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This parish community is happy to welcome you to worship, today and every Sunday. May the love of Christ fill your hearts with all good blessings and joy.

### The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

**On Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>** we will have a procession with the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe at the 11:30 Mass followed by a grand luncheon in the School gymnasium. **Everyone is welcome and please bring a dish to pass.**

**On Monday, December 12, the Feast Day itself**, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church from 7:30 AM – 6:45 PM, followed by a bilingual Mass for the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00 PM.

### Special Confessions & Mass Each Thursday of Advent

On December 8, 15 & 22, we are offering confessions from 5:00 PM followed by an evening Mass in Spanish at 6:00 PM.

### Advent Day of Reconciliation

Everyone is encouraged to make a good confession before Christmas! There is no better gift we can give to the Lord for Christmas than a heart ready to receive him! Thus, we will offer a "Day of Reconciliation" in our Church on Tuesday, December 20 from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. A priest available for confessions all day long during those 10 hours! Thus, during the season of Advent confessions will be offered on:

Thursdays from 5:00-5:50 pm

Saturdays from 4:00-4:50 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, December 4

10:30 AM-RCIA in Rectory Meeting Room

12:30 PM-Spanish RCIA in Church

6:30 PM-Advent Night Prayer in the Chapel

#### Wednesday, December 6-

3:00 PM-Food Pantry

#### Thursday, December 7 – Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 AM - Mass in English

1:35 PM - Mass

5:00 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass in Spanish

#### Friday, December 9

Christmas Basket project in the gym

#### Saturday, December 10

Christmas Basket project in the gym

4:00 PM - Confessions

#### Sunday, December 11

9:00 AM - Faith in the Family in Adult Resource Room

10:30 AM - RCIA in Rectory Meeting Room

11:30 PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration: Procession, Mass, and Celebration/Lunch in the gym after Mass

6:30PM-Advent Night Prayer in the Chapel

### La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**El domingo 11 de diciembre** tendremos una procesión con la estatua de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la misa de las 11:30 seguido de un gran almuerzo en el gimnasio de la escuela. **Todos son bienvenidos y por favor traigan un plato para pasar.**

**El lunes 12 de diciembre, el mismo Día de la Fiesta**, tendremos la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en la Iglesia de 7:30 a. m. a 6:45 p. m., seguida de una Misa bilingüe por la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a las 7:00 p. m.

### Confesiones Especiales y Misa los Jueves

Los días 8, 15 y 22 de diciembre, ofreceremos confesiones a partir de las 5:00 p. m. seguidas de una misa vespertina en español a las 6:00 p. m.

### Día de Adviento de la Reconciliación

¡Se anima a todos a hacer una buena confesión antes de Navidad! ¡No hay mejor regalo que podamos darle al Señor en Navidad que un corazón listo para recibirlo! Así, ofreceremos un "Día de la Reconciliación" en nuestra Iglesia el martes 20 de diciembre desde las 10:00 am hasta las 8:00 pm. ¡Un sacerdote disponible para confesiones todo el día durante esas 10 horas! Así, durante el tiempo de Adviento se ofrecerán confesiones sobre:

Jueves de 5:00 a 5:50 pm

Sábados de 4:00 a 4:50 pm

Martes, 20 de diciembre de 10:00am a 9:00pm

### Christmas Basket Information

Beginning Monday, November 21 through December 5, 2022, applications for Christmas Baskets will be accepted. To apply for a Christmas basket, please contact the following telephone number only: 363-6080

### Información de las cestas de Navidad

El lunes 21 de Noviembre, 2022 por 5 de Diciembre, 2022, empezaremos a aceptar solicitudes para canastas de Navidad. Para solicitar una canasta de Navidad favor de llamar a los siguientes telefonos solo: 363-6080

### Advent Night Prayer

Each Sunday evening during Advent (Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11 & Dec 18), we will have traditional Night Prayer in the Adoration Chapel beginning at 6:30pm. This service includes prayer, song, and scripture reading with a short reflection followed by a Marian hymn and will last about 40 minutes.

2nd Sunday of Advent– December 4, 2022

### Advent Creche Collection

**Dec 10-11**-3rd weekend of Advent: St Gianna Molla Room: Baby toiletries, diapers, newborn to size 7, baby blankets, urgent need for wipes, baby bath soap, clothing up to size 7, baby bottles, etc.

**Dec 17-18**-4th weekend of Advent: Rural Ministry: Socks: men's women's, children's

### Colección Guardería de Adviento

**Dic 10-11-3er fin de semana de Adviento:** Habitación St Gianna Molla: Artículos de aseo para bebés, pañales, recién nacido hasta la talla 7, mantas para bebés, toallitas de urgente necesidad, jabón de baño para bebés, ropa hasta la talla 7, biberones, etc.

