

# Sunday Messenger



First Sunday of

# Advent

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

Santa Lucia - Santa Maria Incoronata  
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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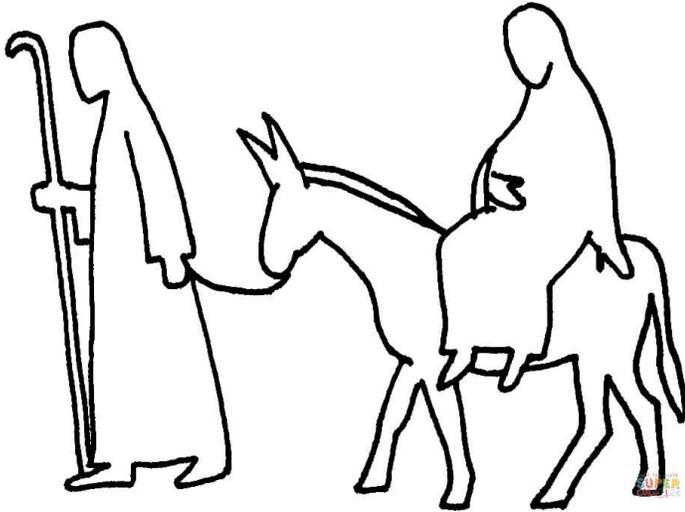
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*Santa Lucia,  
pray for us!*



**Saturday, December 1**

**4 p.m.**

- + Geraldine Distasio ..... Family
- ++ Jack and Patricia O'Connell .....Family
- ++ Catherine, James Sr., Michael, James Jr. ....
- .....Jimmy Gurgone and Family
- ++ Jennie, Nick, Pasquale Salerno ..... Family

**Sunday, December 2  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 a.m.**

- + Enus Amielo ..... Scalise Family
- + Linda Catino .....Family
- + Josephine Vitale.....Family
- + Janice Imperato .....Friend
- + James Christian Jr. ....Barry and Fran McMeel & Family
- ++ Frankie Marasso & Catherine Ferro .....Marasso Family
- ++ Rosa and Domenico Folino ..... Dominick & Family
- ++ of Volpentesta family ..... Family

**Tuesday, December 4**

**8:15 a.m.**

**Friday, December 7**

**8:15 a.m. - All school mass**

**Saturday, December 8  
MASS OF ANTICIPATION**

**4 p.m.**

- + Rich Catezone Sr. .... Family
- + Angela Zaffarano ..... Carmela Capellupo
- ++ Bety and Frank Traficanto ..... Len and Mary Fran
- ++ Sam and Mary Nuzzo ..... Family

**Sunday, December 9  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10 a.m.**

- + Barbara Alberto ..... Family
- + Suzanne Senese (Birthday Rem.) ..... Lucinda Diosdado
- ++ Angela and Mary Rose Catizone .....
- ..... Angelo and Chris Catizone
- ++ Ralph and Carmela Catizone .....
- ..... Angelo and Chris Catizone
- ++ Domenico and Rosa Folino ..... Dominick & Family
- ++ of Volpentesta family ..... Family

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4 p.m. & 10 a.m. – Please, consult your schedule.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

4 p.m. – Mary Fran Traficanto  
10 a.m. – Eluisa Lynn

**LECTORS**

4 p.m. – Marge Piegari  
10 a.m. – Elena Mancari



**LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL**

- 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,  
Carmen Llamas, Shane O'Connell, Juanita Perez,  
Marie Floros, Kevin Bingham, Margaret Gavin,  
Richard Valentine, Laura Opdenaker, Jackie Kroulaidis,  
Tony Consola, Pat Burrows

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE**

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading – The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm – To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading – Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2).

Gospel – Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

*God Bless You!*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**FEAST OF SANTA LUCIA**

On Wednesday, December 13, we celebrate the feast day of St. Lucy—patron saint of our parish. On that day, we will celebrate two Masses: 8:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Main celebrant for the evening mass will be Fr. Joe Grbeš.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Christmas is coming up. This year we decided to have **Midnight mass at 10 p.m.**, instead of 11 p.m. We believe that it is going to be much easier for the most of our parishioners to participate. On **Christmas Eve** we celebrate a mass at **4 p.m.**, and on **Christmas** mass will be at **10 a.m.**

If you want to have your own intention for one of the Christmas masses, please contact our Parish office by December 10. .

**RENEW MY CHURCH**

We believe that most of you have heard the news from the Archdiocese this past Wednesday, regarding the future of Catholic Parishes in this area. Unfortunately, decision that was made is not the one that we hoped and prayed for.

However, it is our responsibility to do everything to keep this community together, to keep it close to Jesus and to his Church. In the next few weeks, after the meetings with the Parish Council and all interested parties, we will figure out how this process is going to continue. We strongly believe that we can make it through.

We - Croatian Franciscans are happy that we could serve this community as your priests for so many years, especially for the last three years when our presence here was official. We want you to know that you are all more than welcome to talk with us about everything that you need to talk. We want you to know that you are more than welcome to share your feelings and your emotions. And we want you to know that all of you are more than welcome to join us at St. Jerome.

Today, tomorrow and every day!

Fr. Ivica and Fr. Antonio

**RCIA - ADULT PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS**

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a program for adults who were never baptized, baptized and formed in another faith tradition, or baptized Catholics who didn't receive the other sacraments of initiation (Confirmation, Eucharist), and now would like to enter the Catholic Church. For more info, get in touch with our priests.

## **SANTA LUCIA PARISH**

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism.

The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

### **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.

### **SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The SPRED Center, located above the chapel on 30th and Lowe Ave., welcomes people who live with developmental, intellectual disabilities, or learning challenges. They welcome people from area parishes who are from 6 to 86. Each person with special needs has a one to one relationship with an adult man and woman.

The SPRED program is a faith development program that helps us grow in faith and friendship within a small faith community. No experience with special needs is required to volunteer just a willingness to offer friendship. Discover how beautiful a small faith community can be in enriching your life and the life of our friends.

## SUNDAY MESSENGER

### ADVENT INSPIRATION

#### THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

-St. Bernard:

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#### 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.

We welcome anyone who wants to share in the life of Santa Lucia Parish. Registering is easy! Visit or call the Parish Office (312-842-6115).

#### 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.

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#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT<sup>3</sup> November 18

Envelopes (47)	\$1,132.00
Online giving (2)	\$ 30.00
Loose Donations	\$ 99.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 1,261.00</u>

(average gift \$21.59)

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT November 25

Envelopes (44)	\$ 735.00
Online giving (1)	\$ 25.00
Loose Donations	\$ 117.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 877.00</u>

(average gift \$19.36)

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#### SAVE THE DATE

- **Saturday, December 8**  
Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary  
- patronal feast day of the USA
  - **Thursday, December 13**  
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
- patron saint of our parish
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