The Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, December 10–Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Marko Maskardin
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Antonina Kos
Concetta Trentini
Giuseppe Carlino
Salvatore Carmela Marino
Augustino Marino

MONDAY, December 11– Saint Damasus
9:00 A.M. Esperanza Eiaw

TUESDAY, December 12–Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 A.M. Donna Mongitori

WEDNESDAY, December 13– Saint Lucy
9:00A.M. Katherine Trimarco

THURSDAY, December 14– Saint John of the Cross
9:00 A.M. John Martucci

FRIDAY, December 15 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Maria Taraskiewicz

SATURDAY, December 16– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Edward Beiner

5:00P.M. For the People of St. Francis

SUNDAY, December 17– Third Sunday of Avent
8:00 A.M. John Xerri
9:30 A.M. Carmella Persico
11:00 A.M. The Szetela Family
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Laura Maffei
The Macchia Family
The Benedetto Family

Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 5:17-26

TUESDAY: Zechariah 2:14-17
Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY Isaiah 40:25-31
Matthew 11:28-30

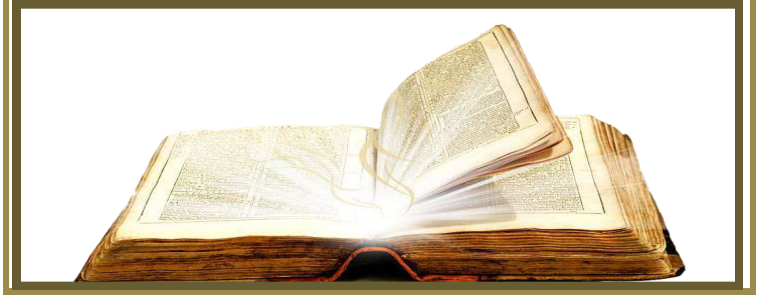
THURSDAY: Isaiah 41:13-20
Matthew 11:11-15

FRIDAY: Isaiah 48:17-19
Matthew 11:16-19

SATURDAY: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

In every style of music, there are a few notes or themes most everyone will recognize. Sometimes we hear one of these themes and it runs through our heads for the rest of the day.

Think of the opening notes of our national anthem or the beginning sounds of a well-known hymn like Amazing Grace. Maybe it is a show tune, a folk song, the beginning strains of the theme from a Star Wars movie, or the eight strong notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony that resonate with you. Whatever the song, the tune is so familiar that you anticipate what is to come. Its familiarity makes it a classic.

The opening lines of Mark's Gospel are also classic. We hear familiar words, I send my messenger before you, and we know we are about to embark on an amazing and familiar scriptural journey. With just a salutation and a quotation from Isaiah, we are off and into the action. It is a classic story, something we may hear again and again, but it is always new, always fresh, even in its familiarity. Ever new is the season of Advent. These Scriptures, and this season speak to us now, in 2023, in ways that are different from any past Advent. Today, John the Baptist is our focus.

The beginning of Mark's Gospel summarizes John's mission: baptism that leads to the forgiveness of sins. Mark gives us a taste of John's preaching. It is a simple message: *Reform your lives, for the kingdom of God is at hand.* This time of waiting for the coming of the Messiah is not a time to be idle. John calls the people of his day to reform their lives. Therein is the call and the challenge for us: ***reform our lives.***

Doing so means more than avoiding sin and seeking reconciliation. It means making real change. It means tearing down the walls that separate and insulate us from God's grace. Clearing a straight path for the Lord calls for action and change. It means actively seeking to create the conditions in which God's grace and the Lord's presence can shine in the darkness. The question is How?

Reforming lives means reforming our homes. It is abandoning unkind words and actions, starting with how one treats one's spouse, children, parents, friends, parishioners, and associates. It is honoring the dignity of each person. Reforming our lives means reforming our neighborhoods. It is visiting the lonely, comforting the mourning. It is responding to Isaiah's challenge to give comfort to God's people. Reforming our lives means reforming our world. It is feeding the hungry, reaching out to the poor, working for peace, and having a profound respect for all life.

Advent is always familiar and forever fresh. It is a time to wait, not to be idle. Isaiah comforts God's people by declaring God's presence. John the Baptist calls out to us to reform our lives because God's kingdom is near.

