



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

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Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Advent

♪ *Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.* ♪



MASS INTENTIONS

December 18

9:00 am English Mass

✠ *Edward P. Nolan* by his daughters

11:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *María de los Ángeles Diaz*
by her son Carlos Soriano

✠ *Mercedes Cabrera de Sanchez* and
Josefina Vargas de Sarda by Patricia Reyes

✠ *Mariana Segovia* by her daughter, Rosa

December 24

5:00 pm Bilingual Mass

December 25

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

SHARING OUR TREASURE

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

We need at least \$2,750.00 per week in the collections to break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.

Information from December 11, 2022

Regular Offertory: \$2566

(\$242 Immaculate Conception, \$120 Christmas)

Total: \$2566

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

View Masses Online on Facebook:

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

Mission Statement

"We are a vibrant, welcoming, multi-cultural Catholic community in the heart of the City of Albany celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus with our parishioners and neighbors."

DIRECTORY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Vigil

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

LECTIO DIVINA

English: <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

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

Sunday, December 25

Christmas

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: St. Luke 2:1-14

Scam Alert: If you receive an email from Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards be sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

Hospital Visits:

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, let hospital admissions know that you are a Catholic and what your parish is. Then Father O'Connor or another priest can visit and bring communion to you

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

These are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17



O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!



December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.



December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 16-23~Posadas in Church

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

Sunday, December 18 – Reconciliation

After the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses

Saturday, December 24~Christmas Vigil

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

Sunday, December 25~Christmas Day

9:00 am English Mass & 11:00 am Spanish Mass

Sunday, January 1~Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am English Mass & 11:00 am Spanish Mass

CHILDREN'S CORNER



A Note from Friend of the Shrine Church

Father O'Connor,

I hope you are well and that everyone at the Shrine Church has made it through the pandemic safely. My name is Ryan, and I used to attend the 9:30 am Mass from 2017-2019, when I was visiting my wife who was a grad student at UAlbany. In fact I used to sit on the right hand side of pew 211 just behind Ellen and to the right of Sr. Julie.

Those days were difficult for my wife and I.. we were living apart while finishing our PHD programs and I could only travel to see her a few weekends a month. But I have very fond memories of attending Mass at the Shrine Church. Everyone was so warm and welcoming. And, in a transient time for us, the Church was like a small home away from home. I'm very lucky to have been welcomed by you all – if only for a small period of time.)

Thanks, Fr. O'Connor. I hope for you all many more beautiful days in Albany, N. Y.

Ryan Graham

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.