

Sunday Messenger



Second Sunday of

Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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

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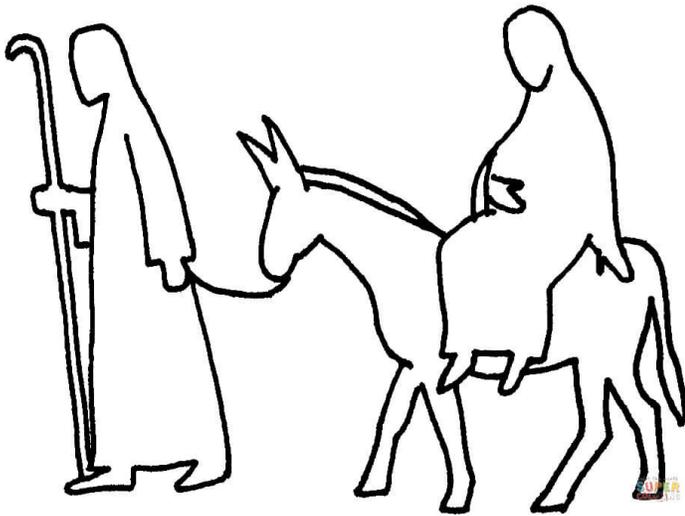
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*Santa Lucia,
pray for us!*



**Saturday, December 8
MASS OF ANTICIPATION**

- 4 p.m.**
 + Rich Catezone Sr. Family
 + Barbara Bush Ed Farmer
 + 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
 ++ Angelo and Mary Rose Catizone
 Angelo and Chris Catizone
 ++ Ralph and Carmela Senese
 Angelo and Chris Catizone
 ++ Domenico and Rosa Folino Dominick & Family
 ++ of Volpentesta family Family

Tuesday, December 11

8:15 a.m.

**Thursday, December 13
Feast of Santa Lucia - Patron Saint of Our Parish**

- 8:15 a.m.**
 In honor of Santa Lucia Scalise Family

7:00 p.m.
 PRO POPULO - For all parishioners

Friday, December 14

NO MASS

Saturday, December 15

- 4 p.m.**
 + Deloris Cerny Love Family
 + Michael 'Pike' Alebich Nancy and Family

**Sunday, December 16
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 10 a.m.**
 + Margareth M. Jackowiak (9th Ann. Rem.)
Jackowiak Family
 + Joseph Capecci (Ann. Rem.)Marie and Family
 + Josephine Vitale.....Family
 + Frankie Marasso & Special Intention.....Marasso Family
 ++ 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. – Roseann Jackowiak
 10 a.m. – Terry Moy

LECTORS

4 p.m. – Pat Jackowiak
 10 a.m. – Lisa Christiano



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms – The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading – I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel – The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

God Bless You!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: International Human Rights Day
Tuesday: St. Damasus I
Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday: St. Lucy
Friday: St. John of the Cross

FEAST OF SANTA LUCIA

On Thursday, 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. The 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 Day** 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 tomorrow, Monday 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

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death.

There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her.

Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

November 25

Envelopes (59)	\$ 1,135.00
Online giving (2)	\$ 50.00
Loose Donations	\$ 377.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,562.00

(average gift \$25.60)

SAVE THE DATE

- **Thursday, December 13**
 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 - patron saint of our parish
 - **Sunday, December 23**
 - Parish Confession at St. Jerome at 6 p.m.
 - **Monday, December 24**
 - Christmas Eve *Vigil mass* at 4 p.m.
 - *Midnight Mass* at 10 p.m.
 - **Tuesday, December 25**
 - Christmas Mass at 10 a.m.
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