**17-18 dic-4° fin de semana de Adviento:** Pastoral Rural: Calcetines: hombre mujer, niño

### Upcoming Events

Friday & Saturday, Dec 9 & 10 - Christmas Basket Project

Sunday & Monday, Dec. 11 & 12 -

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations!

Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Advent Day of Reconciliation

### PENSAMIENTOS DE ADVIENTO

Queridos amigos,

La semana pasada mencioné cuatro ideas para hacer crecer la Iglesia. Estas ideas provienen del obispo Robert Barron. Creo que son ideas excelentes, en particular la primera, y por eso quería resaltarlas nuevamente aquí. También agregué una quinta idea propia. Aquí están:

1. Cada familia o persona que asiste regularmente a Misa debe asumir la responsabilidad evangélica de traer a otra familia o persona a Misa y a la vida de la Iglesia este año.
2. Todo católico debería orar por la expansión de la Iglesia. Y para ser específicos, oremos para que nuestra parroquia aumente en un 100% el próximo año. Sí: ¡Cien por ciento!
3. Que damos la bienvenida a los buscadores para que traigan sus dudas o preguntas.
4. ¡Sed amables y vivid con una generosidad ejemplar!
5. Hacer de la confesión una prioridad en nuestra vida espiritual. Cosa que todos podemos hacer especialmente haciendo una buena confesión antes de Navidad.

¡No sería increíble si cada uno de nosotros en la Iglesia trajera al menos a una persona de regreso a la fe o a la Iglesia Católica el próximo año! ¿Es eso posible? Seguro que lo es. Como dijo el Ángel Gabriel a María: "¡Nada es imposible para Dios!"

Dios los bendiga a todos en esta semana,  
Padre Marcos

*"Open to the Spirit, Mary consecrated herself totally as lowly handmaid to the person and work of the Savior. She received Christ in order to share Him with all the world whose hope He is. In her, we recognize the model of the Church's faith and our own."*

— St. Eugène de Mazenod

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Friends, this coming Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have Mass at our Church at the following times:

7:00 AM - English Mass

1:40 PM - Mass with the NCCS School community

6:00 PM - Bilingual Mass

## DÍA SANTO DE OBLIGACIÓN ESTE JUEVES 8 DE DICIEMBRE

Amigos, este próximo jueves es la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. Tendremos Misa en nuestra Iglesia en los siguientes horarios:

7:00 AM - Misa en inglés

1:40 PM - Misa con la comunidad escolar de NCCS

6:00 PM - Misa bilingüe

### Weekend of November 26 & 27

#### Fin de semana del 26 y 27 de noviembre

Mass Attendance/Asistencia a Misa:

5:00 PM -44

8:00 AM -58

10:00 AM -72

11:30 AM -110

Total 284

Collection/Collecta:

\$3,333.00

Human Development:

\$167.00

Christmas Basket:

\$1,704.01

### ADVENT THOUGHTS

Dear Friends,

Last week I mentioned four ideas to grow the Church. These ideas come from Bishop Robert Barron. I think they are excellent ideas - in particular the first one - and so I wanted to highlight them again here. I also added a fifth idea of my own. Here they are:

1. Every family or individual that comes regularly to mass should make it their evangelical responsibility to bring another family or person to Mass and into the life of the Church this year.
2. Every Catholic should be praying for the expansion of the Church. And to get specific, let's pray that our Parish would increase by 100% in the next year. Yes: One-Hundred Percent!
3. Welcome seekers to bring their doubts or questions.
4. Be kind and live with exemplary generosity!
5. Make confession a priority in our spiritual life. Which we can all do especially by making a good confession before Christmas.

Wouldn't it be amazing if every one of us in the Church brought at least one person back to the faith or into the Catholic Church in the next year! Is that possible? For sure it is. As the Angel Gabriel said to Mary: "Nothing is impossible for God!"

