, versículos 2-6, describe como Juan

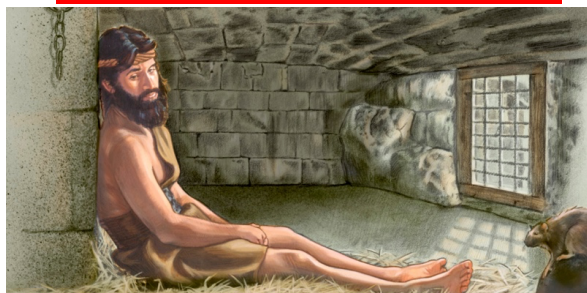
Bautista, preso por orden de Herodes Antipas, antes del comienzo de la actividad de Jesús en Galilea, conoce sus obras desde la cárcel. Juan indaga a través de sus discípulos si es él el Hijo del hombre que ha de venir y que él había anunciado. El relato parece presuponer las dudas de Juan sobre la identidad mesiánica de Jesús. Juan había anunciado, y esperaba, un Mesías poderoso, que actuaría con poder como juez del final de los tiempos. Jesús rehúsa responderle directamente. La respuesta de Jesús alude claramente a la profecía de Isaías, es decir, la respuesta es que sí, es el Mesías esperado. No es el tipo de mesianismo concebido por el Bautista. Este imaginaba la llegada de la Gloria con poder castigo y violencia: Jesucristo trae una etapa de bondad y salvación. En la segunda parte de la lectura, del verso 7 al verso 11, Mateo explica que Jesús se dirige a la multitud y les habla de Juan Bautista. Mateo quiere dejar claro qué significa que Juan Bautista era más que profeta. El elogio de Jesús lo califica como el hombre más grande jamás nacido.



Isaías capítulo 35 es un grito de júbilo ante la manifestación de la gloria de Dios en la historia de Israel. Usa imágenes del paisaje sugiriendo la descripción de un segundo éxodo, seguramente después del exilio a Babilonia. La naturaleza es presentada como una imagen de la salvación de Dios. El desierto de Israel se transforma en un jardín florecido tal como era en algunas partes de Oriente Próximo. La consecuencia inmediata de la gloria de Dios es la curación de los ciegos de los mudos y de los cojos, que manifestarán el poder del Señor ante la enfermedad y las limitaciones humanas; igualmente, la gloria divina dará el coraje necesario a los que dudan, a los débiles, a los que tienen miedo. Con razón este texto ha sido llamado pequeño apocalipsis, pues describe la victoria definitiva de Dios cuando se manifiesta en su gloria ante los hombres.

Português

III DOMINGO DO ADVENTO



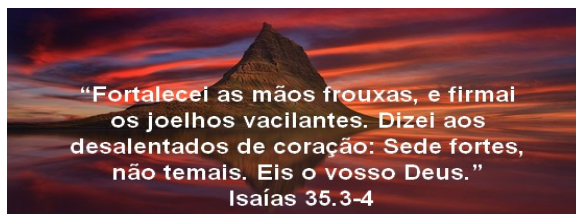
EVANGELHO DE SÃO MATEUS 11, 2-11

Naquele tempo, João Baptista ouviu falar na prisão, das obras de Cristo e mandou-lhe dizer pelos seus discípulos: *“És tu aquele que há-de vir, ou devemos esperar outro?”* Jesus respondeu-lhes: *“Ide contar a João o que vedes e ouvistes: os cegos vêem, os coxos andam, os leprosos são curados, os surdos ouvem, os mortos ressuscitam e a Boa Nova é anunciada aos pobres. E bem-aventurado aquele que não encontrar em mim motivo de escândalo”*. Quando os mensageiros partiram, Jesus começou a falar de João às multidões: *“Que fostes ver ao deserto? Uma cana agitada pelo vento? Então que fostes ver? Um homem vestido com roupas delicadas? Mas aqueles que usam roupas delicadas encontram-se nos palácios dos reis. Que fostes ver então? Um profeta? Sim – Eu vos digo – e mais que um profeta. É dele que está escrito: Vou enviar à tua frente o meu mensageiro, para te preparar o caminho. Em verdade vos digo: Entre os filhos de mulher, não apareceu ninguém maior do que João Baptista. Mas o menor no reino dos Céus é maior do que ele”*.



João Baptista está na prisão, por ordem de Herodes, a quem o Baptista havia criticado por viver maritalmente com a cunhada. Formado pelos profetas, Israel esperava um messias e quando ele chegou, até mesmo aquelas pessoas espiritualmente mais preparadas tiveram dificuldade em o entender e acolher. O próprio

Baptista ficou desorientado. Tinha dúvidas que Jesus fosse o messias. Todos esperavam um messias como um grande guerreiro, um grande general que iria libertar Israel do domínio estrangeiro, um grande líder político. João esperava um Messias que viesse lançar fogo à terra, castigar os maus e os pecadores. Ao contrário, Jesus aproximou-se dos pecadores, dos marginais dos impuros, estendeu-lhes a mão, mostrou-lhes o amor de Deus, ofereceu-lhes a salvação. João e os seus discípulos estão, pois, desconcertados: Jesus será o Messias esperado, ou é preciso esperar um outro que venha atuar de uma forma mais decidida, mais lógica e mais justiceira? Jesus não responde diretamente à pergunta de João Baptista. Ele recorre a um conjunto de citações de Isaías que definem, a ação do Messias enviado de Deus: dar vida aos mortos, curar os surdos, dar vista aos cegos dar liberdade aos coxos, anunciar a Boa Nova aos pobres. Jesus realizou estas obras. Ele é o Messias, enviado por Deus para libertar os homens e para lhes trazer o Reino. Ao mesmo tempo Jesus apresenta João Baptista como o maior dos profetas. Ele é o precursor do Messias; é o “Elias”, aquele que tinha de vir antes, a fim de preparar o caminho para o Messias.



Tema na primeira leitura deste domingo um hino à alegria, destinado a acordar a esperança e a revitalizar o ânimo do povo exilado em Babilônia. A razão dessa alegria é que Deus está aí para fazer justiça. Ele vai intervir na história, vai salvar Judá do cativo, vai abrir uma estrada no deserto para que o seu Povo possa regressar em triunfo a Sião. Nada de desânimo, nada de cobardia, nada de baixar os braços: Deus está aí para salvar e libertar o seu Povo. Os exilados devem unir-se à natureza nessa corrente de alegria e de vida nova, pois a libertação chegou.

INTENÇÕES PARA A MISSA DO DIA 18

+Domingos e Teresa Cardoso + Domingos Lage Cardoso + Mário Adão + Olívia da Silva + José Pereira Cunha + Américo Pereira Mendes + Maria de Lurdes Lima + Rosa e Adélio Martins + Leonardo e Lurdes Albuquerque + Julian Barreto Albuquerque