Once again, we gather at the Lord's Altar to be reformed and nourished. We consecrate bread and wine to make new the Lord's presence. The effects of this action cannot be kept inside this Church. Rather, our lives must proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
The Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

With bowed head, brown skin, and wearing a blue-green robe studded with stars, Our Lady of Guadalupe is instantly recognizable and one of the most iconic images associated with Catholicism. Despite the widespread fame of this Marian apparition, its origins are quite humble and deeply connected to the identity of indigenous people in Mexico and beyond. The story begins 490 years ago in 1531 in Mexico City, a New World metropolis recently conquered by the Spanish. Juan Diego, an indigenous man who had converted to Christianity, would make regular visits to a Franciscan mission for religious education, typically passing by Tepeyac Hill. On the morning of December 9, as he walked past the hill, the Virgin Mary appeared before him with a message: Request that the bishop have a chapel built in her name in this location as a place for those in need to pray for her intercession. After two more Marian apparitions—and a demand for proof from Bishop Juan de Zum√°rraga—on December 12, Juan once again encountered Our Lady, who uttered these famous words: "Am I not here, I who am your mother? " She instructed Juan to gather flowers, and when he did, she arranged them in his *tilma*, or cloak. When Juan returned to tell Bishop Zum√°rraga about this latest encounter, he opened his tilma, the flowers fell onto the floor before the prelate, and emblazoned upon Juan's cloak was an image of the Virgin Mary. Being the culmination of the four Marian appearances to Juan Diego, December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Built with heavy stone in the style of churches of that era, the old basilica slowly began to sink and become unstable, due to Mexico City being built on a dried-out lake bed. The second basilica, built to handle the fluctuating earth underneath, opened its doors in 1976. The original tilma worn by Juan Diego is on display in the new basilica. Well before the construction of the basilicas, the site was already venerated as a place of pilgrimage, even dating back to the year of the apparitions themselves—1531. Now it is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the third most visited sacred site across all religions. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, around 10 million people visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Lucy

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name *Lucy*. One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life. Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Romans after his own people turned him over to their authority. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity. What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found, but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged. Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

Thursday, December 14, 2023
The Feast of
Saint John of the Cross

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the *Spiritual Canticle*. But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his *Ascent to Mt. Carmel*, as he named it in his prose master-piece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49—a life short, but full.

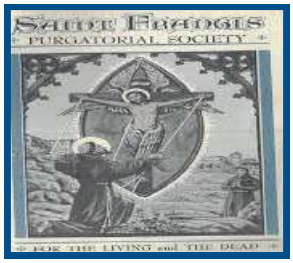
John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Baptisms

We welcome those who were Baptized in our parish during the month of November 2023.

Carter Patrick Bandy
Brenainn Kerry Gaffney Flores
Claire Flynn Williams

Purgatorials



The following names have been enrolled in our Purgatorial Society for the month of November 2023. Please remember to continue to pray for their families.

Angela Deo
Mary Ethel McCann

Recently Deceased

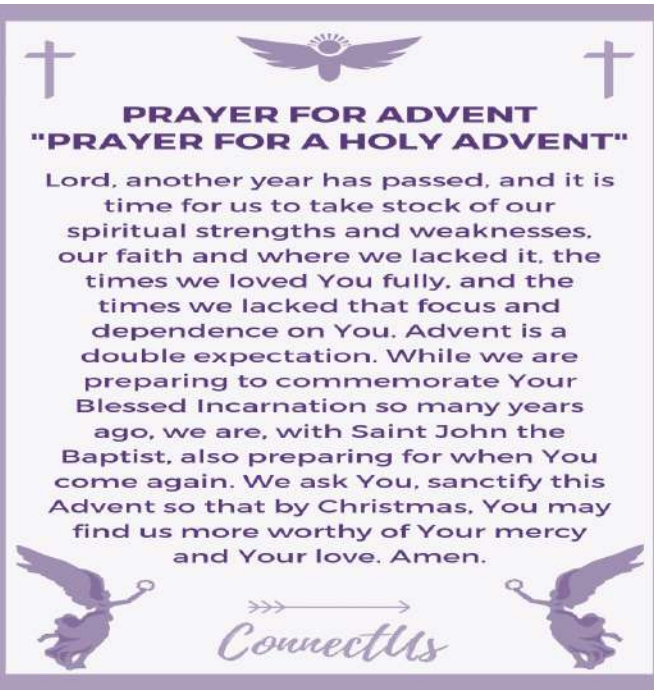
The following have passed away during the month of November 2023. We continue to pray for the recently deceased members of our parish.

