

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, December 27, 2020

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“While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him into the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

-Luke 2:5



Merry Christmas
December 25, 2020
Feast of the Holy Family
December 27, 2020

Father Chuck's Corner

Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Frohe Weihnachten! Wesolych Swiat, Joyeux! Barka da Kirismati! E Keresimesi Oma! Nkwagali-za Kurisimasi Ennunigi! In all languages from English to the languages of our African priest friends, Merry Christmas is truly a universal greeting. All people throughout the world are challenged each year to really understand the Christmas story. And one aspect of the story to ponder is how we go from receiving to giving. When we were children, we were concerned with our Christmas list of what we want to receive for Christmas. But then over time, hopefully we come to have a deeper appreciation of what others do for us and begin to focus not just on what we will receive for Christmas, but what we can give for Christmas. You see, it takes time for all of us around the world to understand that Christmas is truly more about giving than receiving, because Christmas, like the birth of any child, means that the greatest gift has already been given.

In Luke's account of the birth of Jesus we see the great leap of faith that is made by including Roman emperors, a family in need, innkeepers, and shepherds in the field. And the angels announce that God's gift of the birth of the Messiah is truly for all people. Yes, I think it really takes time to understand Christmas. Every infant born into the world, every family in need of safety, and every single person, powerless for any reason, retells the Christmas story that Luke gives, if we listen closely. Look at the humility of God who created the universe, lying in a manger in swaddling clothes, which meant that he could not even move his arms or legs. That should make us humble too. If we knew how much we needed others to care for us as infants, maybe then we can answer the call to care for others. And if we listen for the singing of angels in the songs of birds, the rustling of leaves and the voices of children, maybe we can know that God still speaks in our world. If we take in the Christmas story with all its wonder and awe, then share the Good News that God loves us and is always with us, we too can become like shepherds. If we allow our understanding of Jesus' birth to grow in our hearts as it did for the early Christians, we can also embrace our faith and each other with the innocence and openness of children at Christmas; thankful for what God has given us. Remember that the Christmas story is God's humility placing complete trust in human beings out of complete love for us.

God so longs to come to us, whether in church or at home, all of us everywhere in the world, and for us to receive him. He longs to be part of our lives, not only at Christmas, but every second of every moment of every day.

I hope that everyone is able to enjoy and celebrate a Merry Christmas as best as possible this year. The challenges of COVID-19 have brought us to a place of humility where we must trust more in God's care and love for us. Whether at Mass for Christmas, or not, the gift of Jesus to the world is still to be remembered and celebrated. I believe that God wants very much for all of us to try as best we can to make room in our hearts and homes for his grace to enfold us in his love. God is here in our midst and he wants us to trust and keep the flame of faith alive no matter what is happening. **Remember we are people of hope which will never leave us disappointed when it comes to God.**

When you gather for your Christmas dinner please remember those who cannot be with their loved ones this year. Remember all those tending to the sick and dying this day. And especially remember those who have died this year from COVID-19 and all other causes. Say a prayer for them and their grieving families. Then look at each other and give thanks for the gifts you are from God to each other.

I want to thank all those who continue to be generous to St. Raymond Parish during these difficult months and especially at Christmas. We do need the financial boost that comes from many parishioners at Christmas. Thank you for including St. Raymond in your giving. Thanks to all who helped our **"Giving Tree"** for Parish Social Ministry. You truly helped make our friends and neighbors in need have a Blessed Christmas also. In general, I want to thank all those who have continued to keep our essential parish ministries going at this time, from **St. Raymond School, Religious Education, Parish Social Ministry, the Ministry of Consolation, the Rectory Staff, Maintenance Crew, Liturgical Ministers, Music Ministry and my fellow Deacons and Priests.** While we all are doing a somewhat limited duty at this time, we are all trying to keep the mission of Faith, Love and Friendship foremost in our parish. Thanks, from the bottom of my heart.

