

# SAINT PIUS V ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 2023

## The Parish Staff

**Father Felix Sanchez**  
Pastor

**Mr. Alfredo Castellanos**  
Deacon

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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

Contact the secretary for an appointment  
with the Father.  
It is necessary to bring the Birth Certificate

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



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Thursdays: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

## Eucharist - Masses

**Monday - Saturday  
Thursdays  
Sundays**

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

**Solemnities**

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH

##### PORTUGUESE 8:30am

†Jose e Maria Silveira, irmas e sobrinhos a ped de  
Laurinda Silveira  
†Albino Tavares da Silva, 7th Aniversario a ped de  
Cunhados 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  
†Orlando Goncalves, Leocadia Goncalves a ped de  
Henrique Goncalves

##### ENGLISH 10:00am

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

##### SPANISH 11:30am

\*En acción de Gracias al Divino Niño a ped de la  
familias Ludisaca y la familia Remache  
\*Compleaños 89 de Delfina Degante a ped de sus  
hijos

##### MIDNIGHT MASS 11pm

##### MONDAY DECEMBER 25TH 10:00 am

†Jose e Celina Padinha e filha a ped de Paula  
Gonçalves  
†Jose Leal e esposa, Manuel Faria e esposa a ped de  
Maria Leal.  
†Artur Rebelo e esposa e filho, Joao Rebelo, Jose  
Valente e esposa e filhos a ped de Arminda e Julio  
Valente.

\*Thanksgiving for Carol and Arnold Fernandes  
Birthday by Nicole Lamonthe

##### TUESDAY DECEMBER 26TH

8:00am:

##### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27TH

8:00am:

##### THURSDAY DECEMBER 28TH

8:00am:

7:30pm:

##### FRIDAY DECEMBER 29TH

8:00am:

##### SATURDAY DECEMBER 30TH

8:00am: \*Thanksgiving Mass for the favors received  
req by the Fernandes family

##### SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

### READINGS OF THE WEEK:

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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rm 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Midnight Mass**

Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

**Monday: *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Solemnity)***

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (or John 1-5, 9-14)

**Tuesday: *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)***

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

**Wednesday: *Saint John, Baptist and Evangelist***

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)***

1 John 1:5-22; Matthew 2:13-18

**Friday: *5th Day Within the Octave***

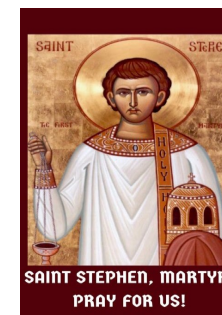
1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2: 22-35

**Saturday: *6th Day Within the Octave***

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

**Sunday: *The Holy of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3); Col 3:12-21 (or  
Col 3:12-17 or Hebrews 11:8); Luke 2:22-40 (or Luke 2:22, 39-40)



### Saint Stephen, The First Martyr December 26th

Stephen was one of the first to follow the Apostles. It is believed that he was either Greek, or a Jew educated in Greek culture. What is certain is that he was greatly appreciated by the community in Jerusalem that his name appears first among the seven men chosen as deacons to assist the Apostles in their mission. A man “filled with faith and the Holy Spirit”, he worked wonders and miracles-but some members of the synagogue stirred up the people against him, with the elders and scribes saying he had blasphemed against Moses and against God. In the days following Pentecost, Stephen was hauled before the Sanhedrim, and accused by false witnesses of preaching that Jesus would “destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.”

Saint Stephen then gave a speech-the longest recorded in the Acts of the Apostles –in which he reviewed the history of salvation. God, he said, had prepared for the coming of Jesus, the Righteous One, but the leaders of the people had resisted the Holy Spirit just as their fathers had persecuted the prophets. Stephen concluded his speech with the words, “Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right had of God.” This final proclamation cost him dearly. With a loud cry, those present cast him out of the city “and began to stone him.”

The Acts of the Apostles says that among those who approved of Stephen’s execution was Saul, who persecuted the Christians, but later became the Apostle of the Gentiles-St. Paul. As he breathed his last, St. Stephen, in imitation of Jesus, prayed that God might receive his spirit, and prayed for the forgiveness for his murderers.

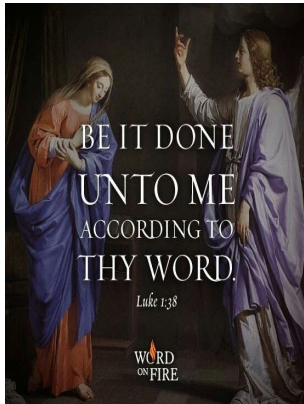


### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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



**MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.****LUKE 1:26-38**

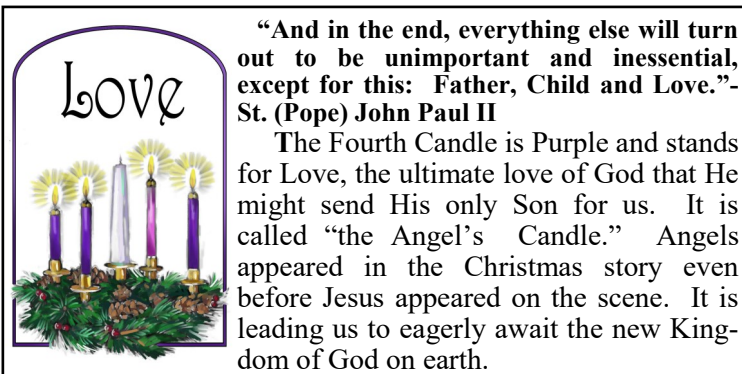
Mary's words to the angel seem easy and somewhat romantic to us. But to her they were anything but. They represented a seismic shift in her life. When she spoke these words, she was agreeing to take up a mysterious new life filled with a host of unknowns. No longer would she be a humble housewife and mother in the model of so many of the women she had known.

