

# Sunday Messenger



## THIRD SUNDAY

# OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord God make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



DECEMBER 17, 2017

### Mass schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)

4 p.m.

Sunday

10 a.m.

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday)

8:15 a.m.

**Sick calls** — at any time

**Baptisms** — by appointment

**Confessions** — 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 16**

**4 p.m.**

- + Gina Nicastro ..... family
- + Joseph Capecci (anniversary remembrance)  
..... Marie Panozzo & family
- + Lottie Christiano ..... Frankie & Michael
- + Nancy Calace ..... Juanita Natkowski
- + Ann Kavalauskas ..... Jill Hillock & family
- + James Tavolino ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza ..... family

**Sunday, December 17  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 a.m.**

- + Sam Scalise ..... Scalise family
- + Margaret Jackowiak (8th anniversary remembrance)  
..... Jackowiak family
- + Josephine Vitale ..... family
- + Deloris Cerny ..... family
- + Angelo Catizone ..... Angelo & Chris Catizone
- + Nancy Calace ..... Ropke family
- + Anthony Sinople ..... Ropke family
- + Giuseppe Tomasello ..... Tomasello family
- + Ann Kavalauskas ..... Bob & Marinela Bertucci
- + Josephine Cordaro ..... Butch & Marlene Salvato
- + Alice Dorchek ..... husband Len
- + John Caruso ..... Inglima family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke ..... family
- ++ Raymond & Rose Russo ..... family

**Tuesday, December 19**

**8:15 a.m.**

- ++ Paul & Paulie Borik ..... Leonard Dorchek

**Friday, December 22**

**8:15 a.m.**

- + Jack E. J. Barrett ..... Leonard Dorchek
- Special intention ..... Giovanna Catanese

**Saturday, December 23**

**4 p.m.**

- + Gina Nicastro ..... family
- + Clara Capecci (anniversary remembrance)  
..... Marie Panozzo & family
- + Nancy Calace ..... Altar & Rosary Society
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza ..... family
- Special intention ..... Terry & family

**Sunday, December 24  
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 a.m.**

- + Nancy Calace ..... Ropke family
- + Anthony Sinople ..... Ropke family
- + Josephine Vitale ..... family
- + Alice Dorchek ..... husband Len
- + John Caruso ..... Inglima family
- + Angie Gironda ..... Jim & Mary Rose
- ++ Tulio & Francesco Infelise ..... Lynn family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke ..... family
- ++ of Parilla, Traficanto & Cemeno families  
..... Len & Mary Fran
- ++ of Panozzo, DiVittoria, Spalla, Nardi & Capecci families  
..... Marie Panozzo

**4 p.m.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS**

- + Mary Ann Zeman ..... Cerny cousins
- + Dominic "Bud" Petrizzo ..... nieces
- + Frankie Marasso ..... Janet Luce
- + Linda Catino ..... sisters
- + Marion Alebich ..... nieces
- + Deloris Cerny ..... family
- + Romano Ramundo ..... Butch & Marlene
- + Ray Mancine ..... family
- ++ Peter & Minnie Condic ..... Janet Luce
- ++ Rocco & Angie Sabbia ..... daughters
- ++ William & Genevive Catino ..... family
- ++ Carl & Catherine Salvato ..... family
- ++ of Cantanvespi family ..... Don & Annette McCarthy
- ++ of Locasto family ..... Don & Annette McCarthy
- ++ of Bartuca family ..... Don & Annette McCarthy
- ++ of Parilla & Traficanto families ..... Len & Mary Fran

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 4 p.m. – Mikel Garza, Roger Galvez,  
Michaela Galvez, Mario Gonzalez
- 10 a.m. – Cecilia Claudio, Lydia Claudio

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

- 4 p.m. – Arnie Ramirez; 10 a.m. – John Sheppard

**LECTORS**

- 4 p.m. – Lisa Christiano; 10 a.m.– Catherine Moy

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

- Kati Kaup, Tony Giglio, Mary Mannella, Annie Maggio,  
Jeanine Briatta, Nicholas Tobar, Dolores Levielle,  
Gail Wodarski, Jerry Pizzotti, Ida Ruffolo, Maria Senerchia,  
Irene Burich, Kate Drost, Gianina Alberto, Paride Infelise,  
Barb Stack, Katie Santello, Pat Hoffman, Lizzy Kaup,  
Breck Neiswender, Jose Lara, Ofelia Lara, Fr. Nick Marro,  
Pat Petrizzo, Carmen Llamas, Mary Balestri, Shane O'Connell,  
Juanita Perez, Marie Floros, baby Ella Velasquez,  
Carmen Pinto, Kevin Bingham, Margaret Gavin,  
John Senerchia, Richard Valentine

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**REJOICE**

Prophet Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for Eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Today - Sunday, December 17, at 10 a.m. Mass, come and be a part of our Christmas Pageant. There will be a Breakfast with Santa to follow in Maratea Hall. The entry is \$3 with a free, hot breakfast. Bring the little ones and take a picture with our special guest—Santa Claus.

