

## 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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Father Chuck Romano

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Father Theodore Iloh

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, December 6, 2020

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

*"I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

*-Mark 1:8*



December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2020

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

## 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.

**Web Site:** [www.SaintRaymonds.org](http://www.SaintRaymonds.org)

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**Religious Education Office**.....593-9075

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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

**Holy Communion**—Available to the homebound;  
call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

### 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  
in the rectory lower level.

**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  
September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in  
the rectory lower level.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic  
seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and  
ask for Deacon Rich LaRossa.



CATHOLIC FAITH  
— NETWORK —

### **The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)**

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

#### **Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome**

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

#### **St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY**

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

#### **St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY**

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



*Always keep our  
Service Men & Women  
in your prayers ...*

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY  
SPC Giuseppina (Josie) Coppola US ARMY  
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY  
Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY  
Sgt. Gerard Moran  
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

*Please remember to pray for our  
wounded soldiers.*

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Advent!** The message for this Sunday's readings is to encourage hope. In the first reading from Isaiah, the people of Israel are encouraged by their break from Babylon. Their long years of exile are over, and God's love now embraces them with wonderful news of their return to the homeland. **"Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!"** Then in the second reading from 2 Peter, the people are told to make every effort to be ready for the day the Lord returns. **"Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace."** And finally, Mark's gospel starts from its very first verse to prepare the people for the coming savior. John the Baptist is foretold as the precursor of Jesus. He preaches a baptism of repentance while always pointing to the coming Messiah who is far greater than he. **"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."**

Our times cry out for the comfort that only Jesus Christ can fulfill. We have been experiencing our own time of exile and hardship. The COVID-19 virus has brought us isolation from loved ones and from enjoying more of life. The pandemic has taken many lives and altered our way of life, reminding us that the human race is very vulnerable. A tiny unseen adversary can threaten our way of life and our very existence. We also experience alienation worldwide. National, ethnic, and religious divisions have resurfaced. We see unjust deaths and the poor and rich growing farther apart. Plus, the recent election in our country has laid bare serious differences among us. Forces of division even batter our families, our neighborhoods, and our Church. And we also experience exile within ourselves. We fall short of our ideals, giving in to temptation, experiencing sickness and misfortune. So, what do we do in the midst of this morass of despair? First of all, we must learn patience and we cannot give up on hope. Remember that God doesn't work according to our timetable. What seems to us like neglect may be a reflection of God's patience so that we can get our act together. Building a better world will require a change of attitudes. **Jesus is our only hope!** Once we learn to do things his way, to let his Holy Spirit guide us, then we can exchange our exile for justice and joy in God's kingdom.

Preparing the way of the Lord will require serious repentance and reformation in ourselves and in our institutions. Tragic and unjust deaths have opened our eyes to the flaws in our institutions. Jesus offers us a better way if we will only let him in and let him help us to change the way we think, feel and act where needed. The heroic acts of medical personnel, frontline workers and other service providers during this pandemic gives us all reason to hope. People risked their lives and have given their lives to care for the sick and to provide basic necessities for the rest of us. Greater love than this no one has than the one who lays down his or her life for a friend, or like Jesus a stranger and even an enemy. Hope is more than optimism. It endures all impossible situations. May the Eucharist we share do the impossible in us by transforming us into living echoes of his justice, reconciliation, and peace.

Our **Christmas Cash 50/50** drawing is only one week away on Sunday, December 13. The pot is growing each day so don't miss out on a great chance to win some big money for the holidays. An order form is in this bulletin which you can use to get chances and you can also stop by the rectory office and purchase chances anytime. The deadline to get in the raffle is 2pm next Sunday, December 13.

**Please remember to take home this copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.** It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry** (especially about the **Giving Tree**), info from **Religious Education** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, an order form for **Christmas Cash 50/50** chances, the **Holiday Schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand and much more. To keep informed, keep this copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Second Week of Advent. **Be a person of hope while caring for others. And remember: If you leave everything in God's hand, eventually you will see the hands of God in everything.** God bless always.

