

# Sunday Messenger



## FOURTH SUNDAY

# OF Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 24, 2017

Santa Lucia - Santa Maria Incononata  
Catholic Parish

3022 S. Wells St. • Chicago, IL 60616

Parish Administrator  
Fr. Stipe Renić, OFM

### Mass schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)  
4 p.m.

Sunday  
10 a.m.

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday)  
8:15 a.m.

**Sick calls** — at any time

**Baptisms** — by appointment

**Confessions** — before Masses

**Weddings** — arrange 6 months in  
advance

### Parish Office hours

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Monday - Friday)  
Evenings - by appointment only

### Parish Secretary

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*Santa Lucia,  
pray for us!*

**Saturday, December 23**

**4 p.m.**

- + Gina Nicastro ..... family
- + Clara Capecci (anniversary remembrance)  
..... Marie Panozzo & family
- + Nancy Calace ..... Altar & Rosary Society
- + Anna Marie Arcieri ..... Marge & Ro
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza ..... family
- Special intention ..... Terry & family

**Sunday, December 24  
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 a.m.**

- + Nancy Calace ..... Ropke family
- + Anthony Sinople ..... Ropke family
- + Josephine Vitale ..... family
- + Alice Dorchek ..... husband Len
- + John Caruso ..... Inglima family
- + Angie Girona ..... Jim & Mary Rose
- ++ Tulio & Francesco Infelise ..... Lynn family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke ..... family
- ++ of Parilla, Traficanto, & Cemeno families

- ..... Len & Mary Fran
- ++ of Panozzo, DiVittoria, Spalla, Nardi, & Capecci families
- ..... Marie Panozzo

**4 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS**

- + Mary Ann Zeman ..... Cerny cousins
- + Dominic "Bud" Petrizzo ..... nieces
- + Frankie Marasso ..... Janet Luce
- + Linda Catino ..... sisters
- + Marion Alebich ..... nieces
- + Deloris Cerny ..... family
- + Romano Ramundo ..... Butch & Marlene
- + Ray Mancine ..... family
- ++ Peter & Minnie Condic ..... Janet Luce
- ++ Rocco & Angie Sabbia ..... daughters
- ++ William & Genevive Catino ..... family
- ++ Carl & Catherine Salvato ..... family
- ++ Frank & Palma Ursetta ..... family
- ++ of Cantanvespi family ..... Don & Annette McCarthy
- ++ of Locasto family ..... Don & Annette McCarthy
- ++ of Bartuca family ..... Don & Annette McCarthy
- ++ of Parilla & Traficanto families ..... Len & Mary Fran

**11 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE "MIDNIGHT" MASS**

- + Terry Tocco ..... niece Karli
- + LeRoy Caputo ..... niece Karli
- + Carol Ordzowialy ..... Nancy Grabowski
- ++ Charlotte & May Doody ..... great granddaughters
- ++ Ralph & Georgeann Ferro ..... granddaughter Karli
- ++ Dominic & Margaret Pertizzo ..... granddaughters
- ++ Michael & Lucia Cappetto ..... granddaughters
- ++ Michael, Madeline, & Michael Jr. Cappetto ..... family
- ++ Sam, Marge, & Debie Renola ..... Carmine & Marie Ursetta
- ++ of Jackowiak, Iozzo, Ursetto, & Florez families
- ..... Roseann & Patricia
- Special intention ..... Momma

**Monday, December 25**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**10 a.m.**

- + Josephine Vitale ..... family
- + Maria Strmecki ..... Santa Lucia parishioners
- + Gina Nicastro ..... family
- + Ella Velazquez ..... Bob & Marinela Bertucci
- + Anthony Sinople ..... Ropke family
- + Michele Giso ..... Nancy Grabowski & family
- + Pierina Infelise ..... daughter
- ++ Tulio & Francesco Infelise ..... Lynn family
- ++ Michael & Mariano Coletta ..... family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza ..... family
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke ..... family
- ++ Dominic & James Infanto ..... family
- ++ Richie Delly & Jordan McGrane ..... Tre & family

**Tuesday, December 26  
St. Stephen**

NO MASS

**Friday, December 29**

**8:15 a.m.**

- + Rita Suriano ..... family

**Saturday, December 30**

**4 p.m.**

- + Gina Nicastro ..... family
- + Nancy Calace ..... Passarelli family
- + Rose Capinegro ..... Terry & family
- ++ Joseph & Carmela DiPiazza ..... family
- ++ Frank & Jennie Colosimo ..... Tom & Mary Ann
- ++ Carl & Josephine Powell ..... Tom & Mary Ann

**Sunday, December 31**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**10 a.m.**

- + Josephine Vitale ..... family
- + Catherine Panozzo (anniversary remembrance)  
..... Marie Panozzo & family
- + Nancy Calace ..... Ropke family
- + Anthony Sinople ..... Ropke family
- + Ann Kavalauskas ..... Nancy Grabowski
- + Camille Kristich ..... Carmen & Josie Bertucci
- + Linda Catino ..... Butch & Marlene
- + Dominic "Bud" Petrizzo ..... Butch & Marlene
- ++ Ronald Jr. & Theresa Ropke ..... family
- ++ Leonard & Alice Dorchek ..... family

**4 p.m. MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD EVE**

- + Deloris Cerny ..... family
- + Mary Ann Zeman ..... Cerny cousins
- ++ Dominic & Margaret Pertizzo ..... granddaughters
- ++ Michael & Lucia Cappetto ..... granddaughters
- ++ Frank & Barbara Bruno ..... daughter
- ++ Michael, Madeline, & Michael Jr. Cappetto ..... family
- Special intention ..... Momma

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

## CALENDARS

Santa Lucia wall calendars for 2018 are available in the entrance area of the church thanks to Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home.

