

# Sunday Messenger



December 18, 2016

## FOURTH SUNDAY of Advent



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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

Santa Lucia - Santa Maria Inconronata  
Catholic Parish

3022 S. Wells St. • Chicago, IL 60616

Parish Administrator  
Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM

### Mass schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)

5 p.m.

Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday)

8:15 a.m.

**Sick calls** — at any time

**Baptisms** — by appointment

— before Masses

**Weddings** — arrange 6 months in  
advance

### Parish Office hours

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Evenings - by appointment only

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*Santa Lucia,  
pray for us!*

**Saturday, December 17**

**5 p.m.**

- + John Piegari (birthday remembrance) ..... family
- + Geraldine Distasio ..... family
- + Jose Manuel Martinez-Garcia ..... Ramirez family
- + Baby Bruno ..... Anna Marie Arcieri & family
- + Gina Nicastro ..... family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza ..... family
- ++ John & Patricia O'Connell ..... family
- ++ Nick, Jennie & Pasquale Salerno ..... family
- ++ Frank, Clara & Frankie Fittante  
..... Anna Marie Arcieri & family
- ++ Catherine, James, Michael, James Jr. & Jimmy Gurgone  
..... family

**Sunday, December 18  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9 a.m.**

- + Alice Dorchek ..... husband Len
- + Phillip Levato Jr. .... Rita & Peter Marnell
- + Patricia Matranga ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke ..... family
- ++ of Volpentesta family ..... Joe

**11 a.m.**

- + Sam Scalise ..... Scalise family
- + Carmela DiPiazza (anniversary remembrance) ..... family
- + Deloris Cerny ..... family
- + Josie Pascente ..... Angelo & Chris Catezone
- + Phillip Levato Jr. .... Bob & Marinela Bertucci
- ++ Frankie Marasso, Peter & Minnie Condic ... Condic girls

**Tuesday, December 20**

**8:15 a.m.**

- ++ Steve & Clara Smith ..... Len Dorchek

**Friday, December 23**

**8:15 a.m.**

- ++ Ralph & Theresa Hensler ..... Len Dorchek

**Saturday, December 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4 p.m.**

- + Linda Catino ..... sisters
- + Deloris Cerny ..... family
- + Gina Nicastro ..... family
- + Angie Girona (20th anniversary remembrance)  
..... Jim & Mary Rose
- + Romano Ramundo ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- + Dominic Petrizzo ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ William & Gen Catino ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Carl & Catherine Salvato ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Frank & Philomena Christiano ..... Ursula & Frank
- ++ Nick & Theresa Caravatta ..... Ursula & Frank

- ++ Frankie Marasso & Pete Ronzio ..... Marasso family
- ++ Rocco & Angie Sabbia ..... daughters
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza ..... family
- ++ Frank & Palma Ursetta ..... family
- For health of Fr. Nick ..... Catino family

**Midnight**

- + Leroy Caputo ..... niece Karli
- + Terry Tocco ..... niece Karli
- + Brian Regnier ..... John & Pat
- + Pina Spatafora ..... Joe Russo
- + Frank Ursetta ..... Joe Russo
- + Rosa Cortese ..... Joe Russo
- ++ Sam & Helen Ursetta ..... Joe Russo
- ++ John & Betty Quinlisk ..... John & Pat
- ++ Jim & Rosetta Senerchia ..... John & Pat
- ++ Frank & Jennie Colosimo ..... Tom, MaryAnn, & Annie
- ++ Carl & Josephine Powell ..... Tom, MaryAnn, & Annie
- ++ Dominic & Margaret Petrizzo ..... granddaughters
- ++ Michael & Lucia Cappetto ..... granddaughters
- ++ Ralph (Papa) & Georgeann (Nana) Ferro  
..... granddaughter Karli
- ++ Michael, Madeline, & Michael Cappetto Jr. .... family
- ++ of Jackowiak, Iozzi, Ursetto, & Florez families  
..... Roseann & Patricia
- Special intentions ..... Momma

**Sunday, December 25  
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**10 a.m.**

- + Alice Dorchek ..... husband Len
- + Ray Mancine ..... family
- + Phillip Levato ..... Ropke-Cobb family
- + Angelo Catizone ..... Angelo & Chris Catizone
- + Fern M. Strane ..... Ropke family
- + Linda Catino ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Rocky & Angie Sabbia ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Michael & Mariano Coletta ..... family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke ..... family
- ++ Frank & Palma Ursetta ..... family
- ++ of Volpentesta family ..... Joe
- ++ of Infelise family ..... Lynn family

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5 p.m. – Sebastian Ayala, Mikel Garza,  
Marissa & Vickie Mancine
- 9 a.m. – Ixta Delgado, Jose Diaz,  
Giuseppe & Teresa Ursatta
- 11 a.m. – Jocelyn Aguilar, John & Joseph Tracy

**LECTORS**

- 5 p.m. – Roseann Jackowiak
- 9 a.m. – Cindy Jagminas; 11 a.m. – Genesis Romo

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

- 5 p.m. – Pat Moran
- 9 a.m. – Gina Catezone; 11 a.m. – Terry Moy

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

## LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**Geraldine V. Maratea, 67.** Daughter of +Jerome A. and +Violet Rose (nee Scalise) Maratea; sister of Janice (William) King; niece, cousin, god-mother, and friend of many; special friend to Patricia Jacoviack, Kuma Mary Balich, Mark Pacielli, Tom Zbuirrski, and Paul Greco. Devoted her heart to the children of Santa Lucia. Companion to Tuxedo.