*-Father Chuck*



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 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 6, 2020-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## FIRST READING

**IS 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14**

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

## SECOND READING

**2 PT 3:8-14**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

## ALLELUIA

**LK 3:4, 6**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**MK 1:1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

# PEACE

# Christmas 2020

(Note additional Masses and time changes)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

(confessions)

**Saturdays, December 12th and 19th**

3:30 till 4:30 in the Church

**Wednesday, December 16th**

7:30pm Communal Penance Service

in the Church

**Monday, December 21st**

**and Tuesday December 22nd**

Confessions in the Church

4:30-5:30pm

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve**

**Thursday, December 24th**

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

10:30 pm (Christmas Carols)

11:00pm (mass ending at Midnight)

**Christmas Day**

**Friday, December 25th**

Church at 9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon

(No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

## Solemnity of Mary

**New Year's Eve**

**Thursday, December 31st**

5:00pm

**New Year's Day**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon



**St. Raymond  
Human Life  
Committee**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

**DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

**TIME: 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

Immediately following the 7:30 pm Mass for the  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This will be the 31st year our parish will have the opportunity to participate in this powerful "prayer for life". The evil of the intentional killing of babies in the womb through the brutal abortion procedure has inflicted deep wounds in our country and throughout the world. God has promised through Holy Scripture: "If My people, upon whom My Name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek My Presence and turn away from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land". (2 Chronicles 7:14-15) It is through Our Blessed Mother that this revival will take place under the titles of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Blessed Mother must be invoked to shower the necessary graces to protect life and for the conversion of our country to the "culture of life". Please join with us for just one hour in prayer, asking Our Lady to intervene for us, that we may abandon the evil of abortion and lead us to her Son.

## HAPPY 65TH ANNIVERSARY CONNIE & GEORGE MCDUGAL





# Christmas Cash

## "GAUDETE SUNDAY"

### Sky's the Limit 50/50

On Sunday afternoon, December 13, 2020 the winning "*Christmas Cash*" ticket will be drawn. The winner will receive one half of the money raised. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and may be purchased at the rectory during regular office hours or through the following tear-off. Simply fill out the information, include your check and mail it to the rectory (263 Atlantic Avenue). Ticket(s) will be sent to you the same day. The drawing date gets closer each week so get your order in as soon as possible. The more tickets sold the greater *your* winning share and the greater the profit to the parish. Wouldn't it be great to win some extra "*Christmas Cash*" just before the holidays? Don't miss out. Only \$10 each or three for \$25 and the "*Sky's the Limit.*" *Winner need not be present!*

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### Christmas Cash "Sky's the Limit" 50/50

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this tear-off to the rectory, 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518.  
Winner need not be present! Only \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25.**

## Giving Tree

*If you would like to share a little Christmas cheer with someone in need, please take a card from our parish Giving Tree; each card contains an item from someone's "wish" list. When you return your wrapped gift, please be sure to attach the card securely to the outside of the package. Please deliver your gift back to the Giving Tree for distribution by Monday, December 9th*

**Thank you for your generosity!**





## 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*

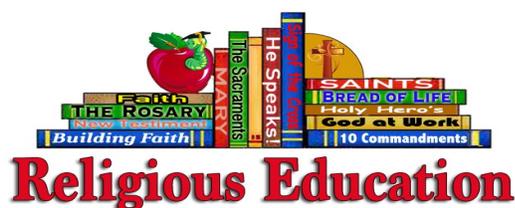
**ATTENTION 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

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.

We are in the month of December and are happy to say that our Religion classes are being taught virtually via ZOOM. There were a few glitches that we had to clear up at the beginning of our school year, but overall, the children remain connected to their teacher, their fellow classmates and more importantly they remain connected to God and their ongoing faith journey.

**“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.”**

**— Mother Teresa, Love:  
A Fruit Always in Season**



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**Principal's Corner**  
*Sister Ruthanne*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”. These words that were written in Isaiah the Prophet long ago still work for us today. During this beautiful preparation time of Advent, we are given the opportunity to reach out and help others in a variety of ways. It may be in watching young children for a wearied parent or picking up groceries for a senior neighbor. Maybe it is listening to a lonely person who has no one to talk with, simply smiling at a stranger, or perhaps it is offering an extra prayer for one in need. Preparing the Lord's way does not need to be difficult or thought provoking; it just needs to be done with love. I believe that we can all do that!

This school week both begins and ends with half days. Monday is an afternoon of Professional Development for the teachers and Friday is set aside as remote conference time with parents. I am sorry if this causes any inconvenience, but both are rather necessary. We certainly will be here for full days the rest of the week (Each time I write such a thought I say a prayer that the Lord will keep us safe and able to continue with our regular routine - or at least as regular as it can be!)

Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and normally, a holy day of obligation. However, since there is NO OBLIGATION about going to mass any time this year because of the pandemic, we will be teaching about the Feast and praying for all our intentions. I know that our Mother will hear our prayers and present them to her Son. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a major feast for the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sister Lorraine and I will be praying for you and we, in turn, would ask you to remember all our Sisters. Happily, I would share that the Congregation just celebrated the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding.

