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Welcome and Registration

Welcome to all who worship with us today! May the Lord bless you! If you would like to register with our Parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

Memorial Donations: Please keep our love for the parish alive: when recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Ann Parish.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight – Dan Marranta dannymarranta@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

Parish Schools

St. Ann's	905.523.2340
St. Joachim's	905.523.2341
Holy Name of Mary	905.523.2342
Immaculate Conception	905.523.2463
Bishop Tonno Secondary	902.523.2331

The Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00p.m.; Sunday 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually requested.

Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request. Please call the parish office.

Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Advent - (December 17, 2023)

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00 p.m. † Andrew & Elizabeth Totok & Family
† Soltyka Family
† Steff Family
† Francesco & Allegrina Bozzo
† Alice & Ernest Arnold

Wednesday, December 20th

8:00 a.m. † Genara Benito

Thursday, December 21th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Joseph Finocchio

Friday, December 22th

8:00 a.m. † Josh Macri
† Olga & Saleem Gedeon

Saturday, December 23th

5:00 p.m. † Franco Silvestri
† Celeste Mariella
† Paul Lau Chun Wah
† Dorothy Brennan
† Genara Benito

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of December 17, 2023

Third Sunday in Advent

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Tuesday	Single Catholics
Wednesday	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thursday	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Friday	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Saturday	Rev. Donald Wilhelm

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

During the Advent season, we are invited to recall the past, awaken to the present, and anticipate the future.

But what is coming?
Why do we count down the days?
For what are we making room?
What are we preparing ourselves for?
Why are we waiting?

Advent is the season of readying ourselves for Jesus Christ to come into the world.

The world is tired of rising and falling, tired of darkness. There is a need to step into the light and focus on rising alone. This is why the world is awaiting the Lord to manifest.

“Therefore the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.” (Isaiah 30:18)

What makes the world wait on the Lord is the promise that is attached to His coming. So much commotion in the world and sorrow has taken over. We need salvation and now the prophecy has come. God has promised that he will save us from the result of sin which is death. Sometimes waiting for something that you have not seen yields to giving up. In other words, God promised that those who wait will be rewarded.

Isaiah 40:31 “but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

One day the wait will be over and the world will rejoice in the coming of the Lord just like the first time. In this same way, it doesn't matter what we are waiting on the Lord for. If we have faith and keep waiting, God will renew our strength and make us refreshed every day. Jesus has promised to come and attend to our situations just like He came to the world to save, He will come into our problems and help us. His words cannot go unfulfilled. He is coming back with the solution to our problems and the wait will be over.

Dear Lord, I trust in your word and I believe that you will come in your power to deliver us from this sinful world. I believe you will come to transform us and get us into your light so we can be a light that shines into the world too. Renew our strength daily as we wait on you, Lord. Amen.

December 17, 2023



CONFESSIONS, REGULAR MASS & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

PARISH ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Every Tuesday 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Every Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20th 6:30 p.m. until finished

REGULAR MASS

Saturday, December 23, 2023 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Children's Christmas Pageant 4:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Mass 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Mass 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Mass 11:00 a.m.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30ST

5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MONDAY JANUARY 1ST

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are now available! Pick up your copy for 2023-2024 at the back of the church, Parish Centre entrance. Cost is \$5.00.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY MASS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 17th, we welcome Holy Name of Mary and Immaculate Conception as they gather with us at the 9:00 am Mass. A small reception will follow in the Parish Centre. We thank the schools in advance for providing the music and readers for these celebrations.

ST ANN'S CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Family Mass: Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm

We invite all families with young children to join us for a special family Mass on December 24th at 5:00 pm. Children from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 6 are invited to participate in the telling of the Christmas Story. We will rehearse three times leading up to Christmas. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, 6-7 pm in the Parish Centre; Sunday, December 17th in the church following the 11:00 am Mass from 12-1 pm and Wednesday, December 20th, 6-7 pm. David Dayler is looking for parents to volunteer to assist with the pageant. Please contact David at dgdayler@gmail.com if you can assist.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 Offering envelopes are ready for pick in the Parish Centre. To avoid purchasing unnecessary envelopes, we have consolidated and reassigned envelope numbers. *To ensure accuracy for tax and accounting purposes, please do not use old envelopes of any kind as your number may have changed. Please only use new 2024 envelopes.*

RELIGIOUS ARTICLE SALES

It is the penultimate Sunday for religious article sales, following Advent, we will discontinue the sale of religious articles in the parish. Come out and stock up while supplies last. We thank Lynn & James Vallentin for looking after these sales for the past few years.