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— DECEMBER 14, 2025 –THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY —

Third Sunday of Advent

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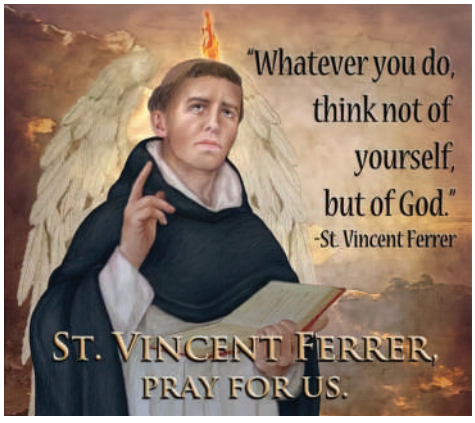

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday
December 14, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 13 **5:00 p.m.**
Third Sunday of Advent — Gaudete Sunday
Samira Florest and Carter Florest — In Memoriam
Requested by the Shani Dellegarde

Sunday, December 14 **8:00 a.m.**
Third Sunday of Advent — Gaudete Sunday
Lydia K. Martin — In Memoriam
Requested by Her Children and Grandchildren

11:00 a.m.
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Julianna Hoyt — In Memoriam
Requested by Virginia Noel

Monday, December 15 **9:00 a.m.**
Reconciliation Monday
Mary Nicholas — Birthday and Communion Blessings

Tuesday, December 16 **9:00 a.m.**
Anthony Gopaul — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Mrs. Pearly Gopaul and Family

Wednesday, December 17 **9:00 a.m.**
Keither Mack — In Memoriam
Requested by Irmin Payne

Thursday, December 18 **9:00 a.m.**
Thomas Galatola — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Friday, December 19 **9:00 a.m.**
Gloria James — Birthday Blessings
Requested by The James Family

Saturday, December 20 **9:00 a.m.**
Rose Andrae Yva Gedeon — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Marie Ange Bernier

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 14: **Christmas Mass Remembrance**
December 21: **Christmas Gift to My Church**
December 25: **Catholic Charities**
Please be generous.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Roy Redhead — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Joseph A. Guy — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Jean Guy

Sanctuary Candle
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Sheila Scope — Birthday Memorial

Annunciation Chapel
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

RECONCILIATION MONDAY DECEMBER 15

Confessions will be heard in Church
3:00–6:00 p.m. and 7:00–9:00 p.m.

And in all other parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and the Archdiocese of New York.

MASS INTENTIONS

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

Place your request together with your **name** and **phone number**, in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

Please make a $20 donation with each request.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 11:2-11

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another? When have I been distracted by things that are not God? How can I direct my attention more fully to God?

And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me. When have I been treated badly because of my faith? How can I speak the truth in love?

Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. When has my pride been a source of sin and discord? How can I foster the virtue of humility?

Closing Prayer

The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.

(From Psalm 146)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 14
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
In the person of Jesus (3), God has come to heal and save us (1, Ps). Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfillment of his advent (2).

Monday, December 15
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Matthew 21:23-27
From Jacob shall come a star (1) which will guide us (Ps). Its light is attested to by John (2).

Tuesday, December 16
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
Matthew 21:28-32
Messianic salvation is promised to the poor and the lowly (1, Ps), yes, to tax collectors and prostitutes, to all sinners (2).

Wednesday, December 17
Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17
The blessing of Judah (1) is fulfilled in Jesus, born of the line of David (2). In Christ all shall be blessed (Ps).

Thursday, December 18
Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25
A descendant of David (1), born to Mary and Joseph (2), will govern with justice and pity the lowly and the poor (Ps).

Friday, December 19
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25
What mighty deeds (Ps)! As an angel announces the birth of Samson (1), so, too, Gabriel heralds the birth of John (2).

Saturday, December 20
Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 1:26-38
The Emmanuel is a blessing (Ps) and a sign for David's house (1); his role is accomplished perfectly in Jesus (2).

Please Join Us
for the
Mass of Installation
of
Reverend Father Michael J.S. Bruno
as
Pastor
of
Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Saturday, December 20, 2025
at the
5:00 p.m. Mass

Join Us For

PIZZA WITH THE PROPHETS

An Advent Reflection Series with Father Michael J.S. Bruno

Reflecting on the Prophets Isaiah, Malachi and Zechariah

TUESDAY, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by calling the Rectory at: 718-859-9009

A Donation of $5.00 per session is requested to cover the cost of the pizza.