I would ask parents to please be alert to teacher's requests for conference times. They will be on a first come, first served basis, so please pay attention. I would strongly suggest that every family make an appointment to speak with the teacher(s), since this first trimester was a unique time for our students (and teachers). We all want what is best for the children and we need to communicate with each other to make that happen.

We are already into the second week of Advent. Be sure not to let opportunities for prayer and service to others pass you by. Help to make the paths straight for the Lord. God bless you - and STAY SAFE.

## ***The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People***

### ***(Background Screening Update)***

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

#### **A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:**

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

#### **Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked**. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

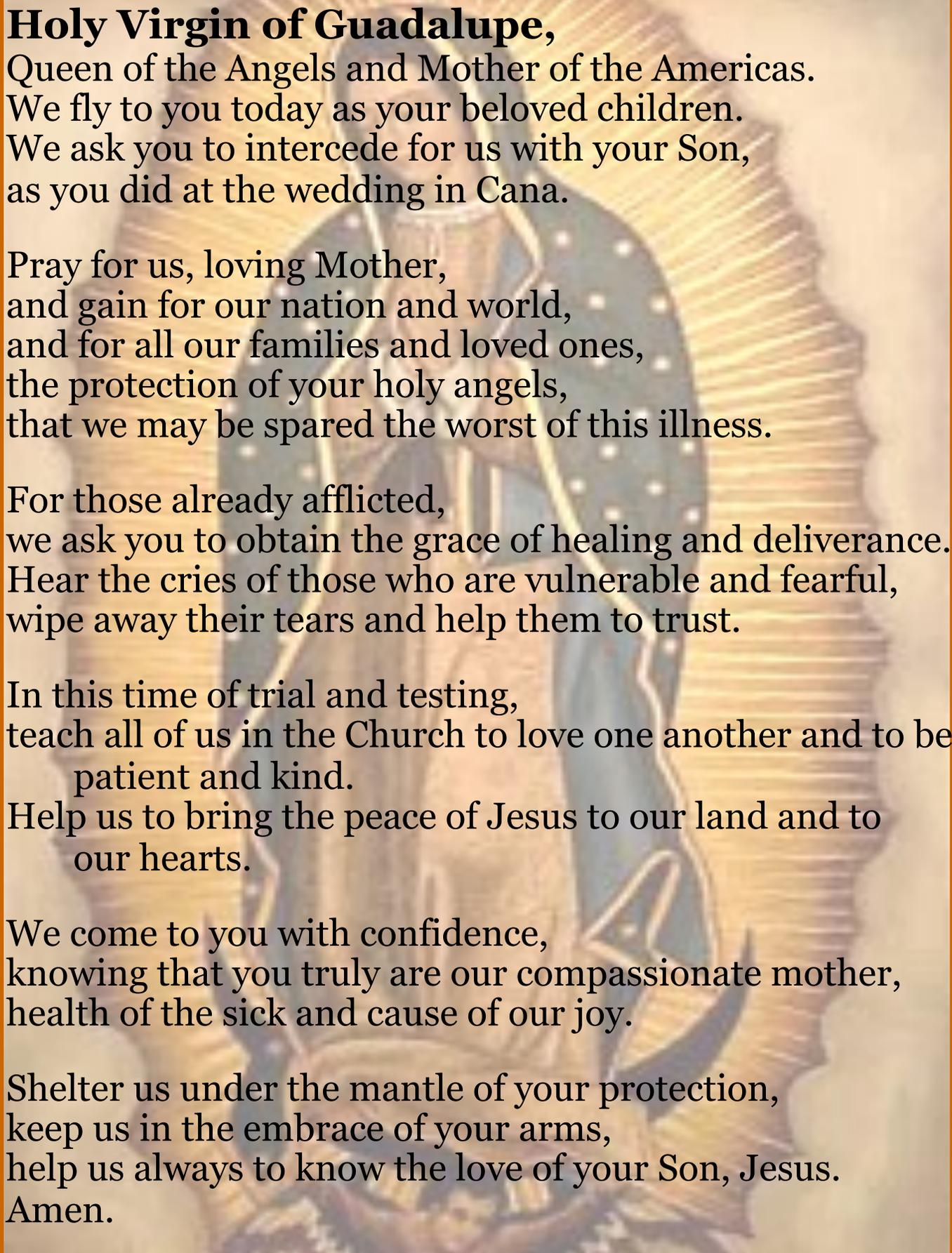
#### **Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or [helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org). Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: [mmcmahon@drvc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org); [amendoza-cantos@drvc.org](mailto:amendoza-cantos@drvc.org); [jwinter@drvc.org](mailto:jwinter@drvc.org);

[pditomasso@drvc.org](mailto:pditomasso@drvc.org)

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.