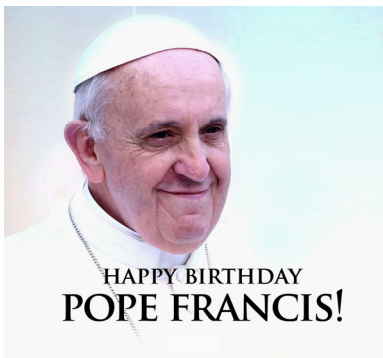
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT**

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ and the best way to prepare is to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess our sins and to receive the graces to live holier lives.

Today — Sunday, December 17, there will be 5 or 6 priests at St. Jerome available for confessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Use this opportunity and get ready for Christmas.

**81ST BIRTHDAY OF POPE FRANCIS**

On December 17, 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 December 13, 1969 he was ordained a priest. On May 20, 1992 Pope St. John Paul II appointed him Bishop and created him a Cardinal on February 21, 2001. He was elected Pope on March 13, 2013.



**HELP US PREPARING OUR CHURCH**

Please, join us on Friday, December 22 in decorating the church for Christmas.

**SANTA SECRET SHOP IN MARATEA HALL**

Please, visit Santa Secret Shop in Maratea Hall on the stage. This Santa Secret Shop is for children. Come and get wonderful gifts to share with your loved ones this Holiday Season, while supporting Santa Lucia Parish and School.

**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 (Confession and Holy Communion)? Let us know about them so that we could visit them before Christmas.

**THANK YOU ALL**

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



**THANK YOU**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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.

**FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY SERIES**

We continue with the 6-part Franciscan Spirituality Series. The third session titled *Birth of the Lord - St. Francis celebrates Christmas* will be on Wednesday, January 3, at 7 p.m. in the St. Jerome Small Hall. The presenter will be Fr. Lawrence Frankovich, OFM PhD - West Allis, WI.

**WINDOWS CAMPAIGN AT SANTA LUCIA SCHOOL**

*Windows Campaign is in progress. We are still looking for donations to cover the cost of the windows for the Santa Lucia School building — \$8,000 is still needed. If you have not yet seen the windows, please, check out the north-side of the school building. The windows look beautiful! The school is already saving money on the energy bills! The new windows offer better insulation for our children, keeping them warm during these cold months.*

Eileen Sheedy, Principal

## **SANTA LUCIA PARISH**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world.

On December 24, we will celebrate Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4 p.m., and "Midnight Mass" at 11 p.m. Christmas Day Mass is celebrated on December 25, at 10 a.m.

### **ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

If you attend Mass here regularly, we encourage you to register as a member of Santa Lucia. Registering in the parish makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, religious education registration, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. Registering is easy. Visit or call the Parish Office (312-842-6115).

### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR**

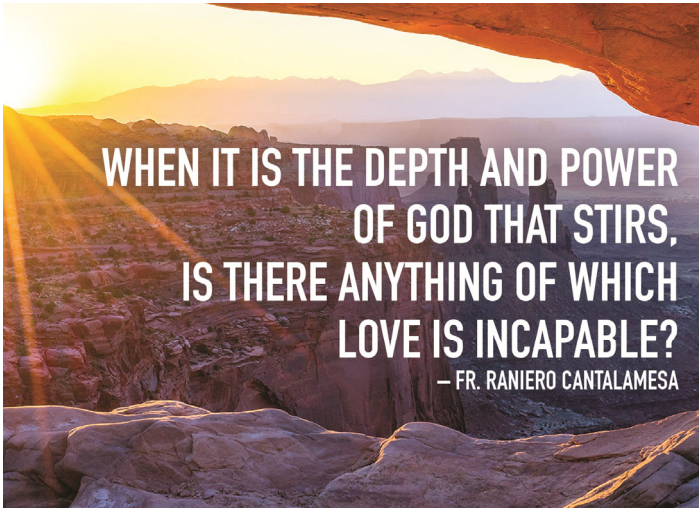
If you would like to present the gifts to the altar at any Mass, please, see one of our ushers before the Mass. It would be beautiful if we would have different families at each Mass, or to have you if a Mass is being celebrated for your intention.

### **RCIA - ADULT PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS**

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized Catholic but never formed in the faith? Have you never been baptized? Were you baptized in another Christian denomination but interested in the Catholic faith? If you can answer "yes" to one of these questions, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be what you are looking for. It is a program for adults who didn't receive all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), and now would like to explore the possibility of fully entering the Catholic Church. For more info, get in touch with Fr. Stipe.



## SUNDAY MESSENGER



### SAVE THE DATE

- **Sunday, December 17**
  - Breakfast with Santa
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Jerome
- **Friday, December 22**
  - Decorating the church
- **Sunday, December 24**
  - Christmas Eve Children's Mass (4 p.m.)
  - "Midnight" Christmas Mass (11 p.m.)
- **Monday, December 25**
  - NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS MASS (10 a.m.)
- **Sunday, December 31**
  - New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving (4 p.m.)
- **Monday, January 1**
  - New Year's Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass (10 a.m.)

### ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

We have a flexible and secure system that allows you to support Santa Lucia online. You can give a single donation or as frequently as you like. Thank you for your generous support. For more info, please, visit: [santaluciachicago.org/giving](http://santaluciachicago.org/giving).

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### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**December 10**

Envelopes (64)	\$1,261.50
Online giving (2)	\$75.00
Loose Donations	\$39.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,375.50</u>

(average gift \$20.25)

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