25 SUNDAY

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus and the final coming of the Lord in glory.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Saturday, December 16, 2023 1:30pm-4:30pm

Once again, we will be celebrating our Parish Christmas Party. Let us feel the joy and spirit of Christmas. A time to sing together and take a picture with Santa. All are welcome.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY



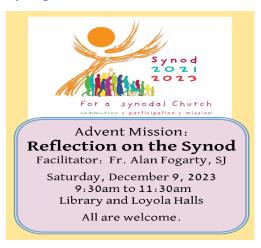
Attention kids ages 11 to 18 years of age, come and join our Youth Ministry for a Movie and refreshments next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Library and Loyola Halls.

#### **2023 DONATIONS & TAX RECEIPTS**

According to Tax Laws, the Church can only issue income tax receipts for 2023 donations received by the Church in 2023. If you wish to have a 2023 tax receipt for income tax purposes, please make your donation to the church either in the offertory basket or by mail by December 27<sup>th</sup>. Any donations received after December 27<sup>th</sup> will be reflected in the 2024 tax receipts. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support for the parish.

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

There's still time to add your name to the Development and Peace petition in support of farmers and villagers in Honduras as they struggle against iron ore mining near the source of their drinking water. Speak with Lourdes Development and Peace co-ordinator Giselle Otoya to add your name or email her at giotoya@gmail.com.



#### PARISH EVENTS IN DECEMBER

*Advent Mission – Reflection on the Synod:* Our Advent Mission will be on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Library and Loyola Halls. The Facilitator will be Fr. Alan Fogarty, SJ.

Advent Communal Penance Service: Our Advent Penance Service will take place on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7pm. We will have number a of priests available for individual confessions. Join us in celebration of the gift of God's faithful and merciful love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*Simbang Gabi:* Nightly mass begins on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. "Simbang Gabi" is Filipino language for "Night Mass", a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas. Simbang Gabi is a wonderful way to prepare for the gift of the incarnation: the Christ child at Christmas. All are welcome to gather in hope and praise.

**Lourdes Advent Film Series**: The coming of Christmas, past and present, will light up our movie screen for three evenings here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Movies will be on 3 Thursday nights, November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7 & 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Library Hall. All adults are welcome.





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## Our Lady of Lourdes Advent & Christmas Schedule 2023

December 24th Sunday Masses 8am, 9:45am & 11:30am (last regular Sunday Mass)

#### Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th

6:30 pm-Children's Nativity Play & Mass 8:30 pm-Mass in Tamil language 11:30pm - Christmas Carols 12 am -Midnight Mass

> **Christmas Day** Monday, December 25th

9am; 11am; 1pm (Last Mass of the Day)



December 31st Sunday Masses 8am, 9:45am, 11:30am & 1:30pm (last regular Sunday Mass)

> New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31st

7:30pm - Mass 11pm - Holy Hour in Tamil language 12am Mass in Tamil Language

> Feast of Mary Mother of God New Year's Day Monday, January 1st

9am; 11am; 1pm (Last Mass of the Day)

#### **Communal Penance Service**

Monday, December 11, 7:00pm

There will be several priests available to hear individual confessions.

#### **Additional Confession Times:**

Saturday, December 16: **NO CONFESSIONS** 

Monday, December 18: 4:30-5pm

Tuesday, December 19:

4:30-5pm

Wednesday, December 20: 4:30-5pm

#### HOLY LAND HANDICRAFT SALE

This weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a sale of handicrafts from the Holy Land in Lynch Hall after mass. See all those unique hand carved olive wood religous art pieces made by families in Bethlehem. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

# Tickets are available for sale!!!



#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, December 4

8:00am Cinquina Family + (Catherine Cameron) 12:10pm Martin Bautista + (Angelina Bautista)

Harry Bilof + 5:15pm (Joseph Roy Gillis)

Tuesday, December 5

8:00am Cora Twohig-Moengangongo's Intention (Julie)

12:10pm Thanksgiving (Joseph Johnson)

Krystyna & Chester Stankiewicz + (Janina Stankiewicz) 5:15pm

Wednesday, December 6

8:00am Alfred C. Masanque + (Merrissa)

12:10pm Ann Boatswain's Intention (Boatswain Family)

5:15pm Charito Racho + (Martin Family)

Thursday, December 7

8:00am Feliza Cadelina + (Carlina & Family)

12:10pm Souls of the Faithful Departed (Violie Mendoza)

5:15pm Jerry Lehane + (Marie Curtin)

Friday, December 8

8:00am Thanksgiving (Pat & Family)

12:10pm Susan Matos & Kathy Bagshaw's Intention (Amy)

Eulalia Gomez Suarez + (Elisa Suarez) 5:15pm

Saturday, December 9

8:00am Fr. John Sullivan's Birthday (Estela Verdadero)

12:10pm Fr. John Sullivan's Birthday (Amy Federis)

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Berlina Montesclaros, Armando De Lara, Fermin Linares Moise Maravilla, Kendol Bandfield Thompson