

Fourth Sunday of Advent | 24 December 2023



Mass

Sunday Vigil 5:30 PM Saturday

Sunday 7 & 9 AM

11 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)

1 & 5:30 PM

Weekdays 6 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)

7 AM, 12 Noon

First Friday 7:30 PM (Dominican Rite: Latin)
Saturday 6 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)

8 AM

Confession

Weekdays 11 AM - 12 PM

First Friday 7 – 7:30 PM Saturday 4 – 5:30 PM

Sunday half hour before each Mass

Adoration

Weekdays 12:30 – 4 PM

Devotions

Rosary 11:30 AM Weekdays,

7:30 AM Saturday, 10:30 AM Sunday

Vespers 4 PM First Saturdays

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

Sunday, 24 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dominican Rite: Vigil of the Nativity

No Coffee and Doughnuts

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

No 1:00 PM Mass

Confessions - 4:00 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Carol Concert & Midnight Mass (Latin Novus Ordo) - 11:30 PM

Monday, 25 December

The Nativity of the Lord

Office Closed

Christmas Masses - 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

Tuesday, 26 December

St. Stephen

Office Closed

Masses - 6:00 and 10:00 AM

No Confession or Exposition

Wednesday, 27 December

St. John, Apostle

Thursday, 28 December

Holy Innocents

Memorial Mass for Unbaptized Children - 7:00 PM

Friday, 29 December

St. Thomas Becket

Dominican Rite: Octave of the Nativity

Office Closed

No Exposition

Saturday, 30 December

Octave of the Nativity

Homeschool Christmas Party - 2:00 PM

Sunday, 31 December

The Holy Family

Dominican Rite: Octave of the Nativity

No Coffee and Doughnuts

5:30 PM Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God followed

by Exposition until midnight

Dear Holy Rosary Friends and Families,

This year, the fourth Sunday of Advent is on the same day as Christmas Eve. As a result, it is important to emphasize that the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve are treated as two distinct liturgical celebrations, each with its own liturgical texts, readings, and themes. The transition between them is marked by the change in liturgical color and the shift in focus from Advent to Christmas. This means that two distinct obligations must be met by attending two Masses.

The liturgical color for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (typically purple or violet) will be used in the morning Masses at Holy Rosary. The liturgy will focus on the themes of Advent and the readings prescribed for the Fourth Sunday. At Holy Rosary, the Masses will be celebrated at 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am (there is no Sunday 1 pm Mass but there is still a 5:30 pm vigil on Saturday, December 23rd). The 5:30 pm Mass on December 24th will not be for the 4th Sunday of Advent, but the vigil Mass for Christmas.

When the Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses concludes, and the liturgical day transitions to evening, the liturgical color changes to white or gold, symbolizing the joy of Christmas. The celebration then shifts to preparations for the Christmas Eve Masses. Christmas Eve Masses at Holy Rosary will be celebrated in the evening, with the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas and the midnight Mass. These Masses officially mark the beginning of the Christmas season in the Catholic Church. The liturgy for Christmas Eve focuses on the birth of Jesus, with readings from the Nativity story and the proclamation of the birth of Christ. On Christmas Day, there will be three morning Masses at 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am. There will be no afternoon or evening Masses that day, nor confession, nor adoration. The office will also be closed.

On behalf of all the friars and staff of Holy Rosary Parish, I wish you all a very holy and merry Christmas! May the peace that only the Prince of Peace brings be with you and your loved ones this day and throughout the New Year. May the Lord bless you for your generosity in offering Holy Rosary the gifts of your time, prayers, charisms, and love!

- Fr. Peter Do, OP

SOLEMN VESPERS January 6 | Please join us for Solemn Vespers according to the ancient Dominican Rite, held on the first Saturday of every month at 4:00pm.

FIRST FRIDAY January 5 | Join us for confession at 7 PM and a Dominican Rite Low Mass with Devotion to the Sacred Heart at 7:30 PM!

CHRISTMAS NOVENA CARDS The Christmas Novena of Masses will begin on December 25. Offering envelopes and cards are available in the office and vestibule and can be dropped off at the office or in the collection basket.

Parishioner Registration



Online Giving



MEMORIAL MASS FOR UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN

A Memorial Mass for the unborn and all children who have died without baptism will be held on Thursday, December 28 at 7:00 PM. In the prayer of the Mass, we will offer prayers entrusting these children to the mercy of God and for the healing of men, women, and families who have experienced the pain of losing a child for whatever reason. Those attending are invited to bring a flower for each child being remembered and place them in the provided vase near the front doors of the church.

ORDINARIATE MASS The 1 PM Mass on Sunday, December 31 will be said in the Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite. Come celebrate Mass using Divine Worship: The Missal. Experience the reverence and beauty of our English language liturgy, which Pope Benedict XVI called "a treasure to be shared" with the whole Church!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Please note that Monday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is not a holy day of obligation this year, but it will still be celebrated at all the Masses on January 1st, and the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, December 31st will be a Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God, followed by Exposition until midnight. Of course, attending the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday still fulfills your Sunday obligation, even if the Mass itself is for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and not The Holy Family.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

Mary White Tess & Peter Schechtel Alice Gustafson Pearl Harper and May Ardrey Stephen Hampton Marshall Foreman Robert Hoodecheck Patricia Digiovanni John Patterson Betty Bell **Dorothy Anderson** Mike Bell Mary Alice Enright Glenn Bell Ann and Bob Beveridge Bob and Luigina Elmer Fr. Paschal Salisbury, OP Isaac Iulian Rene Hurtado Vicky Hurtado Mr. & Mrs. Larry Broschart Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Dils Dr. & Mrs. William Bigelow

24 December, Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

No Coffee and Doughnuts Confessions half hour before all Masses 7:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Dominican Rite Mass No 1:00 PM Mass 4:00 – 5:30 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas 11:30 PM Carol Concert and Christmas Mass (Latin Novus Ordo) at Midnight

25 December, Monday

Christmas Day - Holy Day of Obligation

Office closed - No Confession or Exposition 7:00 AM Christmas Mass at Dawn 9:00 AM Christmas Mass 11:00 AM Dominican Rite Mass

26 December, Tuesday

Office closed - No Confession or Exposition 6:00 AM Dominican Rite Low Mass 10:00 AM Mass

29 December, Friday

Office closed Regular weekday liturgical schedule No Exposition

31 December, Sunday New Year's Eve

No Coffee and Doughnuts Confessions half hour before all Masses Regular Sunday Mass schedule 5:30 PM Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God followed by Exposition until midnight 1 January 2024, Monday

Mary, the Mother of God (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

Office closed 6:00 AM Dominican Rite Low Mass 10:00 AM Mass No Confession or Exposition

FIRST-CLASS RELIC OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

On Thursday, January 4 at the noon Mass, there will be a blessing available with a first-class relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), the first citizen born in the United States to be canonized (by Pope Paul VI in 1975). Those who would like to receive the blessing may approach the altar rail when the priest indicates – it will be at the end of Mass but before Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

"Oh Father, the first rule our dear Savior's life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life and work, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that doing what You wish, we will be pleasing to You. Amen." - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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