

# SAINT PIUS V ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 17, 2023

## The Parish Staff

**Father Felix Sanchez**  
Pastor

**Mr. Alfredo Castellanos**  
Deacon

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Mr. Mario Gil

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Mrs. Verónica Once

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Mrs. Leonilda Alves & Mrs. Veronica  
Once

RCIA: Deacon Alfredo Castellanos &  
Veronica Once

## SACRAMENTS:

### Communion for Homebound

Anyone unable to attend mass because of illness may receive Holy communion at home regularly. Please call the rectory.

**Funerals, Private Masses, Anniversaries, Quinceañera & Sweet Sixteenth Masses** Please make arrangements with the priest or please call at the rectory.

### Marriage

Please make arrangements with priest, six months before Marriage date is set.

### Anointing of the Sick

Second Saturdays at 8 : 00 am

### Reconciliation

By appointment during office hours; please call before coming.

### Baptisms

Saturdays at 1:30 pm  
Initial contact by appointment with the priest.  
You will need a copy of the Birth Certificate

Contactar con la secretaria para una cita con el Padre.  
Es necesario traer el Certificado de Nacimiento

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**Saint Pius V Roman Catholic Church**  
Office Hours: Mon - Sat: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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stpiusv-queens.org  
Thursdays: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

## Eucharist - Masses

**Monday - Saturday**  
**Thursdays**  
**Sundays**

**8:00 am English**  
**7:30 pm Spanish**  
**8:30 am Portuguese**  
**10:00am English**  
**11:30 am Spanish**

**Solemnities** 8:00 am English & 7:30 pm Trilingual

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH

##### PORTUGUESE 8:30am

†Francisco Rodrigues, Felisbela Brito, sogros, avos e tios a pedido de Rosa Rodrigues  
†Manuel Pereira, Jaime Pinheiro, pais, avos e tios a ped de Adelaide Pinheiro  
†Jose Alves, pais e Avos a pedido de Rosa e Sandra  
†Julio Jorge de Jesus a pedido de Flaviano Jorge  
†Manuel Barreira, esposa, pais, irmaos, sobrinhos e netos a ped de Maria Barreira

##### ENGLISH 10:00am

†In memory of Marie Rose and George Cadet req by Nicole Lamothe

†Antonio Gomes a pedido da esposa e filhos

##### SPANISH 11:30am

†Ramon Ortiz Pacheco de parte de su hermana y sobrinos

†Marco Rodriguez de parte de su hijo y nietos

†Lilba Rosio Gonzalez 34 años de muerte de parte de su hermana

†Gentil Emilio Gonzalez por sus 3años de muerto de parte de hijo y familia

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH

8:00am:

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH

8:00am:

#### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

8:00am:

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 21ST

8:00am:

7:30pm: Eterno descanso de Angela Gutierrez

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 22ND

8:00am:

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 23RD

8:00am: †

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH

##### PORTUGUESE 8:30am

†Jose e Maaria Silveira, irmos e sobrinhas a ped de Laurinda Silveira

†Albino Tavares da Silva, 7th Aniversario a ped de Cunhadas e familia

†Antonio Carvalhos a ped de primas Alves

†Gracinda Aires da Silva a ped do Centro Recreativo Portuges de Jamaica

†Beatriz Barreto, esposo, pais, irmãos a ped de Maria Barreira

†Maria y Antonio Da Cruz e filho a ped de Ana y Antonio Da Silva

##### ENGLISH 10:00am

†5th Aniversario de Nora George a ped de la familia

##### SPANISH 11:30am

En acción de Gracias al Divino Niño a ped de Ludisaca y Remache

### READINGS OF THE WEEK:

**Sunday:** *Third Sunday of Advent*

*Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*

**Monday:** *Late Advent Weekday*

*Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25*

**Tuesday:** *Late Advent Weekday*

*Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25*

**Wednesday:** *Late Advent Weekday*

*Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38*

**Thursday:** *Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

*Song of Songs 2:8-14 (or Zephaniah 3:14-18a); Luke 1:39-45*

**Friday:** *Late Advent Weekday*

*1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56*

**Saturday:** *Late Advent Weekday*

*Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66*

**Sunday:** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*2 Samuel 7:1-5b, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27;*

