



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

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Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent

♪ *Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.* ♪



MASS INTENTIONS

December 4

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

December 11

11:00 am Bilinugal Mass

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

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 November 27, 2022

Regular Offertory: \$1902

**(\$5 Immaculate Conception, \$5 Christmas,
\$5 Solemnity of Mary)**

Christmas Flowers: \$110 Fuel: \$20

Human Development \$21 Total: \$2053

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 4

Second Sunday of Advent

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Lord, come and save us.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-11

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.**

Mass Times for The Immaculate Conception

December 8, 2022

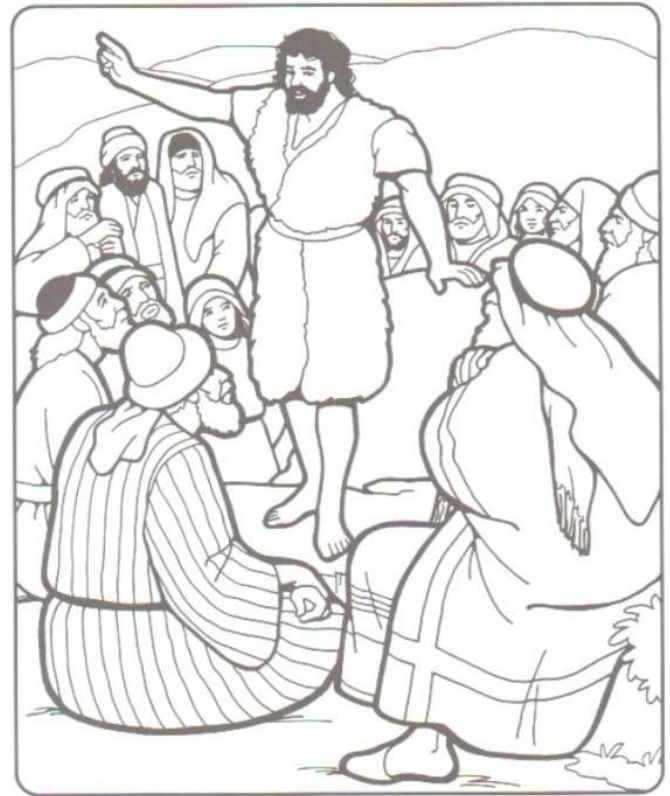
English Masses, 9:00 am and noon at Blessed Sacrament

Spanish Mass, 7:00 pm at the Shrine Church

Christmas Season Message from Fr. Dan

Well, once again we have arrived at what American culture terms "the holiday season". With a great number of religious and secular holidays of many traditions and cultures between Thanksgiving and January (including for us, three holy days of obligation: Dec. 8, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1), we can easily get burned out. And if there are birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate, that's even more! This time of year is often a time dedicated to family, and often, family meals. Yes, family can contribute to the burn-out, but our families have the first people we are asked to spend ourselves for: married couples promise their love and service to each other before anyone else, and are entrusted with caring for the newest and weakest members of the human family. And so it is fitting that this Holy-Day season for us concerns family: Mary's conception on the 8th (with reference to her parents Anna & Joachim), Mary giving birth to baby Jesus on the 25th, with the help of her husband, Joseph, The Feast of the Holy Family on the 30th, and Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. This family is at the core of our Christian family. And we are born into it, by our baptism, our new birth (which we'll celebrate on Jan 9)! This is a big family, and just like in any family, our relationships might become strained, or uncared for. But this is time of year is for family, and we have the opportunity now to rekindle familial love, see each other, and enjoy festive meals together.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Diocesan Women's Retreat: Awakening our hearts to share God's love ~ Saturday, December 10, 2022

The retreat will be held on St. Pius X Church in Loudonville from 9:00 am -4:00 pm. The keynote speakers are the Sisters of Life. Retreat includes: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages. Register Here: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

Christmas Flowers given in memory/honor of:

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| Juana Pabon-Roque | Catalina Garcia |
| Agustin Ruemmele | Frank Ruemmele |
| Jimmy Crawford | Barbara Crawford |
| Paul Asante | Anna Lejeune |
| John Felts | John McGraw |
| Louis Mrak | Francis Mrak |
| Veronica McGraw | Helen Hand |
| Alice & Henry Tammany | Victor Jaar Saladin |
| Mary & Charli DeJulio | Thomas Martino Sr. |
| Greg Martino | David Martino |
| Patrick Dalton | Dalton Family |
| Mayer Family | Brown Family |
| Trinidad Arana de Argueta | Victorino Argueta |
| Edgar Argueta | Miguel Argueta |
| Angel Argueta | Efrain Argueta |
| Martina Argueta | Eberto Argueta |
| Rocco & Yolanda Benfatto | John Benfatto |
| Doris & Charles Calcagno | Father James Hayes |
| Gerry & Helen Curran | James & Mary Curran |
| Yoli & Paul Burgess | Lornun & Kitty Burgess |

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 11~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

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

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.