## THANK YOU ALL

Many thanks to all who donated to Christmas flowers. Your generous donations help us to make our church beautiful for Christmas.



**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR THE UPCOMING CHRISTMASS HOLIDAYS**

Please note that our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas.

There will be no Mass celebrated on Tuesday, December 26. Please, note that on Tuesday, December 26, Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Jerome at 7:30 a.m.

## FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY SERIES

We continue with the 6-part Franciscan Spirituality Series. The third session titled *Birth of the Lord - St. Francis celebrates Christmas* will be on Wednesday, January 3, at 7 p.m. in the St. Jerome Small Hall. The presenter will be Fr. Lawrence Frankovich, OFM PhD - Pastor of St. Augustine Croatian Church in West Allis, WI, and former professor of theology.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY

On Tuesday, January 9, we will have our monthly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. (after 8:15 a.m. School Mass) until 2 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.

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"  
- Jesus (Matt 26:40)

## THANK YOU

- Dear friends and parishioners, thank you for all the moments we have been together in Advent! Let us look forward to Christmas season!
- Thank you for making it a priority to participate in our celebrations, devotions and events.
- Thank you for all of your gifts to our parish with which you unselfishly help the life of our parish community. May the good God abundantly reward you!
- A special thanks to everyone who in this busy past weeks found time to help in decorating and preparing our church for these glorious days. Thank you for your time, effort and dedication.
- Thanks to all of you who donated for the beautiful flowers adorning our church these holy days.
- We are especially grateful for your Christmas witness of love and faith in Christ our Lord. Together we go forward in that faith into 2018!

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS WITH LOVE



Fr. Stipe

## WINDOWS CAMPAIGN AT SANTA LUCIA SCHOOL

*Windows Campaign is in progress. We are still looking for donations to cover the cost of the windows for the Santa Lucia School building — \$8,000 is still needed. If you have not yet seen the windows, please, check out the north-side of the school building. The windows look beautiful! The school is already saving money on the energy bills! The new windows offer better insulation for our children, keeping them warm during these cold months.*

Eileen Sheedy, Principal

## **SANTA LUCIA PARISH**

### **THE BEST WAY TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS IS TO KEEP MASS IN CHRISTMAS**

This Christmas, let us celebrate anew the fact that God has come in the flesh to accompany and save us! Let us not forget: Christmas is a season, not just a day. We celebrate several important feasts after Dec 25, especially: Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (a holy day of obligation); Jan 7 – Feast of the Epiphany; Jan 8 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (traditional finish of Christmas Season).

### **ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

If you attend Mass here regularly, we encourage you to register as a member of Santa Lucia. Registering in the parish makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, religious education registration, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. Registering is easy. Visit or call the Parish Office (312-842-6115).

### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE ALTAR**

If you would like to present the gifts to the altar at any Mass, please, see one of our ushers before the Mass. It would be beautiful if we would have different families at each Mass, or to have you if a Mass is being celebrated for your intention.

### **RCIA - ADULT PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS**

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized but never formed in the Catholic faith? Have you never been baptized? If you can answer “yes” to one of these questions, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be what you are looking for. It is a program for adults who didn't receive all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), and now would like to explore the possibility of fully entering the Catholic Church.

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

Kati Kaup, Tony Giglio, Mary Mannella, Annie Maggio,  
Jeanine Briatta, Nicholas Tobar, Dolores Levielle,  
Gail Wodarski, Jerry Pizzotti, Ida Ruffolo,  
Maria Senerchia, Irene Burich, Kate Drost,  
Gianina Alberto, Paride Infelise, Barb Stack,  
Katie Santello, Pat Hoffman, Lizzy Kaup,  
Breck Neiswender, Jose Lara, Ofelia Lara,  
Fr. Nick Marro, Pat Petrizzo, Carmen Llamas,  
Mary Balestri, Shane O'Connell, Juanita Perez,  
Marie Floros, Carmen Pinto, Kevin Bingham,  
Margaret Gavin, John Senerchia, Richard Valentine

## SUNDAY MESSENGER

*Dear parishioners, friends and benefactors!*

*May the Incarnated Word of God - Jesus Christ,  
the newborn baby from the  
Bethlehem manger, bring love  
and closeness to our families  
and to every human heart.*

*Merry Christmas to all!*



### SAVE THE DATE

- **Sunday, December 24**
  - Christmas Eve Children's Mass (4 p.m.)
  - "Midnight" Christmas Mass (11 p.m.)
- **Monday, December 25**  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS MASS  
(10 a.m.)
- **Tuesday, December 26**  
No Mass - Parish office is closed
- **Sunday, December 31**  
New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving  
(4 p.m.)

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- **Monday, January 1**  
New Year's Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of  
God Mass (10 a.m.)
  - **Tuesday, January 2**  
No Mass - Parish office is closed
  - **Tuesday, January 9**  
First All School Mass in 2018

### ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

We have a flexible and secure system that allows you to support Santa Lucia online. You can give a single donation or as frequently as you like. Thank you for your generous support. For more info, please, visit: [santaluciachicago.org/giving](http://santaluciachicago.org/giving).

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### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**December 17**

Envelopes (68)	\$1,344.50
Online giving (4)	\$95.00
<u>Loose Donations</u>	<u>\$143.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,582.50

(average gift \$19.99)

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