Ms. Maratea has been the heart of Santa Lucia for the past 45 years, and her loving and caring spirit will be greatly missed at our parish, Santa Lucia School and around the Bridgeport community. A lifelong parishioner of Santa Lucia, Ms. Maratea devoted her life to the school and community. As a member of the class of 1962, she was part of the second graduating class, and she didn't leave her alma mater for long. After college, Ms. Maratea began her first teaching job as a 5th grade teacher at Santa Lucia. and after 13 years as a teacher, she became principal. During her time as the school leader, she made an immeasurable difference to the lives of so many students and families. Ms. Maratea gave her entire personal and professional life to the Santa Lucia community. She was buried on Thursday, December 15, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

May she rest in peace.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

The best to prepare for the coming of Christ is by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess our sins and to receive the grace to live holier lives. Today (Sunday, December 18th) there will be several priests at St. Jerome available for confessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Use this opportunity and get ready for Christmas.

## HELP US PREPARING OUR CHURCH

On Monday, December 19th at 6 p.m. we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please, join us. Everyone is welcome.

## SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Do you have any family members who are at home or in hospital and are not able to come to church? Do they desire to receive Sacraments before Christmas (Reconciliation-Confession and Holy Communion)? Please, let me know about them so that I could visit them before Christmas.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated to Christmas flowers. Your generous donations helped us to make our church beautiful for Christmas.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to the St. Albert the Great Council of the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation. Your goodness and love that you show to our parish this Christmas and through the year is very much appreciated.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR

If you would like to present the gifts to the altar, please, see one of our ushers before the Mass, especially if a Mass is being celebrated for your deceased loved ones or for your personal intention.

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Saturday, December 24**
  - Christmas Eve Children's Mass (4 p.m.)
  - Midnight Christmas Mass (12 a.m.)
- **Sunday, December 25**  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS MASS (10 a.m.)
- **Saturday, December 31**  
New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving (4 p.m.)
- **Sunday, January 1**  
New Year's Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass (10 a.m.)

## SANTA LUCIA PARISH

### TREASURE FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the 13th century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol *Silent Night* comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the *Silent Night Memorial Chapel* at the site. Today the carol is in print in some 300 languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

### LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL AS WELL AS FOR THEIR CARETAKERS

Kati Kaup, Joe DiChicco, Tony Giglio, Mary Mannella,  
Josie Vitale, Lottie Christiano, Humberto Perez,  
Connie Dastice, Annie Maggio, Jeanine Briatta,  
Nicholas Tobar, Dolores Levielle, Sherry LaMantia,  
Carol Ordzowialy, Gail Wodarski, Jerry Pizzotti,  
Ida Ruffolo, Maria Senerchia, Irene Burich, Kate Drost,  
Gianina Alberto, Paride Infelise, Barb Stack,  
Katie Santello, Pat Hoffman, Brian Carnahan,  
Mary Lou Donzelli, Lizzy Kaup, Breck Neiswender,  
Jose Lara, Ofelia Lara, Mary Lou Walztoni,  
Fr. Nick Marro, Pat Petrizzo, Efren Leanos Sr.,  
Carmen Llamas, Marie Floros, Jordan McGrane,  
Janice Gio, Anne Kavalauskas, Nina Mastro,  
Frank Bruno

## SUNDAY MESSENGER

### RENEW MY CHURCH

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*"You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people."*

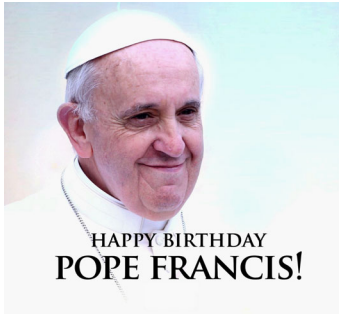
Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen

#### SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The SPRED Center, located above the church on 30th and Lowe Ave., is a faith development program that helps people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and learning problems, and their families to grow in faith and friendship within a small faith community. If interested, please, speak with Fr. Stipe or call 312-842-1039.

#### 80TH BIRTHDAY OF POPE FRANCIS

On 17 December 1936 in Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the son of Italian immigrants Mario and Regina Sivori, was born. He graduated as a chemical technician and then went on the path of the priesthood, entering the diocesan seminary, and



later the novitiate of the Society of Jesus. On 13 December 1969 he was ordained a priest. On 20 May 1992 Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop and created him a Cardinal on 21 February 2001. He was elected Pope on 13 March 2013.

Pope Francis is not a fan of grand celebrations, which is why his 80th birthday will be remembered very simply: by completing daily tasks and attending official meetings. Those who want to wish Pope Francis happy birthday can do so via email: [PopeFrancis80@vatican.va](mailto:PopeFrancis80@vatican.va). There is also a hashtag for birthday messages on Twitter: [#Pontifex80](https://twitter.com/Pontifex80).

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#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**December 11**

Envelopes (70)	\$1,658.50
<u>Loose Donations</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,858.50

(average gift \$23.69)

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