Betty Benitez
Alberta Andrew

We ask for your mercy and grace for them, and for all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and enjoy the fullness of your love and presence.

Monday, December 18th, is Reconciliation Monday.
Confessions will be heard from
4:00-6:00PM
7:00-9:00PM.

All are encouraged to make us of the wonderful Sacrament to experience the Mercy of God.



Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

Jack Orlando, Steven Joyce, Judy Hanley-Brickner, John Wrenn, Augustin Cisneros, Thomas Leiter, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, John & Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, Connie Fontana Christopher Wojtalik, Theresa Pacheco, William Goss, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa, Jim Schneggenburger, Anthony Criscuolo, Samantha O'Sullivan, Marilyn Miller, Pat Gravino, John Carmody, Rosario Duran, Vivian Papa, Joel Steinmann, Anna Governali, Tim Graham, Antonio Postiglione, Mario Tamburello, Christopher Araimo, Charles Principato, Jim Kreitler, Humberto Cordova, John Schakir, Margaret Culhane, Benedicto Randazzo, Angelo Niakas, Peter Lopez & Catherine Caravana, Alex Human, Carol Simonsem and Aubrey Madden

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

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"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord"

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:vocations@diobrook.org

Welcome to Our Church

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular business hours. There you can pick up a census card which can be filled out at that time or returned by mail or in the Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download the census card on line. Just check our website at: ***stfrancisofassisiastoria.org***
You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes.

FOCUS:

Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God graciously offered us through His Sonm whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"The Words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." John 6:64

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Dear SFA Friends and Family

Join us on Thursday, December 14th, at 7:20-8:50PM in the St. Joseph room of the Rectory. This will conclude our study of the Gospel According to Luke. We will begin a new study in January to be announced.

"And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us …" (Canticle of Zechariah: Luke 1:76-78)

The Gospel readings and study will be conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Study booklets will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the study group or would like further information, please contact us through The Rectory at **(718) 728-7801.** Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

Come Join US
Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture.

All are Invited … **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Christmas Flower Envelopes can be returned in any collection. Please be sure to write the name(s) legibly. The list of names will be printed in the Bulletin. Thank you.

Christmas Mass Remembrance Envelopes can be returned in any collection. Please mark the envelope with the name(s) of those you want remembered, living or deceased, in the Christmas Novena of Masses. Those envelopes will be placed on the altar for the Novena of Masses.

Mass Attendance for the
Weekend of December 2nd and 3rd, 2023:

5:00pm	101
8:00am	51
9:30am	147
11:00am	87
12:30pm	30

Total in attendance: 416

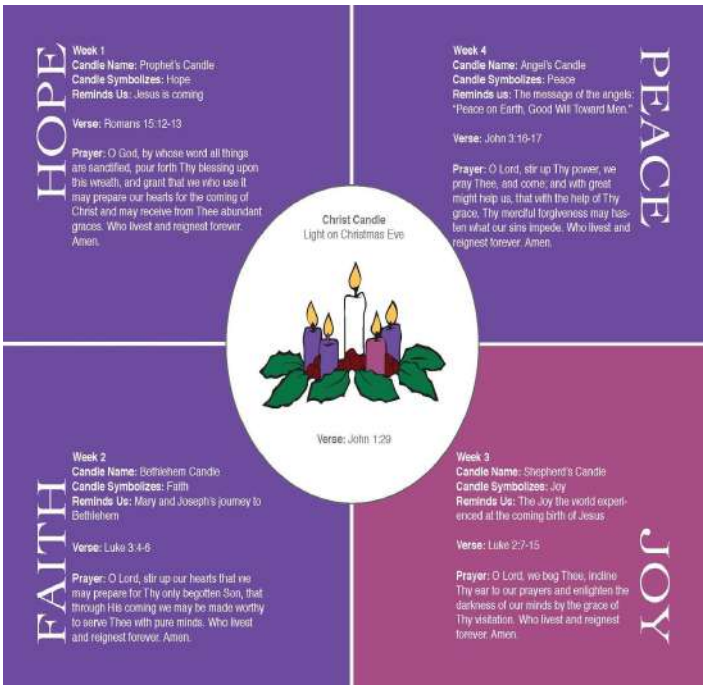
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners before the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:50AM the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Jesus calls us to perseverance in prayer. "Pray without ceasing." "Watch and pray." Eucharistic adoration helps us discover the Real Presence of Christ.

