

December 24, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# THE BULLETIN

# WHAT IS BLOCKING ME FROM LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL?

# MUSINGS + MESSAGES

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Happy 4th Sunday of Advent! This is the shortest fourth week of Advent in recent memory—less than 24 hours! So, what are we to conclude with this day/week? This week's responsorial psalm offers us a meditation: "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." In fact, Psalm 89 is used for the 4th Sunday of Advent and the Christmas Vigil Mass to highlight the connection between the two seasons. The Advent season has been one of anticipation but also one of praise. We are called to sing of the Lord's goodness to us: Mary sings of God's greatness in her Magnificat; Paul reminds us that we can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us; and Isaiah enlightens the people of Israel that God rejoices in them. While we wait and anticipate during Advent and celebrate during Christmas, in reality, we are called to rejoice in the Lord every day. We need to discover new ways to make Christ come alive in our hearts daily.

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# **Connecting Point**

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## What is blocking me from listening to God's call?

One could logically argue that it is technically impossible to answer this question. Here is the two-fold rationale:

- We may not hear the call when we aren't listening.
- 2. If we don't hear the call, how can we even know there is a block?

Let's assume there is a block and rethink the question. Then, the answer is probably: "Me-I am blocking myself from listening to God's call."

Hearing happens... sometimes, on varying levels. Things we "hear" can go in one ear and out the other, and the depth of our hearing depends on the focus of our listening. How much we focus can depend more on our feelings, perceptions, or even our current moods, rather than what the other person says. Good listening is a choice that comes from focused attentiveness. Good listening also results in a response, even if we hear silence.

How focused are we on really listening to God's call? If our caller IDs read "Heaven Calling" or "The Almighty," we might be more inclined to pick up. But, because God's communication with us is so much more subtle than a phone call, we must listen consistently with greater focus and attentiveness. Mary did this in this Sunday's Gospel when God called her.

Although our listening wanes and lapses, God is always with us. Although he doesn't speak to us in words, he comes to us in other people and situations-opportunities to genuinely listen and interact with others through loving responses. When we're too self-focused in our interactions, we may miss opportunities to hear God and be Christ for others.

Imagine this: You are out running errands, listening to your favorite station on the car radio. Your favorite song comes on, and you turn up the volume and start singing along like there's no one listening. An ambulance is blaring its siren on the road ahead, but because you are not listening, you don't hear it until it's almost too late. Had you been more focused on the task of attentive, defensive driving, you would have heard the siren sooner and been able to pull off the road safely and timely, rather than at the last minute. We can be so wrapped up in our music, desires, impatience, judgments, and disappointments that we fail to hear the siren coming from the person right next to us! If only we could



get out of ourselves and be more in tune with others, we could hear God clearly and answer that call.

Good listening in any relationship comes from focused attention and intentionally wanting to know and understand what the other person has to say.

May God help us all to really listen and be open to answering every call with an attentive, loving response. If we are good-listening, we are Godlistening.

# CALENDAR DECEMBER 24 - 31



9:45 AM MASS 4 PM MASS 9 PM MASS 11:30 PM CAROLS AND MIDNIGHT MASS



11:45 AM **MASS** 



7 AM **AA MEETING** 8:30 AM **MASS** 7 PM **PARISH FINANCE** COUNCIL MTG



8:30 AM MASS 9:30 AM STRETCH & STRENGTH

5:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL



7 AM **AA MEETING** 8:30 AM **MASS** 9:30 AM **CATECHISM IN A YEAR DISCUSSION GROUP** 11 AM **GRIEF MINISTRY** 7 PM **CATHOLIC BIBLE** 

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7 PM CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN



8:30 AM MASS 9:30 AM STRETCH AND STRENGTH



**3 PM OFFICE HOURS** 4:30 PM **MASS** 



9 AM OFFICE HOURS

8 AM MASS 9:45 AM MASS/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11:45 AM MASS/ CHILDREN'S CHURCH

6:30 PM F.E.A.S.T. NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT

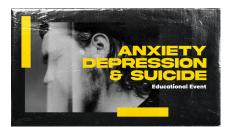
# EVENTS



#### SUN | DEC 31 | 7 PM - 1 AM

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Join us for an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration with our Family of Parishes! Get ready to dance the night away to the sensational tunes of The Sylvester Cats, indulge in delectable appetizers crafted by Chef Robert from Dorsey, and enjoy the festivities with our open bar! Bring your friends and family for a night of joy, laughter, and fantastic memories as we welcome the new year together! Tickets are \$80/person or \$150/couple. Purchase online by scanning the QR code to the left.