Have a great Christmas week. **Receive and give! Plus remember: You are worth a miracle and that's why God sent Jesus!** Merry Christmas and God bless always! **Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020-FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.
Amen



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.
Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020-FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FIRST READING

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

ALLELUIA

Heb 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia. In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age -and Sarah herself was sterile--for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

GOSPEL

LK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,* and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



Christmas 2020

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

When he was elected as a Successor of St. Peter on March 13, 2013, our Holy Father chose the name Francis. It was a weighty decision with a prophetic message. Especially now, seven years later and with the publication of his latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti from the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 2020, the significance of the choice is clear: Pope Francis connects his papacy to St. Francis. Through the ministry of our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi is close to the Church in these times. Therefore, as we draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this difficult year, I wish to recall two points Pope Francis highlights from the life of St. Francis. One will help us celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord; the other indicates a grace for which to pray during the holy season. First, in his 2019 Apostolic Letter Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, Pope Francis emphasizes St. Francis of Assisi's foundational role in our celebration of Christmas. The Holy Father recalls the origins of the crèche and the first nativity scene inspired by the holy friar in 1223, by which the saint sought "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem." Importantly, the remembrance of Christ's birth that St. Francis desired to convey was brought alive in Greccio, a small village in Italy, not by statues but by people from the surrounding towns and countryside. Together with St. Francis, his friars, an ox and a donkey, they gathered at a cave to behold a manger full of hay over which the Eucharist was celebrated. That Christmas night, almost 800 years ago, Pope Francis reminds us, "the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." That night, there was "no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery." (2) Encountering Christ, there was simply joy and hope. This Christmas, in our world laden with the Crosses of COVID-19, political and economic turmoil, racism, financial hardship, and so many other societal ills and challenges – challenges that impact us on Long Island – let us remember this lesson from Greccio: Christmas is an event to be lived. It demands our participation. Like the women and men who embodied that first crèche, we must be present to Christ who is born for us. We must behold and receive Him.

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Second, in *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis shows St. Francis as an icon of Christocentric listening. With great humility and charity, the saint reverently listened to others. He was present to the various voices in his life – the voice of God, the voice of his neighbor, the voice of the poor, the voice of the sick, the voice of nature – and by truly hearing them, he was an instrument of peace, healing, and understanding. How different it can be for us! The Holy Father says well what we know: “Today’s world is largely a deaf world...At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying.” Aware of this fact, the Pope encourages us, in the midst of our hectic and polarized world, to be like St. Francis and “not lose our ability to listen.” (48) This Christmas, when we approach the crib, let us ask for the grace to be attentive listeners. Let us ask for the grace to be like St. Francis, so that we may hear the voice of God and the voice of our neighbor and respond with the radical charity he exhibited.¹ Like Pope Francis, may we be moved by the example of St. Francis, and may St. Francis of Assisi’s love for the Mystery of the Nativity, his ecstatic mysticism, his love for the poor, and his spirit of universal fraternity animate our celebration of Christmas this year. May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres

Bishop of Rockville Centre

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)





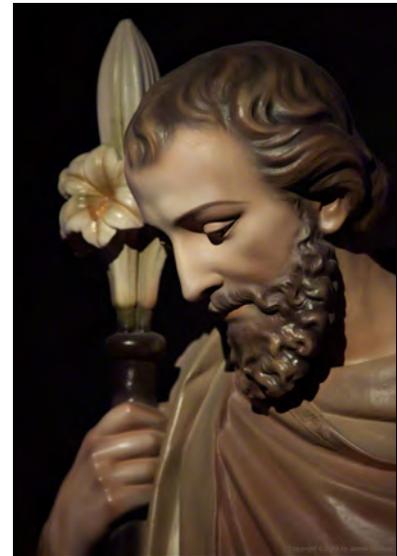
SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

As you know, several years ago we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they have enhanced people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory.

This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: _____ St Joseph Statue: _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print):

Religious Education- Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director

THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12/23/2020-12/31/2020. CLASSES WILL RESUME AND THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 1/4/2021.

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

Dates for 2021 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are still yet to be determined due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. As soon as the dates are set, parents will be notified.

May Christ's peace and hope be with you and your families this New Year! May His love warm your hearts and may He give you a spirit of wisdom every day of 2021.

Wishes for a blessed, safe and peaceful New Year!