What a wonderful way to begin our day praying before the Blessed Sacrament in silence or praying the Holy Rosary.

Please make every effort to take advantage of this time with the Lord. We are living in challenging times and we all need the Lord to strengthen our faith and give us the courage to live each day.

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.



ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

The Advent Wreath Candle will burn in memory of :

Michael Mangialino Sr.
Rose & Denis Sweeney
Lucia, Ralph & Donny Borgia

Thank you to all who have signed up for the Advent Wreath Candle lighting. There are still a few masses that are in need of candle lighters. The poster will remain in the back of the church throughout the Advent season as a reminder to all those who have signed up.

Just a reminder that the candle lighter(s) will sit toward the front of church and at the beginning of each mass the priest will call you up to light the Advent Wreath Candle(s).

NOTE A CORRECTION IN MASS TIMES

In your most recent mailing of your weekly envelopes, the Christmas Mass Schedule is enclosed. There is a mistake in the mass times for Sunday, December 31st. The morning mass schedule for Sunday, December 31st is 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm.

There will be NO Vigil Mass on Sunday, December 31st.

All the other mass times are correct.

50/50 November 2023 Winners

First Prize
Mrs. Assunta Scarda

Second Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Rob Quaresimo

Third Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Mistretta

Congratulations!

Our parish Christmas tree will be lit after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, December 16th. This year pushing the button to light our tree will be Deacon Sal Hili.

Please join us for this festive celebration.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

THANK YOU for all your support in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As of December 5th, we have reached our goal in pledges. Our goal is **$41,679** and we have pledges for **$41,967**. We have paid **$39, 676.38.**
Please continue to pay your pledges to help us attain our parish goal.
I am so grateful for the many sacrifices each of you make to support our parish.

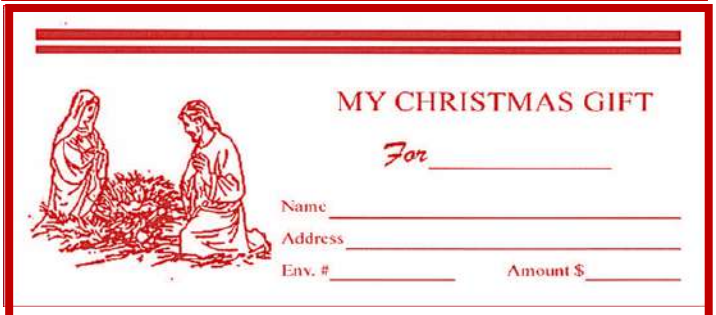
Please know you are remembered in prayer each day.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

Sunday 12/3/23: **$4,181.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.



Next weekend, December 16th and 17th, the second collection will be for My Christmas Gift to My Church.

In the past, you have been most generous in supporting our parish and the many programs and services we offer. God has blessed us in so many wonderful ways. We have received many gifts, but the BEST gift we have been given is the gift of JESUS. His unconditional love, His care and concerns for each of us is priceless.

Do You Enjoy Singing?

Then use your voice to praise the Lord!
Join the St. Francis of Assisi Choir.
We meet every Monday evening at 7:00PM in the choir loft in church.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Worship Schedule

Confessions **-** Monday, December 18th
4:00-6:00PM
7:00-9:00PM

Saturday, December 23rd
4:00-4:30PM

Saturday, December 23rd
9:00AM & 5:00PM

Christmas Eve-Sunday, December 24th

8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM (Italian)
4:00PM ~ Family Mass
6:00PM ~ Christmas Mass

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25th

8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM (Italian)

New Year's Eve-Sunday, December 31st

8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM (Italian)

NO 5:00PM Mass

New Year's Day-Monday, January 1st

9:00AM & 11:00AM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

December 10—December 16

Sunday, December 10
8:00AM-Holy Name Mass
9:30AM-Pre-Communion Mass
10:40-12 noon CCD