#### THU | JAN 4 | 1:30 PM

# **ANXIETY, DEPRESSION & SUICIDE**

Come see us after the Rambling Roses meeting as we host Dr. Agnes Ward from Macomb County Community Mental Health to speak on anxiety, depression, and suicide. Even if you might not be personally affected, you likely know someone who is. Please join us for this informative lecture and RSVP with the Parish Secretary at 586-254-4433, to Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse, at 586-254-4433 x320, or Marilync@stol.church. A light lunch will be served.



#### SAT | JAN 6 | 9 AM - 9 PM | AUSTIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK CROP & VENDOR EXPO

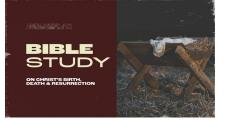
Austin Catholic High School's 6th Annual Scrapbook Crop & Vendor Expo returns on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 9 AM to 9 PM! This full day of crafting and cropping includes table and electrical, breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, drinks, and a bake sale. While you check out the vendors, enter our raffles for the chance to win great prizes! Registration is \$60 per person via austincatholiccrop.2020@gmail.com.



#### BEGINNING FRI | JAN 12 | FARMINGTON HILLS RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry specifically designed to help heal troubled marriages. This could be the best Christmas gift you ever give your spouse, children, family,

friends, or yourself! For confidential information or to register, call 800-470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org



#### BEGINNING TUES | JAN 16 | 9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY

Stop by on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM starting Jan. 16 for this 9-week study. Dr. Brant Pitre provides biblical and historical evidence for Christ's birth, death, and resurrection. This is a great study as we enter into the Lenten season! Registration costs \$10. Contact Peggy for additional information at 586-254-2944 x308.



#### THU | JAN 18 | 9 AM BOOK CLUB

Come join us to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. We'll gather at 9 AM on Thursday, Jan. 18, to discuss the themes and values represented in the book and their implications for Christians. New members are always welcome!



### TUE | JAN 23 | 7 PM HOCKEY NIGHT IN THE D

Join us for hockey night in Detroit to cheer on the Detroit Red Wings as they battle the Dallas Stars at Little Caesar's Arena. Tickets are \$45 each and can be reserved in the parish office. These make great gifts for Christmas!



#### FEBRUARY 2024 40'S & 50'S SMALL GROUP

When was the last time you spent quality time with other couples in our parish for prayer, discussion, fun, and friendship? Grow in your faith by connecting in a small group for couples in their 40s and 50s. We'll meet one or two nights each month starting in February. The study will be about what it means to be Catholic and the beauty of our faith. Contact Rich and Lisa Suida at suida.family@yahoo.com for more information. There will also be an informational meeting in the new year. Stay tuned for updates. EVENTS (CONT'D)



## SAT | FEB 3 | 5:30 PM CUPID'S COMEDY NIGHT

Come share a night of love and laughter with your sweetie! A bit of beer/wine, some sweets, dinner, and a bellyaching evening of fun and laughter make for a perfect Valentine's date! Tickets are \$80 per couple and go on sale at the first of the year. Tables of ten can also be reserved in the parish office. This event sells out every year, so act fast!



#### SUN | FEB 4 | 2 PM

## **BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST:** A PAIRING AND SHARING

Come together with others from our Family of Parishes to share and reflect on the stories of the "Beautiful Eucharist" being gifted to everyone at Christmas Masses. Join us for an afternoon of exploration complemented by delightful wine, savory cheeses, and decadent chocolate. Register by scanning the code or going to **disciplesunleashed.org.** 

RISE C Calling all high

#### SUN | FEB 4 | 7:30 AM DEPARTURE | MERCY HIGH SCHOOL, FARMINGTON

## **RISE DETROIT 2024**

Calling all high school teens! Join us for a day-long conference filled with keynote presentations, powerful music and worship experiences, workshop opportunities, smallgroup discussions, and Liturgy! The conference takes place from 9 AM to 7:15 PM. Want to know more or sign up? Contact Diana Devine at diana@stisidore.church or visit **disciplesunleashed.org/youthministry.** 



#### MON, APR 15 - WED, APR 24

## **10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

This 10-day pilgrimage with Fr. Chris Talbot includes, but is not limited to, visits to Dublin, Knock, The Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Blarney, Holycross Abbey, and Glendalough. Enjoy all of these experiences for \$4,995 (includes airfare from Detroit). Use the QR code to the left to access itinerary details and registration.

