



**SHRINE CHURCH OF  
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**  
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

♪ *The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.* ♪



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 5**

**9:30 am English Mass**



**12:00 pm Spanish Mass**

✠ *Gregoria Guzmán Romero*

(mother of Elena Alcantar) Died - 11/02/21

**December 12**

**11:00 am Bilingual Mass**

✠ *McGinty* and ✠ *Sheeran* families  
by the McGinty family

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

*~ Giving as an act of Worship ~*

*We need at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to  
break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.*

**Collections as of November 28, 2021**

**Regular: \$2580.00**

**Christmas flowers: \$40.00 Other: \$15**

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to  
274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

*Thank you, each and all, who share your  
Time, Talent & Treasure with our community!*

**To View Masses Online:**

Go to the Live Mass on Facebook  
for All Masses held at the Shrine Church

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy*

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Advent**

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

**Christmas Flower Donations  
given in memory/honor of**

*Michael Fazio*

*Margaret Schumacher*

*Edward P. Nolan, MD*

*Franco Dali*

*Autony Giuzejjiua Nicita*

*Phyllis Gooding*

*Auntie Angela*

*Marion Ford*

*Matilda M. Brown*

*Auntie Judy-Ohio*

*Melita Family*

*John Felts*

*Millie Turcotte*

*Rocco & Yolanda Benfatto*

*Rita Mary Nolan*

*Domenica Casale*

*Jim Yager*

*Whitfield Gooding*

*Salvatore Rosario Cannavo*

*Grant Ford Sr.*

*Justice Marfosau*

*Auntie Angela*

*Margaret & Erenez LaPointe*

*Mary & Charlie DeJulio*

# CORONAVIRUS MASS PROCEDURES

**General Procedures:** Face masks must be worn at all times. All will be escorted to a place to sit; directions will be given for receiving communion and dismissal. Six feet of social distancing must be observed. Do not gather in groups before or after Mass.

**Holy Communion:** To maintain appropriate distancing, those in the front of the church will receive in the front of the center aisle. Those in the back will receive in the Gathering Area. Receive the Body of Christ in your hand. As you turn away, lower your mask, consume the Body of Christ, and then raise your mask again. This helps protect you and those who distribute the Holy Eucharist.

**Attendance:** If you are sick or suffering from serious illness or in a vulnerable category or experiencing anxiety about returning to Mass in person, you are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass in person.

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## LECTIO DIVINA

**English:** <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>  
**Spanish:** <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

### Readings for Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2:14-18a  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-6  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7  
**Gospel:** St. Luke 3:10-18

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The **Diocesan Appeal** year has begun. As you contemplate your investment, please consider the role of the Catholic Church in your life and your family. Your support of both your parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal are the most fundamental ways to ensure the health and vitality of our entire Catholic community. Our Hispanic communities have benefit strongly from the Diocesan Appeal. I know you will be generous.

Gratefully,  
*Fr. O'Connor*

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



### The Candles of Advent

#### Second Sunday ~ Candle of Faith (Bethlehem Candle)

Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. This candle reminds of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem

### Advent and Christmas Schedule

#### Wednesday, December 8~Immaculate Conception

7:00 am, 9:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses  
in English at Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm Spanish Mass at the Shrine Church

#### Sunday, December 12~Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 am Bilingual Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger

#### December 16-23~Posadas in Church

Held from 7:00-8:30 pm each night

#### Friday, December 24~Christmas Vigil

4:30 pm Carol Singing & 5:00 pm Bilingual Mass

#### Saturday, December 25~Christmas Day

9:30 am English Mass & 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

#### Saturday, January 1~Solemnity of Mary

11:00 am Bilingual Mass



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## NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) I am new to the parish.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Send me "The Evangelist".

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Please send church envelopes.