***Evelyn Contaldi
Lucy Ostermann
Nancy Mott***



As baptized Christians, we are called to serve the Lord and our neighbor. As the year comes to a close, think and pray about how you can serve God and others in 2021.



**St. Raymond
Human Life
Committee**

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE FOR 2021
WASHINGTON, D.C.
DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

The annual "March for Life" commemorates the erroneous Supreme Court Decisions, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, which manufactured a "right" for women to decide the life or death of their children in the womb, up to and including the time right before the baby's birth, and for any reason. Each year our Committee has provided bus transportation to the "March for Life" for our parishioners. We have been in contact with the Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family & Bioethics, and it was decided that, due to the virus and the restrictions, different in each of the states we would pass through, and the chance that restrictions could change for the worse, we will not contract a bus to D.C. this year. The "March for Life" is still being held on January, 29th, as of this writing. Anyone may still attend but each would have to provide their own transportation, be it a car or train to D.C. In the meantime, both our Committee and the Diocese are planning some local events, so that, the unborn babies' plight is ever in the public eye until the day when their "right to life" will be returned and protected by law. If anyone would like to be involved in our parish effort, through ideas, suggestions, please call either:

**Mary Caffrey - #887-2458 or
Mary McIntyre - #593-4363.**

We wish to thank the Parish Social Ministry who offered to include gifts to the Life Center on the parish "Giving Tree". It was a great success for the mothers and their little ones. Thanks so much to all our parishioners who were so generous. We were able to deliver 7 huge lawn and leaf bags filled with baby items and beautiful hand knit blankets and many, many gift cards to the Life Center. Gloria Schreiber, Director of the Life Center, was overwhelmed and very grateful for the outpouring of love from our parishioners. Thank you!! Thank You!!

We wish all our parishioners and their families a Very Blessed, Holy, Healthy and Happy New Year!



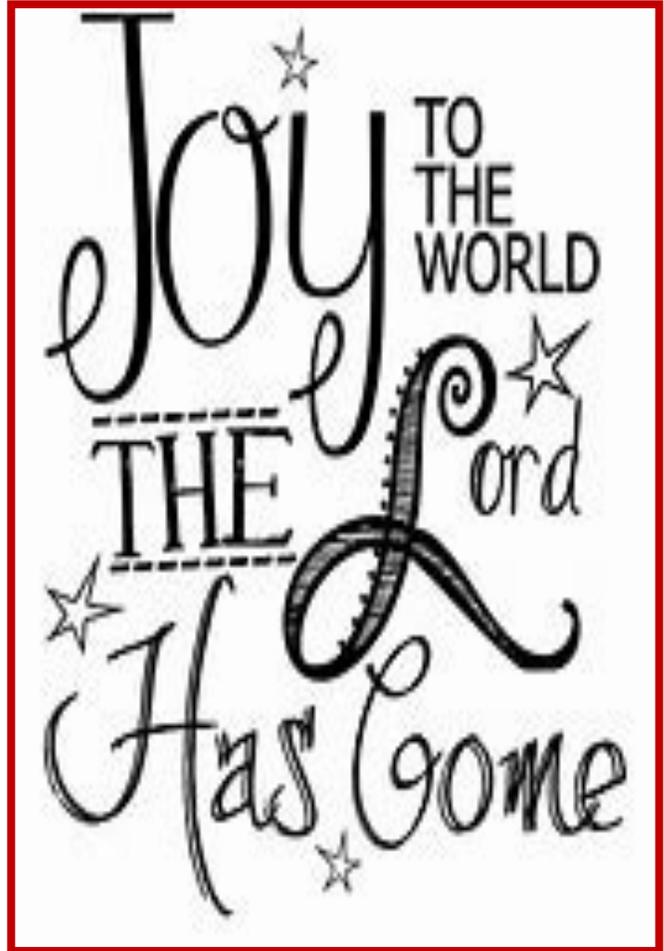


The Rose for Life Program

The Rose for Life program began here at St. Raymond on Mother's Day, May 12, 1985. A rose is placed on the Offertory Table at the 5:00pm Mass and is presented to the priest at the Offertory. The rose symbolizes the life of a preborn baby who dies from abortion. It remains at the tabernacle for the coming week.