Monday, December 11
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age-Christmas Party
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, December 12
3K Winter Celebration
6:30PM—AA Meeting
8:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, December 13
Pre-K Winter Celebration
7:00PM Baptism Class

Thursday, December 14
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16
10:00AM Pancake Breakfast
Christmas Tree Lighting After the 5:00PM Mass

NEXT WEEK

December 17—December 23

Sunday, December 17
9:30AM-Children's Liturgy
10:40-12 noon CCD
1:30PM-Youth Group to Pack Gifts

Monday, December 18
RECONCILIATION MONDAY
4:00PM-6:00PM
7:00PM-9:00PM

Tuesday, December 19
6:30PM—AA Meeting
6:30PM Christmas Show-MCH

Wednesday, December 20
6:30PM Christmas Show-MCH

Thursday, December 21
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM I.A.C.A.-Christmas Party

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Come Home to St. Francis of Assisi for Christmas

JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY AS WE CELEBRATE MASS EACH WEEKEND

Masses: Vigil on Saturdays 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Italian)

Let us worship together and give thanks and praise to God.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca V.F., Pastor

2023 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 **December** Light the first violet candle in your Advent wreath and pray with today's Gospel, *Mark 13:33-37.*	4 Choose a way you can grow closer to Christ in Advent: more mental prayer, penance, almsgiving, Sacraments.	5 Display the stable for the Nativity Scene. Add figures gradually throughout Advent.	6 **St. Nicholas of Myra** Perform a simple act of kindness for someone today in honor of this generous saint.	7 On the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and teacher, pray for all clergy in the Church.	8 **The Immaculate Conception of Mary** Celebrate by attending Mass and praying a Rosary for our country.	9 Prepare heart and soul to welcome Christ. Make an examination of conscience and attend Confession.
10 Light the second violet candle and meditate on *Mark 1:1-8.*	11 Offer a small sacrifice out of love for Jesus, who offered Himself up for love of you.	12 Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for all pregnant women and thank God for the gift of new life.	13 Advent is a busy time for parishes. Call or email your parish office and ask how you can serve.	14 In prayer, forgive someone who has hurt you. Ask for the grace to let go and move on.	15 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can contribute.	16 Las Posadas begins today honoring Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter. Gather friends and go caroling.
17 *Gaudete Sunday* Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Pray with *John 1:6-9, 19-28.*	18 Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.	19 Feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or hungry for human kindness.	20 Review your "Advent resolutions" and renew your commitment to them.	21 Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament today to ready your heart for the arrival of the King.	22 Reflect on how your relationship with Christ grew this Advent. Thank Him for the graces you received.	23 Make an effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.
24 The fourth week of Advent lasts only one day. Meditate on the great news the angel brought (see *Luke 1:26-38*).	25 *Rejoice!* Place the Christ Child in the manger. Go to Mass today and rejoice!	*"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).*				

