



# Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 † 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 19, HOLY MASS – 9:00 a.m. - St. Timothy, M

*Pro Populo*

Mon. Dec. 20, HOLY MASS – 11:15 a.m. – Advent Feria (St. Dominic of Silos, Ab)

*Barbara Bloch*

Tues. Dec. 21, HOLY MASS – 8:15 a.m. – St. Thomas, Ap

*Pro Populo*

Wed. Dec. 22, No Mass in Springs – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, V

Thurs. Dec. 23, HOLY MASS – 9:00 a.m. - Advent Feria (St. Victoria, VM)

*Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Fri. Dec. 24, HOLY MASS – 9:00 a.m. – VIGIL of the NATIVITY (*Day of Fast*)

*Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Sat. Dec. 25, HOLY MASS – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

MIDNIGHT - *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

9:00am - *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

10:30am - *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

Sun. Dec. 26, HOLY MASS – 9:00 a.m. - St. Stephen, Protomartyr

*Pro Populo*

## Serving Schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Alexander Vigil, Steven Kosovich

Monday - Tuesday, Dec. 20 - 21<sup>st</sup>: Alexander Vigil, Jude Vigil

Thursday - Friday Dec. 23 - 24<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Fries, Andrew Fries

SERVING PRACTICE: for Christmas Midnight Mass Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, following Mass.

CHRISTMAS Midnight Mass: Steven Kosovich, Anthony & Alexander Vigil, Joseph & Andrew Fries

9:00am Mass: Volunteer

10:30am: Nicholas & Thomas Vigil

Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>: Anthony Kosovich, Joseph Fries

<b>Confessions:</b> Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass	Mondays – 10:35am	Tuesdays – 7:35am
Christmas Eve: 6:00 – 7:00 pm; 10:30-11:45pm		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Please keep in your prayers Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Mrs. Rosalie Pottenger, Mr. Jose Anaya, Daniel Gonzales, Christopher Fries, Sarah Watterson, Rebekah Hibdon, Michael Micklich, Christopher, Jimmy and Stephanie Howe, Christopher Wertish, our Military and Police, RIP Eugene Kauhane, Emma Jones, Maria Atwood, Tom Gallegos and all the sick. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS:** Mr. Godinez will be visiting with his homemade religious articles today.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** a sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for deep cleaning before Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** will be Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** is a day of fast and complete abstinence. All those over 21 and under 59 are obliged to fast(only one full meatless meal is allowed; two smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken but together they should not equal a full meal).

### **Christmas Eve – Dom Guaranger**

The time has now come for the faithful soul to reap the fruit of the efforts she made during the penitential weeks of Advent to prepare a dwelling-place for the Son of God, who desires to be born within her. What garments shall we put on, to go and meet the Bridegroom? Where shall we find the pearls and jewels wherewith to deck our soul for this happy meeting? The first of our duties at our Savior's Crib is *Adoration*, Religion's first act. In heaven the Angels veil their faces, and prostrate themselves before the throne of the Lamb; what, then, shall we do now that this same great God shows himself to us, humbled for our sakes, and stript of all his glory? Let us endeavor to make, by our profound adorations, some return to the God who thus humbles himself for us; let us thus give him back some little of that whereof he has deprived himself out of love for us, and in obedience to the will of his Father. The example of his Blessed Mother will teach us to be thus humble before Him who was her God and her Child. Come, then, faithful Children of the Church, let us take our share in her joy! For unto us a Child is born! He for whom we have been so long waiting is come; and he is come to *dwell among us*. Great, indeed, and long was our suspense; so much the more let us love our possessing him. The Scripture tells us that *a secure mind is like a continual feast* and a secure mind can only be where there is peace; now it is Peace which these blessed days bring to the *earth*; *Peace*, say the Angels, *to men of good will!* *Gratitude* is also indeed due to him who deigned to be born of his own creature, and have a stable for his birth-place. Oh! how vehemently must he not have desired to advance the work of our salvation, to remove everything which could make us afraid of approaching him, and to encourage us, by his own example, to return, by the path of humility, to the heaven we had strayed from by pride! Gratefully, therefore, let us receive the precious gift - this Divine Babe, our Deliverer. He is the Only-Begotten Son of the Father, that Father *who hath so loved the world as to give his only Son*. O gift inestimable! How shall we be able to repay it by suitable gratitude, we who are so poor as not to know how to appreciate it? God alone, and the Divine Infant in his Crib, know the value of the mystery of Bethlehem, which is given to us. Shall our debt, then, never be paid? Not so: we can pay it by *love*, which, though finite, gives itself without measure, and may grow for ever in intensity. *'How beautiful art thou, my Beloved One, and how comely! - the feebleness and humility of a Child!'* Christians! let us imitate our Mother, and give our hearts to our Emmanuel. The Shepherds offer him their simple gifts, the Magi bring him their rich presents, and no one must appear before the Divine Infant without something worthy his acceptance. Know, then, that nothing will please him, but that which he came to seek - our *love*. It was for this that He came down from heaven! My Child, won't you give Me your heart this Christmas!

