

Sunday Messenger



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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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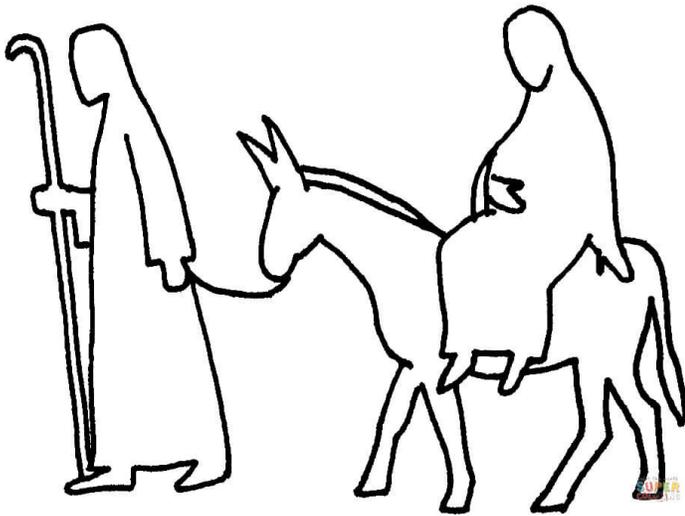
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*Santa Lucia,
pray for us!*



Saturday, December 15

4 p.m.

- + Deloris Cerny Love Family
- + Michael 'Pike' Alebich Nancy and Family
- + Joseph Sepulveda Arnie Ramirez
- + Margareth M. Jackowiak (9 Ann. Rem.)...Jackowiak Fam.

**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

Tuesday, December 18

8:15 a.m.

Friday, December 21

8:15 a-m-

All School Mass
PRO POPULO - For all parishioners

Saturday, December 22

4 p.m.

- + Sam Scalise Family
- + Clara Caperci (Ann. Rem.) Marie and Family
- + John R. Piegari (Birth. Rem.) Family

**Sunday, December 23
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10 a.m.

- + Ross ValentiNancy Grabowski and Family
- + Nick Perisin (Birth. Rem.)Jackowiak Family
- ++ Frankie Marasso, Peter Condic and Minie Condic
.....Janet Luce
- ++ Domenico and Rosa Folino Dominick & Family
- ++ Tony and Rosalie Catizone .. Angelo and Chris Catizone
- ++ Panozzo, DiVittorio, Spalla, Nardi, Capecci
.....Marie and 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. – Esther Perez
10 a.m. – Pat Jackowiak

LECTORS

4 p.m. – Marge Piegari
10 a.m.– Roseann Jackowiak



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

TODAY' S READINGS

First Reading – Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm – Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading – Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel – Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins

Tuesday: International Migrants Day

Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

FEAST OF SANTA LUCIA

Thank you to all of you who joined us for the Feast of Santa Lucia, patron Saint of our Parish. It has really been a nice and faith-filled evening. A big thank you to Fr. Joe Grbeš from Croatian Franciscans for his presence and his kind words. May the Lord, through the intercession of St. Lucy bless us all.

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** mass will be at **4 p.m.**

On **Christmas Day** mass will be at **10 a.m.**



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 your are more than welcome to join us at St. Jerome.

Today, tomorrow and every day!

Fr. Ivica and Fr. Antonio

SANTA LUCIA PARISH

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, Gaudete Sunday, is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice!

This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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. 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

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

December 9

Envelopes (52)	\$ 775.00
Online giving (2)	\$ 50.00
Loose Donations	\$ 106.00
TOTAL	\$ 931.00

(average gift \$17.24)

SAVE THE DATE

- **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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