

# **St. Mary Roman Catholic Church**

**10-08 49th Avenue**

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**Hours: Mon-Fri 9 to 12, 1 to 5pm**

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## **St. Joseph Center/Religious Education**

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**December 7, 2025**

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

### **Parish Staff**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

#### **Director of Music**

Parker Ramsay

#### **Director of Religious Education**

Giovanna Varlese

#### **Director of Maintenance**

Ray Rychalski

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

### **Schedule of Masses**

#### **Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

Monday-Thursday: 12:15 pm

**National Holidays:** Mass at 9:00 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm

**Anointing of the Sick:** First Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm evening Mass.

### **OCLA Program:**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete the Sacraments Initiation?

For an application or any questions, please send an email to [dre.stmarylic@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stmarylic@gmail.com)

or call 917-832-6104.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday 11:00am to 12:00pm

### **Baptism:**

Baptism take place on the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm. Please call the Rectory at 718-786-0705 for an appointment with the Pastor.

### **Weddings:**

All wedding arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the rectory at 718-786-0705 for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

**Funerals:** Monday through Saturday

## **Intentions For the Week**

### **Saturday, December 6, 2025**

5:00pm Bob Ulino  
and Halo Diaz

### **Sunday, December 7, 2025**

9:30am Rosemary Donahue

12:00pm Jason King

### **Monday, Dec. 8, 2025-Holy Day of Obligation**

12:15pm Jason King  
12:15 pm Mario, Phyllis  
and Joseph Manetta  
and Family Living and Deceased

### **Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

12:15 pm O'Shea Family

### **Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

11-12pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Joann Walker

### **Thursday, December 11, 2025**

12:15pm Patricia A. Koslowski

### **Friday, December 12, 2025**

**NO MASS**

### **Saturday December 13, 2025**

5:00pm Joseph Lanza

## **Statistics November 29 and November 30, 2025**

5:00 pm 90  
9:30 pm 185  
12:00pm 174

**Total Count 449**  
1st Collection \$ 2,291  
2nd Collection \$ 1,022  
**Total \$ 3,313**

### **Pray for the sick,**

Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan,  
Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Angela Iorio,  
Alexandria Roeder, Joseph Pinto, Elizabeth  
Ruiz, Angel Garcia, Anthony Fiorino

### **Pray for the Deceased**

Catherine Hogan, Diane Hulser-Brue, Michael  
Anthony Delgado, Joseph Pinto, Tina Stare, Tina  
Torres, Margarita Sevillano, Maria Vesillo, Mario  
Manetta, Alexandra Leal, Phyllis Manetta,  
Giuseppe Evangelista

### **Purgatorial Intentions**

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado,  
Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero,  
Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valese, Leonardo Anto-  
nio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred  
Schifano, Forbes and Family

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

### **Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2025**

5:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
"Vigil Mass of Christmas"  
  
10:00 pm Christmas Mass at Night  
With Musical Prelude at 9:30 pm

### **Christmas Day, December 25, 2025**

9:30 am Christmas Mass at Dawn  
With Musical Prelude at 9:00 am  
  
12:00 pm Christmas Mass at Daytime  
With Musical Prelude at 11:30 am

### **New Year's Eve, December 31, 2025**

5:00pm New Year's Eve Mass

### **New Year's Day, Jan 1, 2026-Holy Day of Obligation**

9:30am New Year's day Mass  
12:00pm New Year's day Mass

**Mass Intentions for 2025-2026 \$20.00.**  
**Please call the rectory with questions or**  
**comments at 718-786-0705. There is still**  
**available dates in our 2025 Mass Book.**

### **Pope's December prayer intention**

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of December, inviting everyone to pray for catechists, "summoned to announce the Word of God," that they might "be its witnesses, with courage and creativity, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace."

