

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
7:00 pm in Spanish  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
2:00 pm in Korean

10:00 am in German  
(Archbishop Stepinac HS  
Chapel, White Plains, NY)

**Adoration**

Fridays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Daily Masses**

Monday - Friday  
7:00 am and 12:10 pm  
Saturday: 8:30 am

**Holy Day Masses**

When on a work day:  
Vigil: 7:00 pm,  
Day: 7:00 am and 12:10 pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday in Sacristy  
3:45 pm and 4:30 pm

**Served by**

Rev. Michael Moon  
*Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Uwandu  
*Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Christian Goebel  
*German Cath. Cong. NY*

Rev. Ralph Barile  
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First Week

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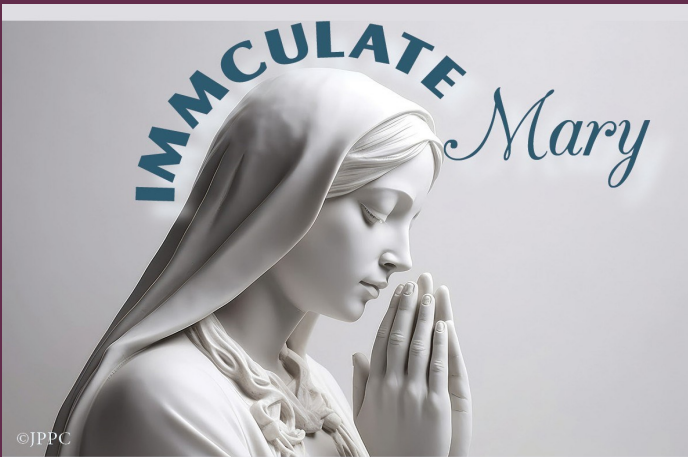
**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**  
HARTSDALE, NEW YORK 10530

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LOST WEEK

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*thank you*

November 5, 2023 - \$8,662  
November 12, 2023 - \$8,806  
November 19, 2023 - \$7,994  
November Parish Reserve Fund - \$3,618  
All Saint's Day - \$1,318  
Catholic Charities Campaign - \$2,301



**December 8th  
Immaculate Conception**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate the following masses in honor of Our Lady:

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>—7pm  
Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>—7am  
Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>—12:10



**The Giving Tree Project 2023**

The Sacred Heart Giving Tree Project, which has been a tradition in this Parish since 1984, is well underway. Please consider contributing. We will accept donations until **Tuesday, December 12**. Please look for the flyer in the vestibule of the church for more details on how you can be a part of this vital opportunity to help those in need during this Christmas season.



**Thank you Volunteers!**

We want to thank all our volunteers that helped to make our annual Seniors' Thanksgiving Dinner a special event. Whether you provided dishes and desserts, helped to set up, serve, and clean, or delivered meals to the homebound, your work was greatly appreciated. We would not have been able to accomplish any of this without your care and generosity.

**December 10th Second Collection  
Religious Retirement Fund**

Next week's second collection is for the Religious Retirement Fun.



**Sacred Heart Parent's Club  
Holiday Boutique**

Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>—Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
9am—2pm  
School Entrance Lobby

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**Saturday, December 2:**

8:30 Leonore Obiem (+)(A)  
5:00 Catherine Bryceland (+)  
7:00 Jeronimo Ruiz & Maria D. Rodrigues (+)

**Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 Richard Paul (L)  
10:00 Serafina Dragone (+)(B)  
12:00 Madeleine O'Sullivan (+)  
2:00 **Korean Mass**  
7:00 Mary, Carmela & Carl Raso (+)

**Monday, December 4: St Damascene**

7:00 Mary Bosco (L)(B)  
12:10 Vincent Muccio (+)(B)

**Tuesday, December 5:**

7:00 In Thanksgiving  
12:10 Osaze Goubadia (+)(1<sup>st</sup> A)

**Wednesday, December 6: St Nicholas**

7:00 Bertita Rojas (+)  
12:10 In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

**Thursday, December 7: St Ambrose**

7:00 Oliva & Juanito Zarsuelo (+)  
12:10 Andrew James Smith (L)(B)  
7:00 The Living & Deceased Members of the Victorio Family

**Friday, December 8:**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

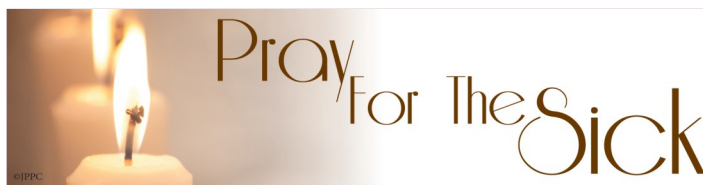
7:00 Giuseppina, Maria, Felicia & Gaetano Castrovinci (+)  
12:10 The Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Saturday, December 9: Saint Juan Diego**

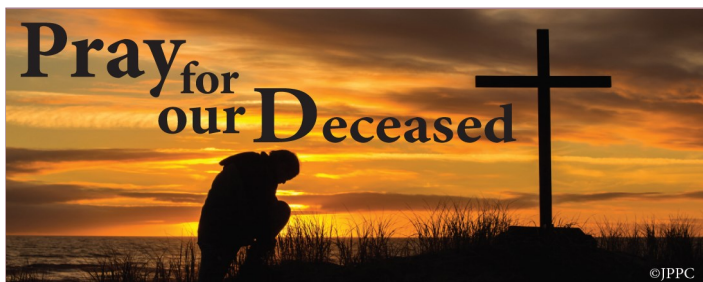
8:30 Antonio Sterlacci (+)  
5:00 Elvira Araujo (+)  
7:00 Special Intentions

**Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 Nicholas DiRubbo (+)  
10:00 Young Ja Hau (L)  
12:00 Mary Young Choi (L)  
2:00 **Korean Mass**  
7:00 Jane Goldwasser (+)(B)



Peter Tomasini, Joanne Potenza,  
Tessie Tan, Joan Vought,  
Caroline Alongi, Andrea Kallaras,  
Julie Diaz, Jose Rivera,  
Elaine Fiorina, Robert Muller



**Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, for those who are most forgotten and for those who recently died, especially:**

Matthew DiLisio, Thomas Russo,  
Veronica Smith, Maria Licari,  
Vincent Apicella, Diane Farquhar,  
and Sr. Danielle Baran

We extend our deepest condolences to everyone who has lost a loved one.