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Scripture Reflection

Certain Doubt

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matt 11:3). Does this question, uttered by John the Baptist from a prison cell, surprise us? After all, John leapt in his mother's womb at the mere arrival of Mary, pregnant with the child Jesus. Shouldn't he know for certain? And, if he doesn't know, how can any of us?

Therein lies the beauty of today's Gospel. Rather than surprise us, might today's scene give us comfort? When we find ourselves despairing or doubting, losing hope or maybe even losing faith, can we come back to this question and know that to wonder about God and God's work is not to be faithless but to be human?

It is through questions that we go deeper into relationship with God. It is in the moments of doubt that God rushes in to fill the void with a deeper love and a wider perspective around what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We are not granted certainty at every turn. We are not promised a life without suffering. We are not guaranteed prosperity and power. Too often we humans want to make Jesus into the kind of king we recognize, and perhaps that's why the doubt creeps in.

If we are faithful, shouldn't all of this make sense? But we are thinking as humans think and not as God thinks. So, question, wonder, doubt, but do not step away. The One we are looking for is already and always beside us.

—Mary DeTurris Poust

Mary DeTurris Poust is a writer, retreat leader, and spiritual director living in New York's Capital Region. Visit her website at NotStrictlySpiritual.com.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025

	Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
	December 13	December 14	December 14
Lector # 1	Jocelynne	Lancine	Aiden
Lector # 2	Alison	Jeri	Gloria
	December 20	December 21	December 21
Lector # 1	Mattheus	Anna	Dr. Marina Brown
Lector # 2	Fritz	Carolle	Charmaine
	December 24 Christmas Eve 5PM Mass	December 24 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	December 25 Christmas Day 11AM Mass
Lector # 1	Cynthia	Carolle	Charmaine
Lector # 2	Jamie	Donald	Dr. Marina Brown
	Saturday December 27 5PM Mass	Sunday December 28 8AM Mass	Sunday December 28 11AM Mass
Lector # 1	Alison	Anna	Elaine
Lector # 2	Alana	Daisy	Gloria
	December 31 New Year's Eve 5PM Mass	December 31 New Year's Eve 11PM Mass	January 1 New Year's Day
Lector # 1	Jamie	Charmaine	Marcia
Lector # 2	Cynthia	Cynthia	Lester
	January 3	January 4	January 4
Lector # 1	Cynthia	Daisy	Lester
Lector # 2	Jamie	Carolle	Marcia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025 — REVISED

Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
December 6	December 7	December7
Jean	Roxanne	Joan
December 13	December 14	December 14
Margaret	Daisy	Gillian
December 20	December 21	December 21
Pat	Ignatius	Eric
December 24 Christmas Eve 5PM Mass	December 24 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	December 25 Christmas Day 11AM Mass
Jean	Camille	Marie Rosa
December 27	December 28	December 28
Jocelyn	Claudia	Kim
December 31 New Year's Eve 5PM Mass	December 31 New Year's Eve 11PM Mass	January 1 New Year's Day
Marie Ange	Daisy	Gloria
January 3	January 4	January 4
Mary	Ignatius	Ann

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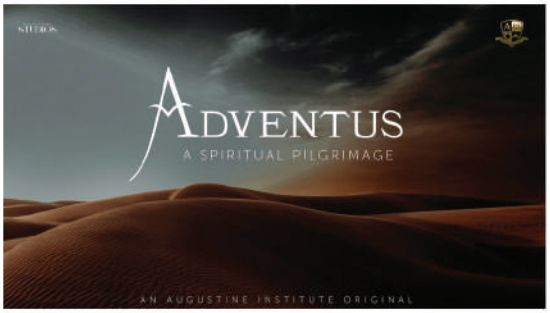
Week of December 14, 2025



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

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30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — GAUDETE SUNDAY

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They asked Jesus a question.
"Are you the Christ?"

Circle 7 differences in the bottom picture.

Jesus said that John the Baptist was more than a prophet. Jesus said that some words from scripture were written to describe John.

Use the graph to find the words.

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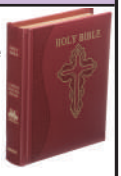

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