

Sunday Messenger



December 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY of *Advent*



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Jesus said,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Matthew 11:4-5

Santa Lucia - Santa Maria Inconronata Catholic Parish

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Parish Administrator
Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM

Mass schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)

5 p.m.

Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday)

8:15 a.m.

Sick calls – at any time

Baptisms – by appointment

– before Masses

Weddings – arrange 6 months in

advance

Parish Office hours

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Evenings - by appointment only

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*Santa Lucia,
pray for us!*

Saturday, December 10

5 p.m.

- + Gina Nicastro family
- + Elsie Cemenio Jeanie Madia Ciaccia
- + Linda Catino family
- ++ Dominic & Rose Scalfaro Joseph Cairo & family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza family

Sunday, December 11
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 a.m.

- + Margaret M. Jackowiak (7th anniversary remembrance)
..... Jackowiak family
- + Alice Dorchek husband Len
- + Loretta Henry (birthday remembrance)
..... Nancy Calace & Louise Carrozza
- + Ray Mancine family
- + Phillip Levato Ropke-Cobb family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke family
- ++ of Volpentesta family Joe

11 a.m.

- + Josie Pascente Vince Scarlata & family
- + Orlando Maffei family
- + Lillian Cozzi Bob & Marinela Bertucci
- + Barbara Alberts (birthday remembrance) family
- + Rosario Fratto Rosa Fratto
- ++ Joseph & Clara Capecci (anniversary remembrance)
..... Marie Panozzo & family
- ++ Fred & Elsie Cemenio Chuck Catino

Monday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

7 p.m.

- In honor of St. Lucy Eugene & Maria De Rango

Tuesday, December 13
St. Lucy

8:15 a.m.

- In honor of St. Lucy Santa Lucia School

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

7 p.m.

- + Gina Nicastro family
- + Josie Pascente Carm & Josie Bertucci
- + Orlando Maffei family
- + Margaret M. Jackowiak (7th anniversary remembrance)
..... Jackowiak family
- + Vito Cali Jim & Mary Rose
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza family
- In honor of St. Lucy (for favors granted) .. Jim & Mary Rose

Friday, December 16

8:15 a.m.

- + Albert & Leonard Garbauski Len Dorchek

Saturday, December 17

5 p.m.

- + Arnie Girona (20th anniversary remembrance)
..... Jim & Mary Rose
- + John Piegari (birthday remembrance) family
- + Geraldine Distasio family
- + Jose Manuel Martinez-Garcia Ramirez family
- + Baby Bruno Anna Marie Arcieri & family
- + Gina Nicastro family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza family
- ++ John & Patricia O'Connell family
- ++ Nick, Jennie & Pasquale Salerno family
- ++ Frank, Clara & Frankie Fittante
..... Anna Marie Arcieri & family
- ++ Catherine, James, Michael, James Jr. & Jimmy Gurgone
..... family

Sunday, December 18
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 a.m.

- + Alice Dorchek husband Len
- + Phillip Levato Jr. Rita & Peter Marnell
- + Patricia Matranga Butch & Marlene Salvato
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke family
- ++ of Volpentesta family Joe

11 a.m.

- + Sam Scalise Scalise family
- + Carmela DiPiazza (anniversary remembrance) family
- + Deloris Cerny family
- + Josie Pascente Angelo & Chris Catezone
- + Phillip Levato Jr. Bob & Marinela Bertucci
- ++ Frankie Marasso, Peter & Minnie Condic ... Condic girls

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5 p.m. – Sebastian Ayala, Mikel Garza,
Marissa & Vickie Mancine
- 9 a.m. – Ixta Delgado, Jose Diaz,
Giuseppe & Teresa Ursatta
- 11 a.m. – Jocelyn Aguilar, John & Joseph Tracy

LECTORS

- 5 p.m. – Roseann Jackowiak
- 9 a.m. – Cindy Jagminas
- 11 a.m. – Genesis Romo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5 p.m. – Pat Moran
- 9 a.m. – Gina Catezone
- 11 a.m. – Terry Moy

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**A SEASON OF HOPE**

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**BY SANTA LUCIA PARENT ASSOCIATION**

This Sunday, December 11th, we are having a pre-Christmas breakfast for all parishioners and school families. Join us at the Santa Lucia School cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be an abundance of breakfast soufflé, hash brown casse-

role, breakfast burritos, pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, juice and hot chocolate. Coffee will be complimentary. Santa will be available for pictures. This event is hosted by Santa Lucia Parent Association.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT**

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ and the best way to prepare is to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess our sins and to receive the graces to live holier lives. Today (Sunday, December 11th) we will have several priests available for confessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Tomorrow (Monday, December 12th) we will have 4 or 5 priests available for confessions from 9 to 11 a.m. Use this opportunity and get ready for Christmas.