The main purpose of the rose is to remind each one of us to pray for the babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week.

For dedications, please call Mary Healy
at 887-4062.



An Epiphany Prayer

**Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.**

(Frank Colquhoun)





SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Holy Day Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve
Thursday, December 31, 2020

5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2020

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now, and at the hour of our death.



Want to get to know Jesus, but not sure where to begin? Start with the New Testament! It's the best way to discover who Jesus is, how he lived, and what he taught. Reading the New Testament for even just a few minutes a day can transform your life in surprising and significant ways. This year's Dynamic Catholic Advent program is all about the daily Gospel readings of Advent. Enjoy free, daily video reflections on the Advent Gospel readings and head into 2021 with a renewed enthusiasm and perspective!

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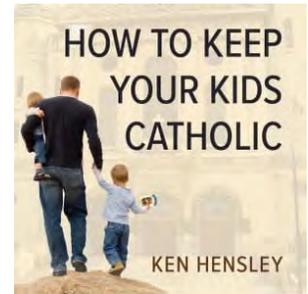
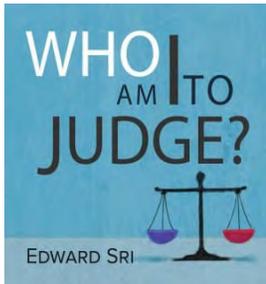




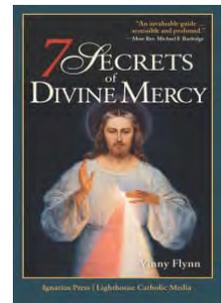
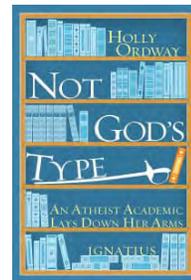
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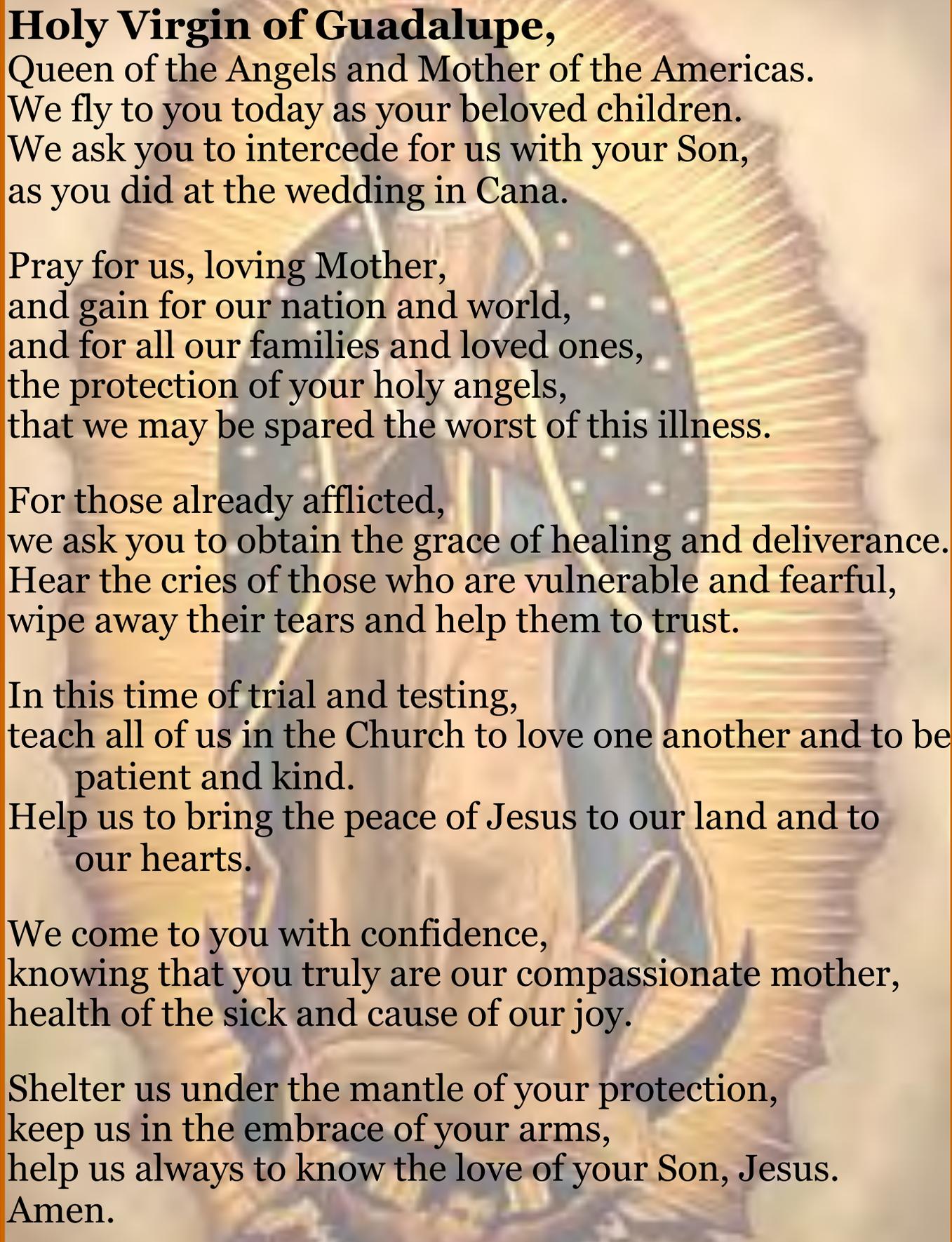


