

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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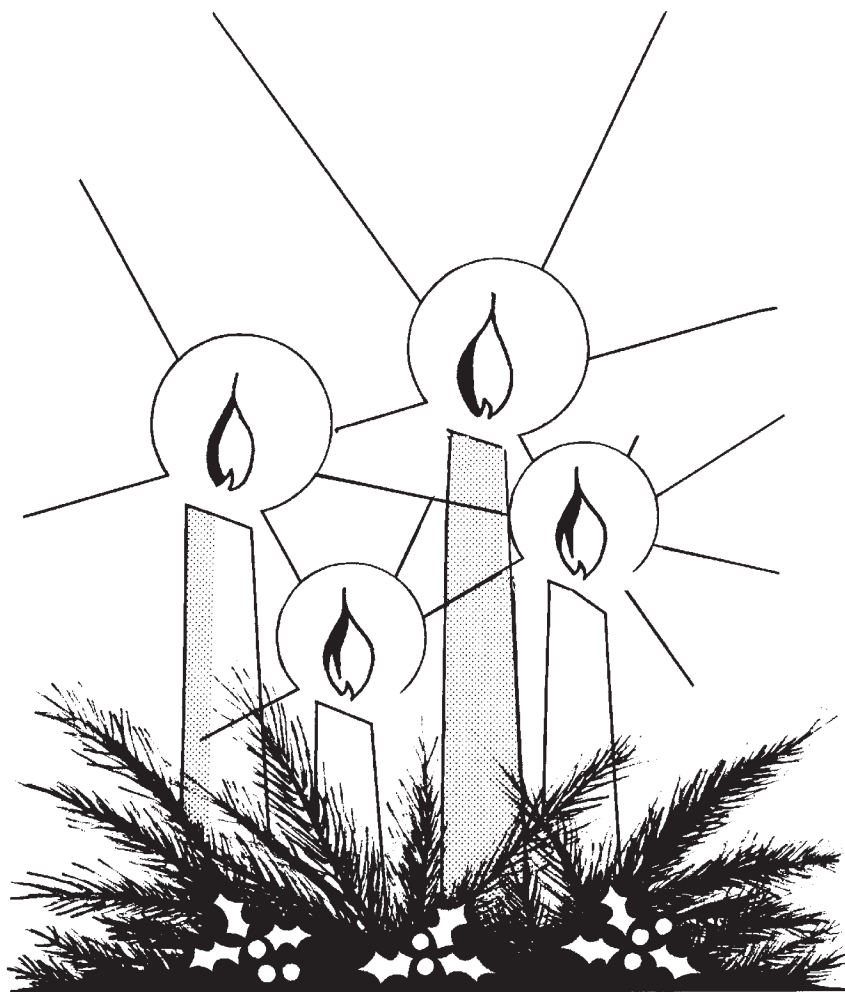
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Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 18, 2021

9:00am †Loreto & Danny Tordil by Nena Coronel
†Agustin Tomas by Resie & Ed Miranda
†John Benson (Jack) Whyte by OECTA
4:00pm For the intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, December 19, 2021

9:30am †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mary Stanton
12:00pm Thanksgiving Mass-El Shaddai

Monday to Friday, Dec. 20 to Dec. 24, 2021

Mon 7:00pm †Departed members of Huessa

Family by Nena Coronel
Epi Roca (health) by Nena Coronel

Tue 7:00pm †Departed members of the Osano

Family by Nena Coronel
Peter & Nenita Clark (wed. anniversary)

Wed 7:00pm †Departed members of the Vistavilla

Family by Nena Coronel
†Honorato San Jose by Nick & Nieves Murillo

Thu 7:00pm Maria Teresa Forro (health) by Nena Coronel

†Richard James Rain by Lori Scott

Fri 7:00pm †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Nena Coronel



Spiritual Communion with Mary

O Immaculate Queen of Heaven and Earth, Mother of God and Mediatrix of every grace, I believe that thy dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ is truly, really and substantially contained in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Him above all things and I long to receive Him into my heart. Since I cannot now receive Him sacramentally, be so good as to place Him spiritually in my soul.