# Musings + Messages (cont'd)

The seasons are gentle reminders of how we are called to proclaim God's presence and mercy to the nations not just in December, but every time we encounter someone. God is alive. Christ is present. The Holy Spirit is active. We are called to proclaim that message to the world. On behalf of the St. Therese Parish staff, I want to wish all of you a most blessed Christmas season. May the Christ Child fill your homes with peace and love.

# The Meaning Behind "The 12 Days of Christmas"

You have all heard the song played many times, and you have probably sung it, as well. But have you heard about the Catholic roots behind the words of the song?

As we all know, the secular culture often thinks about the beginning of the Christmas season as the day after Thanksgiving (or much earlier!). For Catholics, the first day of Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Christ, Dec. 25th. It continues until the day before the Epiphany, Jan. 6th. This is the day that the wise men visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in Bethlehem. It is observed as the first manifestation of Christ as our Savior.

During the 16th Century, religious wars were taking place in England. It was a difficult and sometimes dangerous time to practice Catholicism. As the legend goes, Catholic families found unique ways of teaching the faith to their children. One such method is believed to be the song "The 12 Days of Christmas." The lyrics we hear in the song may sound like nonsense, but these words are believed to have hidden references to our Catholic faith:

- A partridge in a pear tree symbolizes Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.
- Three French hens signify the three virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love.
- Four calling birds symbolize the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which spread the Good News of Christ.
- Five golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch or

the Torah, which speak of God's covenant with His people.

- Six geese a-laying symbolize God's six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.
- Eight maids a-milking recognize the eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus on the Mount, which make for a righteous life.
- Nine ladies dancing represent the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Ten lords a-leaping signify the Ten Commandments.
- Eleven pipers piping refer to the faithful apostles: Simon/Peter, Andrew, James (son of Alphaeus), Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, Simon the Zealot, and Jude. It would be interesting to research why Thaddeus is left out, other than the fact that he is not mentioned much in the Bible and is somewhat of a mystery!
- Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of the Apostle's Creed, which summarizes the core beliefs of Christianity.

So, there you have an exciting story about a song we have been listening to for centuries and, perhaps, many more to come! May God Bless all of you during the 12 days of Christmas and the coming year!

(Parts of this article have been referenced from Dynamic Catholic.)



# Walking the Path

#### Discipleship Formation | L Peggy Casing, D.F. Director 🖪 peggyc@stol.church

I attended a seminar at Sacred Heart Major Seminary a couple of weeks ago, and the presenter said there is no known time in history when the world was completely without war. I was so intrigued (and saddened) by the concept that I decided to do an internet search. There, I fell into articles featuring statistics (ourworldindata.org) or "think pieces" like those from Scientific American and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. None said that society generally thinks of war as a positive benefit to humanity. One even said that war "is not part of human nature." As Christians, we are given the example of Jesus, who told us to "turn the other cheek," to "forgive 70 times seven times," and to "love our enemies." At this time of the year, when we hear songs extolling "peace on earth" and "goodwill toward men," why do we sing about it but don't do it? I think it's because so many factors are at play, and it is such a big issue that we "check out" mentally and brush it off as someone else's problem to tackle. But is it? Here are some questions that I can ask myself:

- Am I making an effort to bring peace into my interactions with others?
- When I pray the Act of Contrition, I pray to "avoid whatever leads me to sin." Do I

avoid the people and situations where I will not be my best self? If so, do I do it lovingly?

- Am I praying for peace in my home and my heart?
- Do I strive to apply Jesus' message of love to my life, even if it might be difficult?
- Do I pray for the people who "push my buttons?"
- Are there any areas of my life where I can bring peace through forgiveness and reconciliation?
- How can I express forgiveness where it is needed? Is there something that is holding me back?
- Is my biggest task about forgiving myself? Remember, God will always love you.
- Might I benefit from participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

I include these questions here to spark some thought. Almost all of us will encounter people and situations this holiday season that get our "negative juices flowing." Mental health professionals will tell us that preparing for those encounters can be very helpful. I suggest bringing them to our prayer. As I said before, the problem of world peace is big, but maybe, just maybe, we can foster peace in our little corner of the universe. Wishing you a blessed Christmas. Here is a prayer to get you started:

"O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts, love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen."