**FEAST DAY OF ST. LUCY****PATRON SAINT OF OUR PARISH**

On Tuesday, December 13th, we celebrate the feast day of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr - patron saint of our parish. We will have a vigil Mass on Monday, December 12th, at 7 p.m. Since St. Lucy is patron saint of those who are praying for the health of their eyes, we will have a special celebration of Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. There is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. The Sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing but becomes ill once again, or if, during the same illness, the person's condition becomes more serious. A person should be anointed before surgery when a dangerous illness is the reason for the intervention. Old people may be anointed if they are in weak condition even though no dangerous illness is present.

On Tuesday, December 13th, the feast day of St. Lucy, we will celebrate two Masses: 8:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY

On Tuesday, December 13th, feast day of St. Lucy - patron saint of our parish, we will have our monthly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. (after 8:15 a.m. School Mass) until 3 p.m. Jesus is inviting each of us to come and spend some time in prayer with him. During that time our relationship with him will grow and the desire to have him at the center of our lives will increase.

Be one with Jesus in

Eucharistic Adoration

**HELP SANTA LUCIA SCHOOL TO WIN A GRANT**

Santa Lucia School students Jacalyn and Tori need our help. They are participating in The SAP Social Innovation Series and need our votes to win a \$10,000 grant. With that money Santa Lucia School will purchase equipment and supplies to start a grab-n-go breakfast and snack cart. With the Vegi Trend cart in Santa Lucia School halls, students will stay energized and focused during class and the rest of the day. Vote before Friday, Dec 16, at <https://adcopyouth.wishpond.com/2016sapteeninnovator/> and support Santa Lucia School students efforts.

SANTA LUCIA PARISH

TREASURE FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the 16th century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished 400 years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the 16th century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL AS WELL AS FOR THEIR CARETAKERS

Kati Kaup, Joe DiChicco, Tony Giglio, Mary Mannella,
Josie Vitale, Lottie Christiano, Humberto Perez,
Connie Dastice, Annie Maggio, Jeanine Briatta,
Nicholas Tobar, Dolores Levielle, Sherry LaMantia,
Carol Ordzowialy, Gail Wodarski, Jerry Pizzotti,
Ida Ruffolo, Maria Senerchia, Irene Burich, Kate Drost,
Gianina Alberto, Paride Infelise, Barb Stack,
Katie Santello, Pat Hoffman, Brian Carnahan,
Mary Lou Donzelli, Lizzy Kaup, Breck Neiswender,
Jose Lara, Ofelia Lara, Mary Lou Walztoni,
Fr. Nick Marro, Pat Petrizzo, Efren Leanos Sr.,
Carmen Llamas, Marie Floros, Jordan McGrane,
Janice Gio, Anne Kavalauskas, Nina Mastro,
Geraldine Maratea, Frank Bruno

SUNDAY MESSENGER

RENEW MY CHURCH

"Catechesis addresses 'I don't know', evangelization addresses 'I don't care'. If we address the issue of 'I don't know' before we address the issue of 'I don't care' we will waste our efforts and frustrate our people, because they just don't care."

Curtis Martin

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

On Friday, December 16th, we will have an Advent Evening of Reflection. Dominican sister Thomas Aquinas, OP from St. Ignatius College Prep will be our guest speaker. Please join us for a nice dinner, a spiritual talk and a night to relax and enjoy one another's company. There is a sign-up sheet at the rear of the church. Doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Sister will begin her program at 7 pm. The cost for the evening is \$15.

HELP US PREPARING OUR CHURCH

Please, join us on Monday, December 19th at 6 p.m. in decorating the church for Christmas.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Do you have any family members who are at home, in hospital or other institution and are not able to come to church? Do they desire to receive Sacraments before Christmas (Reconciliation-Confession and Holy Communion)? Please, let me know about them so that I could visit them before Christmas.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The SPRED Center, located above the church on 30th and Lowe Ave., is a faith development program that helps people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and learning problems, and their families to grow in faith and friendship within a small faith community. If interested, please, speak with Fr. Stipe or call 312-842-1039.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

December 4

Envelopes (75)	\$1,298.50
<u>Loose Donations</u>	<u>\$ 127.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,425.50

(average gift \$17.31)