Instead, she would become the Mother of God, and nothing would ever be the same. She would have only one child whom she would prepare to become Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world. What's more, she would go through life bearing the misunderstanding and judgements of friends and family members.

Imagine how frightening this could have been for Mary. She had no example to follow because nothing like this had ever happened before! She couldn't ask her mother or an aunt to show her how to walk this path. Her rabbi might offer some guidance, but the idea that God even had a Son would have been foreign to him.

But as unique as Mary's situation was, it is also very familiar. Who among us hasn't felt at times as if we were walking a path that no one else has walked? Who hasn't felt at times as if we were all alone, with no one to guide us? We may not have responded as sinlessly as Mary did, but just the fact that she has gone before us can bring us great comfort.

Mary knows what it's like to have her life turned upside down. She knows what it's like to walk a lonely road and to be misunderstood. But even on Christmas Eve, as she faced the prospect of giving birth in a stable, she continued to trust in God's care. Now assumed into heaven, she offers us her compassion, support, and intercession, especially when we feel lost and alone. She never tires of teaching us and caring for us.

**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)

**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) Sunday at 9:30 am

RCIA: Sunday at 9:00 am

**DEVOTIONS:**

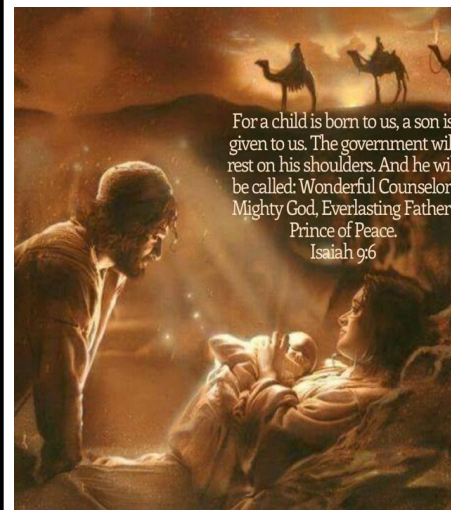
**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena** Mondays 8:00 am

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

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

**The Nativity of the Lord**

December 25, 2023



Merry Christmas! On this most Joyous day, let's join with the angels and worship our new born King. *Glory to God in the highest!*

*"We praise you, Jesus, Son of God!* You came down from heaven to earth! You emptied yourself and became a helpless child to save us. We behold you, asleep beside Mary and Joseph on a bed of straw. The choirs of angels praise, Lord, and we join with them. We bow down in awe before the humility and love you showed when you took on our human flesh. We thank you, Lord, that you became the son of man so that we might become sons and daughters of God.

*"We bless you, Jesus, Mighty Savior!* In you the kindness and generous love of God has appeared. You have come to your people Israel and set them free. Even more, you came to show mercy to all nations. Every person on earth can find salvation in you. You come to comfort all who mourn, to raise up all who are bowed down. And you do all this by offering yourself in love. Thank you, Lord, for saving us by your grace!

*"We adore you, Jesus, Light of the World!* We, the people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light in you. Your glorious light shines in the darkest corners of our world—and of our hearts. No power of evil can prevent your love from reaching us, your sons and daughters. We praise you for this holy day when your light dawned upon the earth!

*"We glorify you, Jesus, Emmanuel!* You are God-with-us. We are never alone. You have joined yourself to us in an unbreakable bond. You dwell within us and will never leave us. You promise to be with us always—even to the end of time. Than you, Jesus, for your faithful love!"

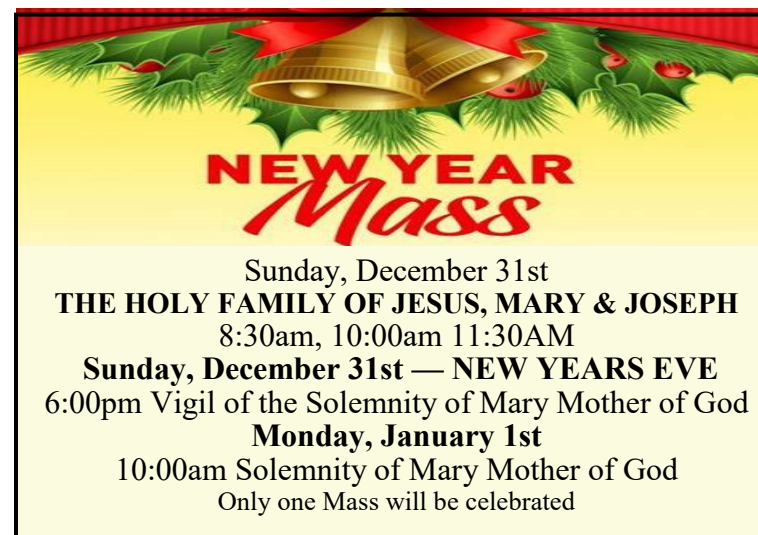
*Glory to God in the highest! Praise to Jesus, born for us this day!"***THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

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

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Beginning January 14, 2024, the hours for Religious Education every Sunday will be from 9:30am to 12:30pm.
2. Tonight Caroling will begin at 11:00pm followed by our Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass at Midnight. On Christmas Day we will celebrate one Tri-Lingual Mass at 10:00am.
3. The Rectory will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Monday December 25th and Tuesday December 26th.
4. On January 7th we will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord with one Mass at 10AM. After the Mass, the Three Kings will come to the auditorium to give gifts to the children.

