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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
December 17, 2023

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Weekdays: **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**  
**1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**  
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**12:30 PM to 4:00 PM**  
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**MASSES**  
Sunday **8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM**  
**5:00 PM, 7:00 PM**  
Weekdays **7:30 AM, 9:00 AM**  
Saturday **7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,**  
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**5:30 PM (Spanish)**  
**5:30 PM (Indo-Canadian;**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday),**  
**7:00 PM (Anticipated)**

**NOVENAS**  
Mother of Perpetual Help **Wed 7:00 PM**  
First Friday Novenas  
Santo Niño **6:15 PM**  
Sacred Heart of Jesus **7:00 PM**

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturdays **3 PM** and Sundays **4 PM** and **30 mins** before Sunday Masses or call office for appointment

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Pray and reflect inside the adoration chapel!  
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**PREP** Tue/Thu at **6:30 PM**  
**RCIA** Wed at **7:00 PM**

**BAPTISMS**  
On the **1st and 3rd Saturdays** of the month at **10:00 AM**. Both Parents and sponsors are required to attend a baptism seminar a month before the baptism, on the **3rd Friday of the month at 7:00 PM**. Call the office to register. Child's parents should be registered in the parish for at least six months before they can register for the baptism class.

**MARRIAGES**  
**Six months notice.** Attendance at Marriage Preparation Course is required. One of the parties must be a registered parishioner.

**ANointing of the Sick**  
Please set appointment with the parish office.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).  
**Psalm** My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).  
**Second Reading** Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).  
**Gospel** I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

**MORE THAN DISCIPLES**

Each of today's four scriptural roles – disciple, prophet, apostle, herald – forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent". Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for; one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that last for all ages.

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**Parish Office Christmas Hours**

FRIDAY	Dec. 22	Half Day only	9 AM to 12 PM
SATURDAY	Dec. 23	Half Day only	9 AM to 12 PM
MONDAY	Dec. 25	Happy Christmas	CLOSED
TUESDAY	Dec. 26	Boxing Day	CLOSED
FRIDAY	Dec. 29	Half Day only	9 AM to 12 PM
SATURDAY	Dec. 30	Half Day only	9 AM to 12 PM

**Advent Penitential Services**

Monday,	Dec. 18	At 7:00 PM	OLGC
Tuesday,	Dec. 19	At 7:00 PM	IC, Delta
Wednesday,	Dec. 20	At 7:00 PM	Star of the Sea
Wednesday,	Dec. 20	At 7:00 PM	Precious Blood
Thursday,	Dec. 21	At 6:00 PM	St. Bernadette

**Christmas Novena (English):**

Friday, Dec. 15 to Saturday, Dec. 23 at 7 PM

**Simbang Gabi (Filipino):**

Saturday, Dec. 16 to Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5 AM

**December 24, 2023 Sunday Mass Schedule:**

8 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

There are no Sunday Evening Masses.

Please see Christmas Mass Schedule below.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023 – Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM - Filipino Mass

7:00 PM - Children's Mass

Midnight - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

**Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 – Christmas Day Masses**

8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 5 PM, 7 PM

**MOVIE DAY: The Passion of Bernadette** - Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023 from 9:45 to 11:30 AM at the Mary Help of Christians Hall.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 17 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 am +Ilda Botelho
- 9:30 am +Heather Gillis
- 11:15 am **Parishioners**
- 5:00 pm +Ireneo Magtibay, Sr.
- 7:00 pm +Maria Jesus Pereira & Alfredo Alves Jose

**Monday, December 18**

- 7:30 am All Souls In Purgatory
- +Carmen Balana
- Deceased Members of Pagador Family
- 9:00 am Thanksgiving: Fred & Malou Tejada
- 7:00 pm Deceased Members of Hernaez Family

**Tuesday, December 19**

- 7:30 am +Antonio Pescador
- Thanksgiving: Grace Langamon
- 9:00 am Thanksgiving: Aaron Do
- 7:00 pm +Florante Torres Ugalde

**Wednesday, December 20**

- 7:30 am +Carmen M. Santos
- +Jim Deeney
- 9:00 am +Solidad Ochangco
- 7:00 pm Thanksgiving: Grigoletto Family

**Thursday, December 21**

- 7:30 am Deceased Members of Subido Family
- +Jaime Dimaculangan
- 9:00 am Thanksgiving & Special Intentions: Jorge Sarte
- 7:00 pm +Purificacion Rivera

**Friday, December 22**

- 7:30 am +Rosario Tecson Pengson
- +Debbie Lima
- 9:00 am Thanksgiving: Brianne Lee
- 7:00 pm +Francesco Cirillo

**Saturday, December 23**

- 7:30 am Special Intentions: Zachary Stone
- +Patrick Coen
- 9:00 am Victoria Malinis
- 7:00 pm +Concetta Testa Camillo

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