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Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



Masses for this Week

Monday, December 28th *The Holy Innocents*

7:15am Vincent Ferrara
8:45am Cheryl Druggan

Tuesday, December 29th

7:15am Gilbert Helmstadt
8:45am Bobby Wells

Wednesday, December 30th

7:15am Patrick Hanratty
8:45am Josephine Milana

Thursday, December 31st

7:15am Vincent Ferrara
8:45am Domenic & Mary Tropeano
5:00pm Antonia Fuschetto

Friday, January 1st *Solemnity of Mary*

9:00am James Patrick Genoy Jr.
10:30am Msgr William Jablonski
12:00pm Phillip Christ & Caroline Christ

Saturday, January 2nd

8:45am Jack Herbert
5:00pm Violet McHale

Sunday, January 3rd *The Epiphany of The Lord*

7:30am Frances Forster
9:00am Gabriel Calero
10:30am Clara Benyik
12:00pm Vincent McGuire, Maria Rinaldi
Khado Harris, Charlie Shole
Robert Duffy Sr., Susan Caputo
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 JN 1:5—2:2/MT 2:13-18

Tuesday

1 JN 2:3-11 /LK 2:22-35

Wednesday

1 JN 2:12-17 /LK 2:36-40

Thursday

1 JN 2:18-21 /JN 1:1-18

Friday

NM 6:22-27/ LK 2:16-21

Saturday

1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

Sunday

Is 60:1-6 /Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 /Mt 2:1-12

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Jeanette Kostyrka, Rudy Romano, Tamika Brown, Azai Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervalino, Ralph Cerrato, Sky Mary Cirrito, Pat Bolino, Anthony Sisco Gloria Criscuolo, Gina Mazzola, Dr. Sam Iyer, Samara Q, Patricia Criscuolo, Joan Ellyn Bolino, Connie & Fred Polik, Margaret Mary Barbato, Taylor Clark, Liz Biondi, Jodi Neckles, Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B., Bart Castellaneta, Victoria Wilkinson, Nick, Kathleen Clancy, Peter Rapanaro Sr.

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise.)



The Sanctuary Light

For this week in memory of

The Raia Family



The Rose for Life

In Loving Memory of

Preborn Babies Who Die

Through Abortion

For Dedications call Mary
887-4062



Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

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Rectory Fax.....887-0554

Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197

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Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
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Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of
the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a
year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate
time to participate in preparation programs for the
Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm
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Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in
Our Lady's Chapel.

Music Ministries

Children's Choir: Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd
Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on
Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium.

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays
from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at
7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from
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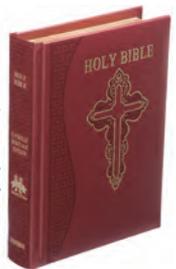
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