<sup>-</sup> Pope John XXIII

# Christmas Gratitude

Health Ministry | L Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse of marilync@stol.church

Gratitude at Christmas time is a great way to maintain physical and mental health. A study in 2008 found that gratitude boosts the neurotransmitter *serotonin* and activates the brain stem to produce *dopamine*, the brain's pleasure chemical. The more we think positive, grateful thoughts, the healthier and happier we feel.

Reprogramming the brain for a more positive outlook takes practice, but practicing gratitude and positive thinking daily can change your brain and life! The area of the brain that controls emotions and behavior also controls higher-order thinking skills like focus and attention. A person's ability to analyze information keeps the brain happy through positive thinking and gratitude. Gratitude results in more creative thinking, increased mental productivity, and a wider attention span. Conversely, negativity leads the brain (and your outlook) to be more negative.

Although we might not be adept at practicing gratitude, the holiday season is a great time to get started. During this busy season when our lives are a little too fast and we forget what is important, taking five minutes every day to practice gratitude will help you slow down, become more aware of your surroundings, and be more in the moment. The holiday season is the perfect time to give thanks for our family and friends, our work, our accomplishments, and all of our blessings. Christmas is an excellent time to practice gratitude for all that has happened in the past year and to be thankful for the upcoming opportunities in the new year. For those who may have struggled with mental health, this is a great time to be grateful for getting through the year and to be hopeful for the upcoming year. Maybe you experienced health or money issues, lost a job, or suffered a loss. If this has been a challenging year for you, this might be a good opportunity to be grateful for your strength and the fact that you survived!

When I first started practicing gratitude, I would take a couple of minutes first thing in the morning to think about just three things I was "grateful" for. With my early attempts, I tended to identify "materialistic" things I was grateful for. As time progressed, I began to identify more abstract things like waking up in the morning, love, friendships, opportunities, achievements, peace, silence, and numerous other things in my life and the world. Another way to practice gratitude is to mentally thank someone who has done something nice for you.

Practicing gratitude is not only "making a list" of the things you are grateful for but also showing others how grateful you are for having them in your life. Writing a thank-you note or email expressing your enjoyment and appreciation of that person's life is a great way to make yourself happier and nurture your relationship with that person. Consider sending a gratitude note once a month to different people, telling them you appreciate them and all they do for you.

Keeping a gratitude journal is another way to practice gratitude. Write down or share the blessings you are thankful for with someone. Perhaps, if practicing a gratitude journal each day is too much of a commitment, pick a day each week to sit down and write about your blessings, reflecting on something that went "right" that you are grateful for and the good feelings you experienced.

Mindful meditation is a good way to focus on the moment without judgment. An example of this practice might be being grateful for things like the sun's warmth, the gentle breeze of the wind, the sounds of the rain, birds, music, the sounds of children playing, or the people we love talking to. Prayer is another beautiful way to experience gratitude by thanking God for our many blessings. Commit to practicing gratitude this upcoming year; I am confident you will notice a positive difference in your well-being.

thecurlysunshine.com/why-christmas-gratitudeis-important/How To be a More Grateful Person.

References:

brainbalancecenters.com/blog/gratitude-andthe-brain-what-is-happening

# Readings

#### SUNDAY

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

#### MONDAY

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

#### TUESDAY

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

#### WEDNESDAY

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8

#### THURSDAY

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

#### FRIDAY

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

#### SATURDAY

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

#### SUNDAY

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40

# Ministry Schedule

#### SAT | DECEMBER 30 4:30 PM

Lector 1: Bernadine Biske Lector 2: James Biske Altar Servers: Evan K. Usher Team 7: Art Wilson

#### SUN | DECEMBER 31 8:00 AM

Lector 1: Janet Webster Lector 2: Michelle Dziurgot Altar Servers: Colton D., Phil D. Usher Team 8: Dean Corsi

#### SUN | DECEMBER 31 9:45 AM

Lector 1: Tricia Austin Lector 2: Steven Austin Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 5: Dennis Westerlund

#### SUN | DECEMBER 31 11:45 AM

Lector 1: Fiorino DiGregorio Lector 2: Norma DiGregorio Altar Servers: Volunteer Needed Usher Team 6: Jack Simonetta

# Catching Fire, Becoming Flame

Family Ministry | 💄 Chris Piebiak, Director 🖪 chrisp@stol.church

Do you feel cold? Or maybe just smoldering? Have you ever wondered how some people become enthusiastic and on fire about their relationship with God? Through *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame,* Father Albert Haase, OFM, gives you the tools and kindling to prepare for the spark of God in your life, showing you how to fan it into flame until you are set ablaze.

