**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **4th Sun Advent 19 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Crispin |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Eugene and Joe | Volunteers |
| **Christmas Eve Masses** | **Friday 24th 6.00 pm Mass**  | **Friday 24th midnight Mass**  | scan0004 |
| **Lector** | It will be nominated | It will be nominated |
| **Music ministry**  | It will be nominated | Francis McDowell  |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardisomeone will be nominated | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi Someone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | It will be nominated | Poletta family |
| **Christmas Day Masses**  | **Saturday 25th 9.00 am Mass**  | **Saturday 25th 10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | It will be nominated | It will be nominated |
| **Music ministry**  | Mary Rose  | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardisomeone will be nominated | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi Someone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Volunteers |
| **Holy Family Sun 26 Dec 21** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Lobo family |  |
| **Music ministry**  | Mary Rose | Marylou James |  |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardisomeone will be nominated | Fr CrispinSomeone will be nominated |  |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Volunteers |  |
| **New Year’s Day** | **Saturday 1st Jan 2022**  | **Adoration and then 9.00 am Mass**  |

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 12/12/2021 – 587.10$**

**Loose Money: 12/12/2021 – 290.00$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**JOIN IN SINGING THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Mon: 20th Dec St Dominic of Silos**

***December is the Month of the Divine Infancy***

**Tue: 21st Dec St Peter Canisius, Doctor**

**Wed: 22nd Dec St. Demetrius**

**Thu: 23rd Dec St. John of Kanty**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 24th Dec St. Emiliana of Rome**

**Sat: 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY - THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION and NOVENA FROM 17TH DEC TO 25TH DEC**

It is an important moment for all of us to receive the **sacrament of Reconciliation** in preparation for Christmas. This year, Fr Vittorio will be available for individual confessions. So, From the 17th of December until 23th of December, Fr Vittorio will confess every day from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcomed.

**The Christmas Novena** begins on 17December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord’s birth. This is the best time to hold carols services and to begin to sing Christmas carols in the liturgy.

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR 2022/C, REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: LK 3:10-18**

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.