## **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.

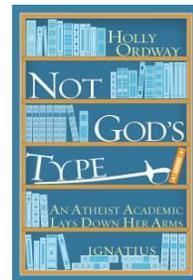
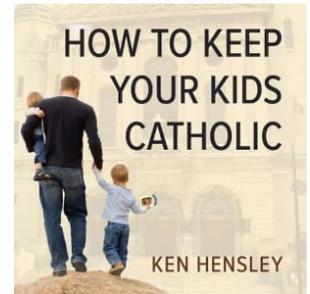
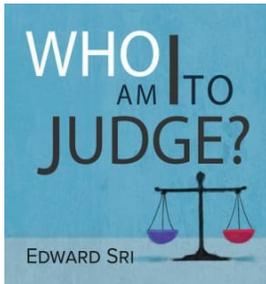
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keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.



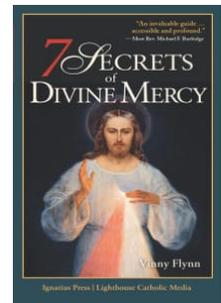
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Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Mass will follow at 7:30pm*

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## A Prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,  
As I prepare to go into the world,  
Help me to see the sacrament  
In the wearing of this cloth-  
Let it be "an outward sign  
Of an inward grace"-  
A tangible and visible way of living  
Love for my neighbors,  
Christ,  
Since my lips will be covered,  
Uncover my heart,  
That people would see my smile  
In the crinkles around my eyes.  
Since my voice may be muffled,  
Help me to speak clearly,  
Not only with my words,  
But with my actions.  
Holy Spirit,  
As the elastic touches my ears,  
Remind me to listen carefully-  
And full of care-  
To all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth be  
Shield and banner,  
And each breath that it holds,  
Be filled with your love.  
In your name and in  
The name of love  
I pray.  
May it be so, May it be so.

## Parish Social Ministry

*The Heart of the Parish*

*The Lord sits as King forever  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

*-Psalm 29: 10-11*

PMS requests for the pantry the following items:  
Mayo, ketchup, mustard, jello, laundry and dish  
detergent, pancake mix and syrup.

*Thank for your support and prayers.*



# Masses for this Week

## Monday, December 7th

- 7:15am Noel & Thomas Kelly
- 8:45am Anne Ligarzewski Gallo
- 7:00pm Living Rosary
- 7:30pm James Donlon

## Tuesday, December 8th *Immaculate Conception*

- 7:15am Cathy Turner
- 8:45am Anne Behrman
- 12:15pm Dec Members of Mahoney & Tauckus Family
- 7:30pm Peter Broughal

## Wednesday, December 9th

- 7:15am Rita Dombrowski
- 8:45am Nicholas & Sam Lettini

## Thursday, December 10th

- 7:15am Vincent Ferrara
- 8:45am Holy Souls of Purgatory

## Friday, December 11th

- 7:15am John Cliggett
- 8:45am Davalene Layng

## Saturday, December 12th *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

- 8:45am Anna Campbell, Vincent McGuire  
Thomas & Marie Carroll, Peter Broughal  
Jack Herbert
- 5:00pm Vera Hellen Bifulco

## Sunday, December 13th

- 7:30am Hannah M. Sullivan
- 9:00am Thomas F. Carroll
- 10:30am Maryann DeMeo
- 12:00pm Tommy Webster, Franco Barbuto,  
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Lazzinnaro, Dr. Martin Filippi  
Mr. & Mrs. Ildo Lazzinnaro, Kathleen Scire  
Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe LoSardo, Iselda LoSardo
- 4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

IS 35:1-10 / LK 5:17-26

#### Tuesday

GN 3:9-15, 20 / LK 1:26-38

#### Wednesday

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday

IS 41:13-20 / MT 11:11-15

#### Friday

IS 48:17-19 / MT 11:16-19

#### Saturday

ZEC 2:14-17 / LK 1:26-38

#### Sunday

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11 / 1 THES 5:16-24 / JN 1:6-8, 19-28

### 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

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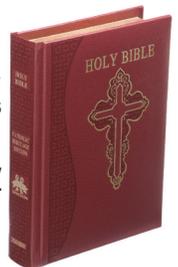
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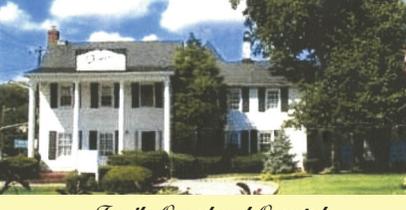
  
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