**May God grant you peace and comfort!**

If you would like the name of a loved one to be placed on the Pray For the Sick list, please contact the rectory or leave a note in the collection basket.



## Week of December 3, 2023 The First Sunday of Advent



by Leonard N. Peterson

“Watch” is the key word in the Scriptures for this First Sunday of Advent. Liturgically speaking, this is the equivalent of New Year’s Day for the Church. You and I begin a whole new look at the Life, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. We will meditate on it against the background of a new calendar year as well, complete with the milieu of the secular world’s story as the background.

We know there are many kinds of watchfulness. We will hear again next summer, for example, the steady recorded voice coming from a wheeled stroller saying over and over again: “Watch the cart please!” Slow vacationers must step aside to allow for passage.

Add to the list the watchfulness and the alert scanning of the night watchman, hired to stay aware of any sound that could come from a break in on the property. Add in the seasonal ditty that tells of the children’s need to “better watch out, better not pout” because someone special is “coming to town.”

But then there is Jesus, here in a deadly serious command to His disciples to “Be watchful! Be alert!” exclamation points given. Why? Because “you do not know when the time will come.” “What time?” you ask. The end time. The finale of the complicated symphony that has been going on since creation. The crashing stops all the sound and fury of our little lives that is necessary for the renewal of our hearts and minds to live in the promised kingdom Jesus spoke about.

In its own way, Advent marks the beginning of an end and the end of a beginning. How so? By its plea for us to pay more attention than we have been to the fact that this life is not the only one, and that we have a destiny to live elsewhere and forever where “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the mind of men what God has intended for those who love Him.” That last is the description from one of the Lord’s premier disciples: St. Paul.

But Advent is happily the end of the beginning of our walk with Jesus. We’ve been baptized into His family and we are all His children. So we are not just starting out on the path. We know how to be prepared.

Our Advent watchfulness, then, includes a subtle warning against any complacency settling into our lives. That’s where the purple vestments, symbolic of penance, come into play. To remind us that the best preparation for celebrating Christmas is to do some fasting, some alms giving and plenty of prayer. To “clean up the stable of our souls” to be more ready to receive our Redeemer “wrapped in swaddling clothes.”

Of course, there will always be people who completely misunderstand what it means to be prepared for God’s coming. A certain Mrs. Vandemeer decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, “Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, an emerald bracelet, and a ruby pendant.” “But,” the artist protested, “you’re not wearing any of those things.” “I know,” said Mrs. Vandemeer. “It’s in case I should die before my husband. I’m sure he’d remarry right away, and I want her to go nuts looking for the jewelry.”

God love you, and give you His peace.

### Saint Nicholas December 6

Not a lot is known about the historical Nicholas, who was bishop of Myra, a Greek city in modern-day Turkey, during the fourth century A.D. But there are many stories and legends that explain his reputation as a just and upright man, charitable gift-giver, and miracle worker. St. Nicholas is the patron of children, of travelers, of those seeking husbands, and of many other causes. Here are some of the legends that led this holy man to be associated with so many causes and inspired the mythical figure of Santa Claus.

One grisly legend that says that during a famine in Myra, three young boys were lured into a butcher’s shop, where they were killed and then brined in a wooden barrel with the intention of being sold as “ham.” The good bishop worked a miracle, bringing the pickled children back to life and saving them from a gruesome fate. This story became the subject of many portrayals of Nicholas in art, leading to his reputation as a protector of children. The legend of the brining may explain how he also became, oddly, the patron saint of coopers and brewers.

One of the most popular legends about Nicholas is that the saint, who is said to have come from a wealthy family, secretly helped a poor man with three daughters. The father could not provide proper dowries for the girls to marry, and without husbands to support them, they might have been forced to turn to prostitution. Learning about the situation, Nicholas secretly slipped a bag of gold coins through the family’s window while they were sleeping. He later left a second bag of coins, and likewise, for the third daughter, at which point, the legend says, the father, who had waited up all night, “caught” Nicholas red-handed in his gift-giving. But Nicholas made him promise to keep the secret. The story is likely the explanation for why the modern Christmas character of Santa Claus brings his gifts for children under the cover of night.

In St. Nicholas artworks referencing this legend, the three bags of coins are often depicted as three golden balls. Images of gold balls used to also mark the shops of pawnbrokers, which is probably how Nicholas came to be their patron saint, too.

Dutch immigrants took these legends and traditions to America in the 17th century, referring to him as Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of the Dutch translation for Saint Nicholas.

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Weekly Readings

HOLY BIBLE

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5 | Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10 | Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a | Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 | Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6 | Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a | Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 | Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 | Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 | Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8



*The Sanctuary Lamp is dedicated during the month of December in Loving Memory of*  
**Ronald Baker**



*The Altar Bread is dedicated during the month of December in Loving Memory of*  
**Ines Ramos**

*The Altar Wine is dedicated during the month of December in Loving Memory of*  
**Henry Benvenuto & Marie Zurlo**

**Reflection & Prayer for The First Week of Advent**

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." - Isaiah 9:2*

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

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