O my Jesus, I embrace Thee as One who has already come, and I unite myself entirely to Thee. Never permit me to be separated from Thee.

Amen

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR
DECEMBER

Inntention for Evangelization – Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses; with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome new members and visitors to our parish. Thank you for praying with us and for helping build a Christian community.



WE PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF HEALING of the mind, body and spirit of **Paul Beaudoin, Lucienne Sabourin, Marie- Pauline Desjardins, Claude Cloutier, Colette Eisl, Diane Dunn, Eileen Latour. Linda Beaudoin, Ryan Kane, Madeleine Samson and Annette Liberty.**

May we be able to reach out to them in compassion.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 8 (1900:) - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 15 to 23 (19:00) – “Simbang Gabi”, 9 day Novena Masses

Dec. 13 to 15 (13:00 to 16:00) - Confession

Dec. 24 (19:00 – English; 21:00 Filipino) – Vigil Mass

Dec. 25 (10:30) – Christmas Day Mass

January 1 (09:30; 12:00; 19:00) – Solemnity of Mary



Mary and Elizabeth, mothers and saints, pray for us as we walk through our lives. Graciously help us to see when Jesus reaches out to touch and save us. May we be as receptive to grace as you were. Amen



MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND JANUARY 1ST: Please note that there will be **NO 4:00pm Masses** on Saturday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Both days will be on Sunday schedule.

ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WITH PRAYER OFFERINGS: to defray the cost of flowers for Christmas, are now available at the main entrance of the church. For those interested, kindly write down your intentions on the envelopes and drop them in the collection box with your donation. The prayers will be offered from Vigil Mass, Dec. 24th to Jan. 9th, 2022. Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR 2022: ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH (on the left side when you enter the church). Please pick-up your box as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER: NO PARKING ON THE CHURCH SIDE OF OLMSTEAD ST. FROM DEC. 1 TO MAR. 30. PLEASE PARK IN OUR PARKING LOT ON CODY ST. OR ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF OLMSTEAD ST.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT: We encourage our parishioners and donors to contribute directly from their bank account to the parish bank account with regularity and complete security. All you need to do is fill up a form and provide a copy of a cancelled cheque. Those interested, please email us at assumptionparishchurch@outlook.com. We hope that you will adopt this system which will make Assumption Church more viable and strong into the future.

HORIZONS OF HOPE: A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE: The toolkit seeks to offer support and formation for parishioners with faith communities to assist them when faced with the illness and death of loved ones, particularly through the lens of palliative care, faith and Compassionate Communities. Available at <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/>.

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church (December 21)

Born in Holland, the Jesuit St. Peter (1521-1597) lived for many years in Germany, where he defended the Faith by writing and teaching. He founded several Catholic colleges, and his Catechism was published in nine languages and fifty-five editions.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Peace and Joy!

The fourth Sunday of Advent, being the last Sunday before Christmas, reveals to us the identity of the Messiah.

The Gospel today narrates to us the annunciation of the coming of our Lord. Mary, who also represents Israel, the beloved bride of God was the Virgin waiting for the bridegroom with her light that was kept burning. Her heart was the lamp full of love (oil) that will never run dry. She was patiently waiting for the coming of her Messiah. She is the most perfect Temple of the Lord, for she consecrated her life to God from the very beginning. Even with her betrothal to Joseph, they are to live their virginity for God.

The first reading reveals the identity of the Son of Mary: He is the Messiah promised to rule Israel for all eternity, He is the mighty one whose origin is from of old.

Paul in the second reading extoll Mary, who prepared her heart for God. He echoes the fiat of Mary: "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" and invites us to echo it with our lives: to prepare our bodies as Temple of God" and to follow God's command and do His will.

The Birth of Jesus shows us how to love God and our neighbour, translating love into action, self-emptying, and bearing the light who is Christ himself as Mary did.

Ave Maria!

*Rev. Fr. Dominic Lim, OFM Conv.
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