God bless you all this week, Fr. Mark

*"Abierta al Espíritu, María se consagró totalmente como sierva humilde a la persona y obra del Salvador. Ella recibió a Cristo para compartirlo con todo el mundo cuya esperanza es Él. En ella reconocemos el modelo de la fe de la Iglesia y la nuestra".*

— San Eugenio de Mazenod

# 2nd Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

## Weekly Masses

Saturday, December 3-

5:00p.m Joseph Jasinski by Jasinski Family

Sunday, December 4-

8:00am Paul Renckens III by Nancy Renckens

10:00a.m Karen Corsi by David & Suzanne Nicosia

11:30a.m. Spanish Mass: Parishioners of SEAS

Monday, December 5-

7:00a.m. Souls in Purgatory by Margorie Filutze

Tuesday, December 6-St Nicholas

7:00a.m. All Souls by Parishioners of SEAS

Wednesday, December 7-St Ambrose

7:00a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 8-Immaculate Conception

7:00a.m. James Brenecki by the Brenecki Family

1:40p.m. NCCS Mass

6:00p.m. Bilingual Mass-Nicholas Strauser by Cindy Maslowski

Friday, December 9-St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

7:00a.m. Helen Bain by Leo & Sandy Bain

Saturday, December 10-

5:00p.m. Leigh Nevinger by MaryAnn Corsoro

Sunday, December 11-

8:00a.m. Jim Luczkowiak by Family

10:00a.m. Gretchen VanDenVouver by Jim & Maryann & Susan Kluck

11:30a.m. Spanish Mass: Parishioners of SEAS

**Confessions:** Saturday at 4:00 PM, Thursdays at 5:00 PM, and anytime by request

## **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:**

Weekdays before Mass: 6:30 AM to 6:55 AM (with Rosary)

Tuesdays: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

First Fridays: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

## **Please remember to pray for the infirmed:**

Carol Balzer, Janet Bonasera, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Jose Gambarelli, Anne Herman, Keith & Kevin, Ed Kolidziej, Desiree Jones, John Maternowski, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Notaro, Joel Rivera, Lenny Schrantz, Jessica Sinclair, Jim Skrzeczkowski, Jack Van Dervort, Mollie Watkins, Kevin Washington and Fr Tom Wopperer.

Please call or email Chris at the Rectory Office to have names added or removed from the sick list. Only immediate family members may request names be added.

## **Advent Retreat**

Our friends at Holy Trinity Parish will be offering a three night series of Advent reflections entitled, "Blessed, Broken, Given." Each evening will be held on a Monday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on the following dates:

- Monday, December 5 - "Blessed" with a talk by Fr. Bob Owczarczak, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Monday, December 12 - "Broken" with a talk by Fr. Robert Contarin followed by Individual Confessions
- Monday, December 19 - "Given" with a Mass and Homily offered by Fr. Mark Noonan, followed by a fellowship gathering with hot chocolate and some good snacks!

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Friends, our Masses for Christmas will be as follows:

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM Mass

9:00 PM Bilingual Mass

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM Mass

With great joy we await the great celebration of Christmas!

## **Horario de Misas de Navidad**

Amigos, nuestras Misas de Navidad serán las siguientes:

Nochebuena: Misa de 4:00 PM

Misa bilingüe de 9:00 PM

Día de Navidad: Misa de 9:00 AM

¡Con gran alegría esperamos la gran celebración de la Navidad!

## **SEEK THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART!**

## **Vocations originate in the family!**

The Jesse Tree is a popular Advent activity for families, tracing the lineage of Jesus back to David, Jesse, and the Patriarchs. In the Old Testament, God tended to work through a few specific families. Now, He calls servants from anywhere. Maybe He's calling you to serve the Church! Take a closer look by contacting Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

## **Did You Know?**

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL), one of the documents of Second Vatican Council calls for "full, conscious, and active" participation on the part of the laity. That means we're not supposed to be silent spectators at Mass. *"Christ's faithful, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers should take part in the sacred action, conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. Instructed by God's word, and nourished at the table of the Lord's Body, they should give thanks to God. Offering the immaculate victim, not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him, they should learn to offer themselves. Through Christ, the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and each other, so that finally God may be all in all."* (Chp.2, #48, CSL)

We participate in the liturgy as members of the Body of Christ, just like a musician who participates in a symphonic orchestra. Musicians perfect their ability to play a particular instrument, study music, paying attention to the melodic ebbs and flows of the piece they are playing, rehearsing their part daily, and listening to other members of the orchestra and the parts they each play, all the while keeping an eye on the orchestra's conductor for cues when to play their part. As members of this Eucharistic community, we are to keep our focus on the ebb and flow of the liturgy, always ready to participate when cued to do so. But just a musician prepares for a concert ahead of time, we must also prepare ourselves for Mass. Our rehearsal schedule could be spending time each week ahead of Sunday Mass reading and meditating on the Sunday readings; get involved in liturgical ministries as a lector, as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or in music ministry. Active participation means putting our hearts and minds and voices into the actions and movements of the liturgy – pray, listen, respond, and sing. And finally, come to Mass expecting to encounter our Lord Jesus Christ.

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