

† Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 7th

Second Sunday of Advent

8 AM St. Joseph's Parishioners

10 AM Jimmy Quinn (*D*)

12 PM Miriam Blanco (*L*)

2 PM Istvan and Anna Soltesz (*D*)

6 PM Vivian Villeluz (*L*)

Monday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

7 AM Michael and MaryAnn McInerney (*L*)

12:15 PM Catherine Kerr and Jake Feuer (*L*)

Engagement

6 PM John Catanzaro (*D*)

Tuesday, December 9th

7 AM Tommy Ryan (*D*)

12:15 PM Martin Wales (*D*)

Wednesday, December 10th

7 AM Ann Marie Rode (*L*)

12:15 PM Amalia Quintana (*L*)

Thursday, December 11th

7 AM *Celebrant's Intention*

12:15 PM Silvia Schnitzer and
Family (*L*)

Friday, December 12th

7 AM Anna Wojtak (*D*)

12:15 PM Riona Mascarenhas (*L*)

Saturday, December 13th

8 AM Silvia Schnitzer and Family (*L*)

12:15 PM Larry and Eva Molar (*D*)

4 PM Sotero Matta (*D*)

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Healing After Abortion - Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to Respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: In English: January 10, 2026; March 14, 2026, May 16, 2026. In Spanish: February 14, 2026, April 18, 2026. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

“The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved.”

--*Mother Teresa*

The church is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM, Saturday from 7:30 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Monday December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation and the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. Masses will be offered at 7 AM, 9 AM (School Mass), 12:15 PM and 6 PM.

On his recent trip to Lebanon, Pope Leo spoke these encouraging words at Holy Mass in Beirut: “Dear people of Lebanon, I invite you to cultivate always an attitude of praise and gratitude. You are the recipients of a rare beauty with which the Lord has adorned your land. At the same time, you are witnesses and victims of how evil, in its various forms, can obscure this splendor.

As we have heard, the reason Jesus gives thanks to the Father is not for his extraordinary works, but because he reveals his greatness specifically to the little ones and to the humble, to those who do not attract attention and seemingly count for little or nothing and have no voice. The Kingdom that Jesus comes to inaugurate is marked, in fact, by the very characteristic described by the prophet Isaiah: it is a shoot, a small branch sprouting from a trunk (cf. *Is* 11:1). It is a small sign of hope that promises rebirth when everything else seems to be dying. Indeed, the coming of the Messiah was announced in the smallness of a shoot, because he can only be recognized by the little ones, by those who humbly know how to recognize the hidden details and traces of God in a seemingly lost story.

It is also an indication for us, so that we may have eyes capable of recognizing the smallness of the shoot that emerges and grows even in the midst of a painful period. Even here and now, we can see small lights that shine in the night, small shoots that sprout forth and small seeds planted in the arid garden in this era of history. I think of your sincere and genuine faith, rooted in your families and nourished by Christian schools. I think of the constant work of parishes, congregations and movements to meet the questions and needs of the people. I think of the many priests and religious who devote themselves to their mission amid many difficulties, and of the lay people dedicated to charitable works and the promotion of the Gospel in society. For these lights that strive to illuminate the darkness of the night, and for these small and invisible shoots that nevertheless open up hope for the future, today we join Jesus in saying: “We praise you, Father!” We thank you because you are with us and do not let us falter.”

God bless you!

Fr. Gerald E. Murray, Pastor

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM	Weekday Masses	7 AM and 12:15 PM
Sunday Masses 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM (<i>Hungarian Mass</i>), 6 PM	Saturday Masses	8 AM and 12:15 PM
<i>German Mass</i> First Saturday of the Month, 5 PM	Holy Days of Obligation	6 PM Vigil, 7 AM 12:15 PM and 6 PM

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BAPTISMS: Baptism is scheduled on an individual basis.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION-RECONCILIATION:

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 -3:45 pm; Sundays, 9:30 - 9:55 AM and 11:30 - 11:55 AM

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

HOLY HOUR: First Friday of each month following 12:15 PM Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Sundays from 3:15 PM to 5:30 PM

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN – CCD:

Please contact St. Ignatius Loyola Parish 212-288-3588, www.stignatiusloyola.org