*Luke 1:26-38*



### Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church December 21st

Peter was born in Holland in 1521, and attended university in Cologne, Germany, earning a master's degree by the time he was 19. He then decided to join the Society of Jesus-the Jesuits. *St. Ignatius of Loyola* served as his spiritual director, and he dedicated his efforts to preaching

and developed as a scholar and administrator in universities. During Mass one day, Peter received a vision of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which moved him to focus his work on this perspective of divine love. He wrote about the experience in a letter: "It was as if you opened to me the heart of your most sacred body: I seemed to see it directly before my eyes. You told me to drink from the fountain inviting me, that is, to draw the waters of my Savior. I was most eager that streams of faith, hope and love should flow into me from that source. I was thirsting for poverty, chastity, obedience. I asked to be made wholly clean by you, to be clothed by you, to be made resplendent by you."

Peter taught at many universities, but devoted great efforts to preaching so that he could explain the fundamental truths of Catholic teaching from the pulpit. His work had an immediate impact on Catholics there. He founded colleges at Munich (1559), Innsbruck (1562), Dillingen (1563), Würzburg, (1567), Augsburg, and Vienna, and even recommended *St. Stanislaus Kostka* for reception in the Jesuits. He was a strong opponent of Protestantism and has been called the second apostle of Germany. His major work was the Triple Catechism (1555-58), which became the most famous catechism of the Counter-Reformation. He is known for his strong support for the Catholic faith during the Protestant reformation in Germany. Austria, Bohemia, Moravia, Switzerland, and the British Isles.

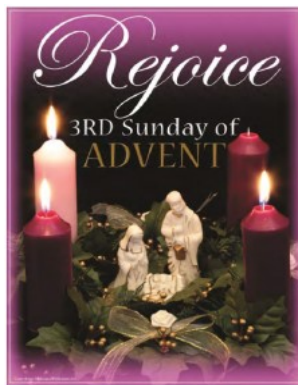


### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 8:00 am Mass (English)

First Friday of the month at 7:00 pm (Español)



**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS! AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE!****JOHN 1:6-8,19-28**

When St. Paul tells us to "rejoice always" (1 Thessalonians 5:16), it might seem that he is asking the impossible. How can we always feel joyful? Isn't this too much to ask, even today, on Gaudete (or "Rejoice") Sunday?

Not according to St. Thomas Aquinas! He taught that "joy is caused by love". As we experience God's love for us, we grow in love for him-and this exchange of love is what produces joy in us. St. Paul also knew that God's love was the secret to joy, which is why he follows up his exhortation to "rejoice always" with specific steps that we can take to experience his love more deeply:

First, pray with ceasing. When we open our heart to God throughout the day, he fills it with his very self. The experience of his unconditional love and unending mercy ignites our love in return.

Second, in all circumstances give thanks (Thessalonians 5:18). Gratitude also deepens our love for God, especially when we reflection who he is and what he has done for us. And in this Advent season, whatever our circumstances, we can thank God for sending his Son to earth to become one of us.

Finally, do not quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19). In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul tells us that "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit". If we want more joy in our lives, we can ask the Spirit to stir up the love of God in our hearts. And when he does, we can express it by praising him-which in turn, increase our joy.

Joy is not just for Gaudete Sunday; it's for every day. So each day, follow Paul's advice: turn to the Lord in prayer, thank him for all he has done for you, and ask him to fill you with more of his Spirit. Then praise him-and let your spirit soar



The Third Candle is Pink and stands for Joy. It is called "the Shepherd's Candle," and the shepherds' section of the Christmas story is very much about joy. It represents the joy that filled the hearts of the shepherds when they journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the Wise men. The third week of Advent is unique, more spontaneous, and celebratory compared to the other weeks.