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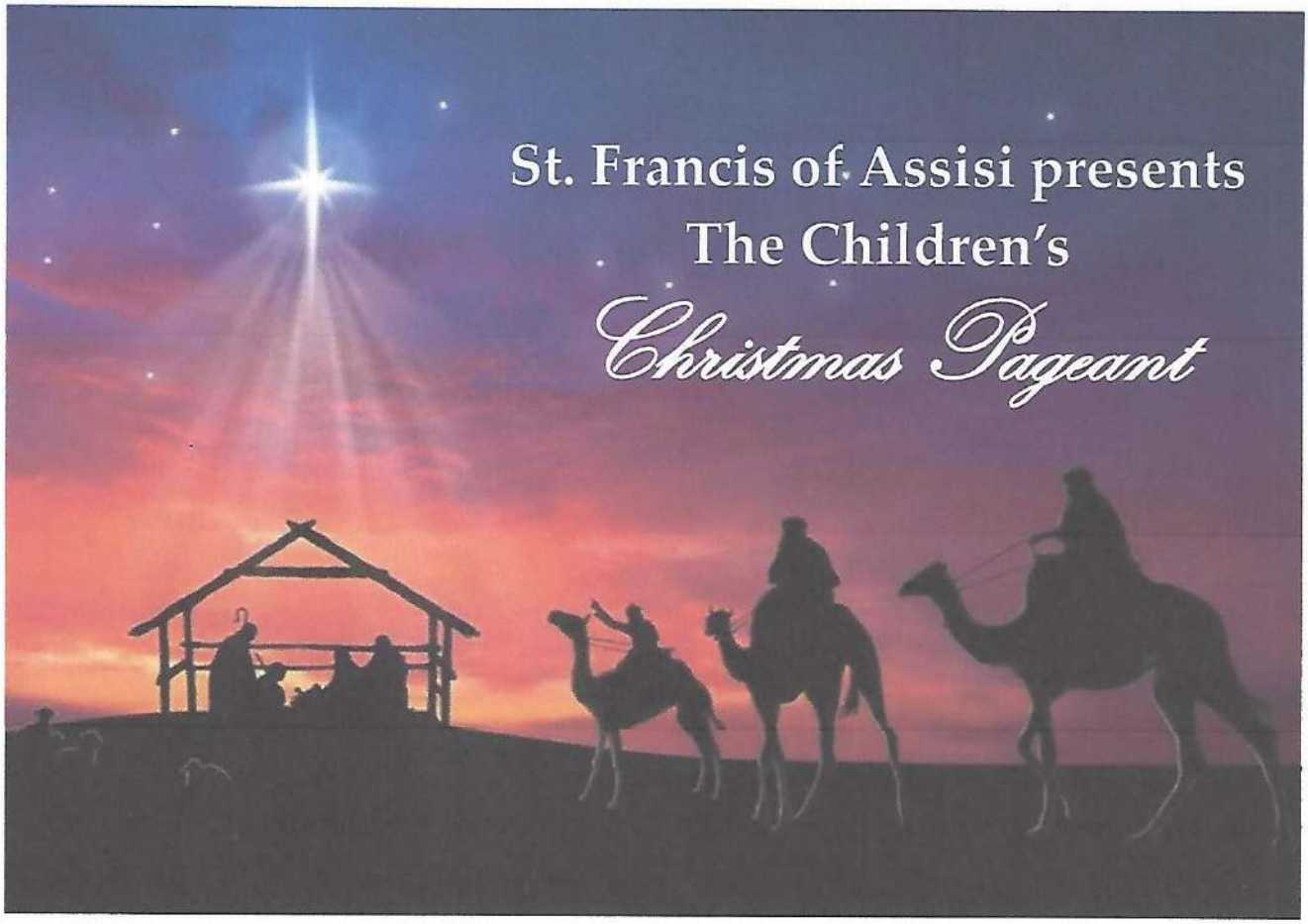

Christmas Eve Family Mass
December 24th at 4:00pm

If you would like your child to take part in this special liturgy, please email Mr. Dan Higgins at DHiggins@sfaacademy.org by **Monday, December 11, 2023**

Make sure to leave your child's name, grade & parent's cell number.

We are also in need of narrators (Grade 6 and above) for our pageant.

REHEARSALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR:

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 3 - 4:00pm

Thursday, December 21, 2023, 3 - 4:00pm

All school age children are invited to participate.

Rehearsals will be held in the church.

"And you will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at His birth."

Sister Anne Marie and all the volunteers at Marguerite's Pantry would like to thank all those who donated so generously to the coat drive.

Thank you to the members of the Knights of Columbus.

We were able to service more than 500 families this year.

You can take part in decorating St. Francis of Assisi Church by memorializing a Christmas wreath during the Christmas season.

Wreaths will adorn the walls inside of the church and fences outside that surround the Church.

Small messages of dedication will be attached to each wreath.

Donations required to memorialize a wreath:
Outdoor Christmas Wreath: $65
Indoor Christmas Wreaths: $80

Payments should be submitted to the rectory by December 15, 2023

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Name _____ Contact # _____
In Thanksgiving of _____
In Loving Memory of _____
From (optional) _____

- Please print neatly -

Advent Giving Trees

The Advent Giving Trees have been setup in the front and back of church and decorated with colored Tags.

Each color Tag identifies the charity that will receive the gifts.
Please tape the Tag to the ***unwrapped*** gift purchased and place it under the Giving Tree before or after any one of the Masses.

Yellow Tags—Catholic Charities
Blue Tags— Hour Children
Green Tags—Marguerite's Pantry (**must** be returned by 12/15/23)
Purple Tags—Transfiguration

ALL GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023.

We thank you for always being so generous and helping.