This is a six-week adult enrichment opportunity on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 PM beginning on Thursday, Jan. 18. During class, we will use Father Albert Haase's *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame* book and videos to explore topics and practice techniques for growing in spirituality and deepening faith. This series glows with time-tested wisdom as an experienced spiritual director shares the secrets of the saints. With supplemental reading suggestions and reflection questions, this eminently practical book functions like a personal, spiritual retreat.

This class will:

- Give you the practical tools and time-honored techniques to grow your relationship with God.
- Show you how to respond to God's fiery passion, how to engage it, and, most importantly, how to be changed by it.
- Feature purposely short sessions, allowing you ample time in one convenient sitting to reflect on questions or practice the presented technique.

Catching Fire, Becoming Flame is designed to be a handy resource for expanding your knowledge and practice of ancient and contemporary spiritual practices. It will fuel your creativity and appreciation for myriad ways to fall in love with God—which, in the end, is what being on fire is all about.

There is a \$25 fee for the book and other session materials. Registration is available in the parish office or online. Fire up your spiritual journey!



# We pray for those serving in the military

SrA Thomas Barone, Air Force 2nd Lt., Michaela Biske Army PVT Jonathan Bulter, Marine HM1 Christopher Burley, Navy SGT Andrew Chapoton, Army Michael Chmielewski, Navy Christopher Chryczyk, Navy Lt. Col. John Cisco, Marines Major Anthony D. Corsi, Army Leonard Cox, Army Ranger Nic Cucchiara, Army SGT Christian Jose Curtis, Army LCPL Matthew DeLaney, Marine Jerry Delia, Airforce PVT David Dimattia, Army PVT Jacob Earehart, Army Ensign Matthew Gordon, Navy LT David Grzywacz, Navy Andrew Hall, Navy PFC Killian Hannon, Army CPT. Megan K. Hardesty, Army Robert Kaljved, Army LT. COL. Chris Kean, AF \*SSGT Griffin Kozak, Marines Andrew Larsen, Marines Zoe Lowe, Army MSGT Eric McCulley, AF Captain James Miller, Space Force Nick Radwick, AF Staff Sgt. Drew Reynolds, AF Derek Skorupski, Army CPL. Nathan Taylor, Marine CPT Keith Trojniak, Marines Dante Vanuck, Army SFC Cally Wood, Army SFC Olivia Wood, Army Andrew Zalewski, Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give us peace. Amen

# Mass Intentions

#### SAT. DEC 23 4:30 PM

- <sup>+</sup> Deceased Frankowski Family
- <sup>+</sup> Joe Basirico
- <sup>+</sup> Deacon Jerry Campernel
- <sup>+</sup> Neal Madsen (Bday)
- <sup>+</sup> Anthony Laskey
- <sup>+</sup> Mario Baldinelli
- <sup>+</sup> Delita Baldinelli
- <sup>+</sup> David Baldinelli

#### SUN. DEC 24 9:45 AM

- <sup>+</sup> John & Pauline Poma
- <sup>+</sup> Dave Sabol
- <sup>+</sup> Donald & Patricia McNamara
- <sup>+</sup> Gaspare Lombardo
- <sup>+</sup> Tom & Cindy McNamara
- <sup>+</sup> Eufemia Casem
- † Sheila Kroll
- <sup>+</sup> Sara Bujold
- † Rita Saigh
- <sup>+</sup> Peter Ly

#### SUN. DEC 24 4:00 PM

- Al Saam, Pat Denton, Eva & Joseph Pinchero, Joe & Diane Pinchero, and Joey Pinchero
- <sup>+</sup> Gaspare Lombardo
- <sup>+</sup> Dave Kuptz
- <sup>†</sup> Ted Pode
- <sup>+</sup> Maria Cusumano
- <sup>+</sup> Deceased Members of the Roll & Boik Family
- <sup>+</sup> Antonio G. Vittorini
- <sup>+</sup> Joseph & Mamie Abbruzzese
- <sup>+</sup> Carol Minaudo
- <sup>+</sup> Deceased Members of the Hartigan & Dluge Families
- <sup>+</sup> David Dalmer