**PARISH LIFE****Parish Councils and Committees**

Parish Pastoral Council  
Hispanic Committee  
Finance Committee

**Committees for Special Feasts**

Our Lady of Fátima Committee  
Comité Altagraciano  
Comité Guadalupano  
El Salvador del Mundo

**Apostolate Cursillistas:**

Jueves a las 7:30PM (Church Basement)

**Grupo de Oración "Cristo la Roca" (RCC)**

Jueves a las 8:00PM (Church Basement)  
Servidores: Martes a las 8:00PM (Church Basement)

**Grupo de Matrimonios**

Viernes a las 7:00PM (Church Basement)  
Servidores: Sábados a las 7:00PM (Church Basement)

**CCD Meetings (Communion and Confirmation)****DEVOTIONS:**

**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena** Mondays 8:00 am

**Rosario de Mujeres - Inmaculada Concepción** Martes a las 7:00 pm

**Rosario de Hombres - Medalla Milagrosa** Martes a las 8:00 pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 17, 2023

1. There are forms at the entrance to the Church inviting you to dedicate a Christmas Wreath in memory of a loved one for Christmas. The wreaths will hang on the fence around the Church throughout the Christmas Season. The donation is \$35 per wreath.
2. The Youth Group has made "Twelve Days of Christmas" calendars illustrating the last days before Christmas. The calendars will have Bible Verses for each day, sweets and miniature Nativity Scene figures which will create a Nativity Scene for Christmas Day. The cost is \$20 each. A sample will be on display in the Church. You must indicate which language you wish the Bible Verse written when you order.
3. Penitential Monday is tomorrow, December 18th. Confessions will be heard from 9:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the Rectory.
4. Thank you for supporting "Do Small Things with Great Love". We are pleased to announce that we were able to provide 650 meals this week thanks to your generosity. We continue to need cans of diced, sliced, stewed, crushed or pureed tomatoes and tomato sauce. Please continue to support **"Do Small Things with Great Love"**.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

During the Month of December the Sanctuary Lamp is offered as

-Em memoria de Antonio Tavares a ped de esposa e filhos

If you want to make arrangements to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit please call the Rectory.

The Donation is \$25.00

**FOOD PANTRY:**

Every first Wednesday at 10:00am  
St. Peter's Chapel  
(The Rectory Basement)

**LORD, BLESS OUR FOOD PANTRY AND ALL WHO WILL BE NOURISHED IN BODY AND**

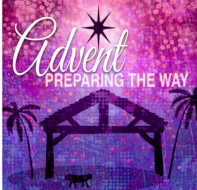


**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Next Meeting  
December 17th  
Church Basement

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

1. Save the Date: April 20, 2024 there will be a Women's Conference at the Immaculate Conception Center. The theme will be "The Holy Women at the Empty Tomb". We will update as more details come forward about the event.
2. The National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis next year from July 17-21, 2024. Tickets are limited, so, enroll as soon as possible. Enrollment forms and the program schedule can be found in the rectory office.


**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**  
12/10/2023 \$ 2,266.00



**PENITENTIAL MONDAY**  
**December 18, 2023**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm and**  
**4:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**At the Rectory Office**



**Christmas Mass Schedule**  
**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
Sunday, December 24, 2023  
8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am Masses  
11:00pm Christmas Carols  
12 Midnight Solemn Vigil Mass  
December 25th - Christmas Day:  
10:00am Christmas Trilingual Mass (one Mass only)



Sunday, December 31st  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
8:30am, 10:00am 11:30AM  
Sunday, December 31st — **NEW YEARS EVE**  
6:00pm Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God  
**Monday, January 1st**  
10:00am Solemnity of Mary Mother of God  
Only one Mass will be celebrated

**Registration / Inscripción**

Parish Registration is important in the event you may need testimonial letters for Sacraments and official institutions. Letters will be provided **ONLY TO PARISHIONERS WHO ARE REGISTERED** through our website or through our paper registration forms. Thank you.