### **Confessions-December 22, 2025**

**11-12pm- Confession**  
**5-7pm-Confession**



## December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” So proclaimed John the Baptist as he prepared the world for the coming of the Messiah. We may not be preparing for Jesus Christ’s arrival in the flesh or plunging into the Jordan River, but John’s words apply just as much today as they did then. We must recognize and repent of our sins in order to be prepared for the Lord’s arrival in our lives in any way. And the kingdom of heaven is still at hand, glimpsed when we are reconciled with God and our neighbor. May we hear John’s words as if they were directed to us here and now.

### History of Advent



*Continuation from 11/30 bulletin*

The oldest document in which we find the length and exercises of Advent mentioned with anything like clearness, is a passage in the second book of the History of the Franks by St. Gregory of Tours, where he says that St. Perpetuus, one of his predecessors, who held that see about the year 480, had decreed a fast three times a week, from the feast of St. Martin until Christmas. It would be impossible to decide whether St. Perpetuus, by his regulations, established a new custom, or merely enforced an already existing law. Let us, however, note this interval of forty, or rather of forty-three days, so expressly mentioned, and consecrated to penance, as though it were a second Lent, though less strict and severe than that which precedes Easter

Later on, we find the ninth canon of the first Council of Macon, held in 582, ordaining that during the same interval between St. Martin's day and Christmas, the Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, should be fasting days, and that the Sacrifice should be celebrated according to the Lenten rite. Not many years before that, namely in 567, the second Council of Tours had enjoined the monks to fast from the beginning of December till Christmas. This practice of penance soon extended to the whole forty days, even for the laity: and it was commonly called St. Martin's Lent. The capitularia of Charlemagne, in the sixth book, leave us no doubt on the matter; and Rabanus Maurus, in the second book of his Institution of clerics, bears testimony to this observance. There were even special rejoicings made on St. Martin's feast, just as we see them practiced now at the approach of Lent and Easter.

The obligation of observing this Lent, which, though introduced so imperceptibly, had by degrees acquired the force of a sacred law, began to be relaxed, and the forty days from St. Martin's day to Christmas were reduced to four weeks. We have seen that this fast began to be observed first in France; but thence it spread into England, as we find from Venerable Bede's history; into Italy, as appears from a diploma of Astolphus, king of the Lombards, dated 753; into Germany, Spain, of which the proofs may be seen in the learned work of Dom Martene, On the ancient rites of the Church. The first allusion to Advent's being reduced to four weeks is to be found in the ninth century, in a letter of Pope St. Nicholas I to the Bulgarians. The testimony of Ratherius of Verona, and of Abbo of Fleury, writers of the tenth century, goes also to prove that, even then, the question of reducing the duration of the Advent fast by one-third was seriously entertained. It is true that St. Peter Damian, in the eleventh century, speaks of the Advent fast as still being for forty days; and that St. Louis, two centuries later, kept it for that length of time; but as far as this holy king is concerned, it is probable that it was only his own devotion which prompted him to this practice.

The discipline of the Churches of the west, after having reduced the time of the Advent fast, so far relented, in a few years, as to change the fast into a simple abstinence; and we even find Councils of the twelfth century, for instance Seligstadt in 1122, and Avranches in 1172, which seem to require only the clergy to observe this abstinence. The Council of Salisbury, held in 1281, would seem to expect none but monks to keep it. On the other hand (for the whole subject is very confused, owing, no doubt, to there never having been any uniformity of discipline regarding it in the western Church), we find Pope Innocent III, in his letter to the bishop of Braga, mentioning the custom of fasting during the whole of Advent, as being at that time observed in Rome; and Durandus, in the same thirteenth century, in his Rational on the Divine Offices, tells us that, in France, fasting was uninterruptedly observed during the whole of that holy time. **To be continued.....**

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

In person AA Meetings  
held in St. Mary's Church Basement,  
gather Mondays at 7:00 pm

Wednesday meetings take place via Zoom at  
7:30 pm

For more information, please visit the website:

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Monday-Sunday



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