#### SUN. DEC 24 9:00 PM

- <sup>+</sup> Paul and Kay Shindak
- <sup>+</sup> Joyce Gee
- <sup>+</sup> Edward Bahri
- <sup>+</sup> Anthony & Maria DiCicco
- <sup>†</sup> Deceased Members of the Macciomei Family
- <sup>+</sup> Deceased Members of the Guerriera Family
- <sup>+</sup> Arthur & Justina Deshaies & Family
- <sup>+</sup> Tony & Rella Dziwak
- <sup>+</sup> Mary Costanzo, Frank Gatto, Mario Gatto
- <sup>+</sup> Deceased Members of the Hartigan & Dluge Families
- <sup>+</sup> Andrew & Stella Sadlowski

#### SUN. DEC 24 12:00 AM

- For the Living Members of St. Therese Parish
- <sup>+</sup> For the Deceased Members of St. Therese Parish
- <sup>+</sup> For the Deceased Deacons and Priests of the AOD

#### MON. DEC 25 9:45 AM

Living & Deceased Members of the Chryczyk & Guziak Families

- <sup>+</sup> Jennie & Chester Jamroz, Sr.
- <sup>+</sup> Chester Jamroz, Jr.
- <sup>+</sup> Mary Servitto
- Tom Tiedt & Family
- <sup>+</sup> Harold, Doris,Rick Tiedt & Joe, Alice, Monica Sulek
- † Louie & Ida Aceti
- <sup>+</sup> Harry Dryer
- <sup>+</sup> Deceased Members of the Freppel Family

#### MON. DEC 25 11:45 AM

- <sup>+</sup> Onorio & Frank Recchia
- <sup>+</sup> John & Ann Rein
- <sup>+</sup> Carolyn Gambino
- <sup>+</sup> Gaspare Lombardo
- <sup>+</sup> Bobby Manolatos
- † Debra Ahern
- <sup>+</sup> Ignatius & Maryanna Warchock
- <sup>+</sup> Deceased Warchock Family Members
- <sup>+</sup> Maria & Carel Minjeur
- † Nick Van Overdam

#### TUES. DEC 26 8:30 AM

- Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
- <sup>†</sup> James Blaisdell, Jr. (18th anniv.)
- <sup>+</sup> Eufemia Casem
- <sup>+</sup> Joe, Alice, Monica Sulek

#### WED. DEC 27 8:30 AM

- Living/Deceased O'Parka & Dekoski Families
- † Dionisia Espinosa
- <sup>+</sup> Frank Chryczyk
- <sup>+</sup> Tom Westerlund
- <sup>+</sup> Joseph Mansour

#### THU. DEC 28 8:30 AM

- <sup>+</sup> Robert Chryczyk (Bday)
- Nguyen Family Living and Deceased
- <sup>+</sup> Joseph Mansourt
- <sup>+</sup> Art and Rose Poupard

#### FRI. DEC 29 8:30 AM

<sup>+</sup>Jerry Kennedy

#### SAT. DEC 30 4:30 PM

- For the Intentions in our Prayer Box
- <sup>+</sup> Judy Brusate
- <sup>+</sup> Joe Basirico
- <sup>+</sup> Richard & Wanda Bonkowski
- Sam and Angela Stanzione (60th anniv.)
- † Rosalia Pacella
- † Marcia Rygalski
- <sup>+</sup>Damiano DiMercurio, Pietro LoGrasso, Elisabetta Noto

For the Intentions in our Prayer Box

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Diane Pinchero, Pat Denton,

Al Saam, Joseph & Eva Pinchero, Joseph &

#### SUN. DEC 31 8:00 AM

Joey Pinchero

SUN. DEC 31 9:45 AM

SUN. DEC 31 11:45 AM

<sup>+</sup> Gaspare Lombardo

<sup>+</sup> Art and Rose Poupard

Hajgato Family

<sup>+</sup> Therese Nguyen

<sup>†</sup> Tom O'Herron

<sup>+</sup> Frances Gentile

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