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prepare the way...



ADVENT

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20 - 5:00 PM

†Zenaida Sison
† Peter Paul & †Rosie D'Mello,
†Edward Mendes
†Filomena Belsito,
†Alfred Schwarman

Sunday, December 21 - 7:30 AM

Pro Populo

Sunday, December 21- 9:00 AM

†Ida Alfonso
†Ignatius Miranda, †Rufina Fernandes
†John D'Silva
Thanksgiving For Inacio & Paula Lee-Lin

Sunday, December 21 - 11:00 AM

Thanksgiving for Yolanda D'Silva
Thanksgiving for Joan
Healing for Asmai Butt
†Jose San Tiago

Sunday, December 21 - 12:30 PM

†Lolita Cogo, †Geosie Gersuta,
†Francisco Cogo Jr.
†Mariano Rosete
Thanksgiving for Kathleen Carolasan
Thanksgiving for Carolasan Family

Monday, December 22 - 7:00 PM

†Lamberto Baldovino
Special Intention for Ronette Sunil
Machado and Family
Special Intention for Sylvester Kristelle
Rego and Family
†Sister Philomena & †Sister Felcita

Tuesday, December 23 - 7:30 AM

†Leo, †Connie, †Antonio DeMeo
Thanksgiving for Jincy Joseph
Thanksgiving for Wilfred, Marisse and
Natasha DeSouza.
Thanksgiving for Tamara, Karl, Pereira
and Family,

Wednesday, December 24 - 7:00 PM

For the Parish Community

Thursday, December 25 - 7:30 AM

For the Parish Community

Friday, December 26 - 7:00 PM

†Mary Gera
†Urbano Del Pino

Saturday, December 27 - 9:00 AM

Ajit & Sandhya Treasure's
25th Wedding Anniversary

*Due to the Christmas Holidays, Mass
Intention requests will be mentioned at
Mass, but may not be printed in the bulletin.



As we enter the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our eyes turn tenderly to **Mother Mary**, the woman who teaches us how to wait with faith, love, and trust. In the midst of uncertainty and great responsibility, Mary does not ask for all the answers. Instead, she offers her yes, a quiet, courageous surrender to God's will. Mary's faith is not loud or dramatic; it is humble and steady. She trusts that God is at work even when the path ahead is unclear. Her life reminds us that Advent is not only about preparing a place for Christ in the world, but preparing a place for Him in our hearts. As Christmas draws near, Mary invites us to slow down, to listen, and to respond generously to God's call in our own lives. Like her, may we allow God to work through our openness, our obedience, and our love. Through Mary's example, we learn that when we say yes to God, Christ is born anew – in our hearts, our homes, and our world. May her gentle faith guide us as we prepare to welcome **Emmanuel, God-with-us**.



Parish Christmas Fundraiser



As we prepare for the joy of Christ's birth this Advent, we invite you to consider giving a special Christmas gift to our parish. Just as you choose gifts for loved ones, we hope you might include **St. Josephine Bakhita Parish** on your Christmas list. This one-time gift, separate from your regular offering, will support the needs of our parish as we continue serving our community with faith and love. Our goal this year is **\$10,000**, and with your generosity, we believe it is within reach. Thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas and blessing our parish.

This week the Sanctuary Candle is
offered in Thanksgiving from

**Sheldon, Kazia and
Isabella Martin**

Kindly note:
There will be no
exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
from December 24,
2025, until January
11, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. As we gather around the mystery of Christ's birth, I find myself deeply grateful. Christmas reminds us that God chooses to come close, not to perfect lives, but to real ones. He steps into our joys and our struggles, our hopes and our uncertainties, and He brings light where we need it most.

Although I have only been here a short time, I want you to know how truly welcomed I have felt. It honestly seems as though we have been journeying together much longer. Your kindness, your patience, your smiles after Mass, the small conversations at the door, the way you speak of this parish with such love: these things have already touched my heart.

I look forward to the year ahead and to getting to know each of you more personally: your families, your stories, the ways God has been at work in your lives. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your pastor. It is a privilege I do not take lightly.

This Christmas, whatever you carry (joy, grief, wonder, exhaustion, gratitude, worry), place it before the Christ Child. He receives it all with tenderness. He comes not to overwhelm us, but to walk with us.

May the peace that settled over Bethlehem long ago rest upon your homes. May the love of the Holy Family surround your families. And may the light of Christ guide our parish in the months to come, uniting us ever more closely in faith and friendship.

Please know that I will hold you in prayer at the altar throughout this holy season.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

In Christ,

Fr. Mark Kolosowski

Pastor

Pray for the Sick

Antonio De Souza, Natalia Ruiz, Diane Rodrigo,
Edita Lucila, Joanne Taylor, Emma Mendoza,
Antonio Mendoza, Rodrigo Ruiz

Please contact the Parish Office to submit the names of your loved ones, who are ill, so our community may lift them up in prayer.



**New Year's Eve
Dinner & Dance**
December 31st at 6:00 PM
Tickets are available for purchase
Adults - \$75.00
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For more information, contact
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A Savior is Born

*Wishing you and your families a
Blessed Christmas*

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