



**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**

5:00M	Fr. John
6:30AM	Fr. Monica
8:00AM	Fr. Kirk
10:00AM	Fr. John
12:00PM	Fr. John

**Monday December 12, 2022**

6:30 Robert Pine req. by Kramer Family  
 8:00 Jim McFadden req. by Joe & Kathy Mallon

**Tuesday December 13, 2022**

6:30 James Surgner, Sr. req. by Palumbo Family  
 8:00 Edward Murray req. by Children

**Wednesday December 14, 2022**

6:30 Frank Dzwoniarek req. by Paul & Marianne Klein  
 8:00 Joseph Donahue req. by Lois Donahue

**Thursday December 15, 2022**

6:30 Dec'd Mem of Marvel Fam req. by Marvel Family  
 8:00 Kelly Wreath req. by Brian & Alicia Graham

**Friday December 16, 2022**

6:30 Anthony Manzo req. by Visconto Family  
 8:00 Jusef Muchel req. by Sliwa & Kilczewski Family

**Saturday December 17, 2022**

8:00 James Robinson req. by Sister  
 5:00PM Senator Mike Gravei req. by Susan Guest

**Sunday December 18, 2022**

6:30 Teresa Carman req. by Family  
 8:00 Kelly Wreath req. by O'Brien Family  
 10:00 Neiley Family req. by John  
 12:00 Nicholas Ferrante req. by Tom & Joanne Zagorski

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 18, 2022**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
<b>5:00PM</b>	R. Gola C. Gola	D. Haggerty
<b>6:30AM</b>	S. Brown	M. Konopka
<b>8:00AM</b>	J. Sweeten M. Hatfield	R. Johnson
<b>10:00AM</b>	N. Burnosky T. Cullen	C. Comly J. Lynch
<b>12:00PM</b>	J. Spear R. Spear	D. Bores



**All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:**

Kathleen Hensel – parishioner  
Ryan Alburger – parishioner  
AnneMarkowski – friend of Julie Teson

**All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:**

Carol Troisi – wife of Vincent Troisi

**For those in the armed forces:** Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Sean Sylvester-Army; Kyle Higgins-Army; Justin T. Erbrick-Army; Sean Conway-Navy; Jen Hutz-Air Force; Sean Conroy-Navy; Joseph Erbrick, III-Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Tyler Jernigan-Army; Christopher Smith-Navy; Alex McAneney-Air Force; Brian McGinty-Marines; Dan O'Brien-Air Force; Ashley O'Brien-Air Force; Daniel Patty-Navy; Michael Sheppard-Air Force; Hoku Teson-Army; John McFillin-Navy; Trevor O'Malley-Army; Daniel Taylor-Air Force; Stephen Winther-Marines; Bobby Winther-Navy; Amanda Smith-Navy; Joseph Patty-Army; Christian Curtis-Marines; Thomas Campbell-Marines; Michael Bones, Jr-Navy

**Divine Mercy Prayers** are on the third Sunday of each Month after the 10 AM Mass. All are welcome.

**Hospital Visits** - If you are in the hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the rectory office at 215-637-7515. Due to HIPPA laws we are unable to get information from the hospital, therefore, we must hear directly from the patient or family.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following winners in our Cash Calendar Fundraiser: #624, 476, 155, 906, 682, 721, 325, 808.





If you would like to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season, please come help us on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.** No need to call – just show up to the upper church. Thank you!



Please join us for an evening of both traditional and contemporary liturgical Christmas works performed by a variety of musicians throughout the Archdiocese. It will surely be a lovely way to remind us all the true reason for the season. The Concert will be on **Thursday, December 22 at 7:00PM in the Upper Church.**

Please support the **Visonto Family's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Francis Inn Blanket Drive.** With the help of our family, friends and neighbors we have been able to spread warmth around the Philadelphia area and we sincerely thank you. You may drop off all blankets to the Visonto Funeral Home, 2031 Vista Street or 3908 Fairdale Road. You are also welcome to call us at 215-63-7-8184 and we will be happy to pick your blankets up. Drop off dates and times are: December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LADY OF CALVARY CASH CALENDAR FUNDRAISER FOR 2023.**

Purchase a \$40 calendar and be entered to win daily prizes throughout the entire year of 2023. That's 365 chances to win for \$40! There is a total of \$10,000 in cash and prizes available throughout the year. Winners are based on the evening Pennsylvania Lottery Drawing. Numbers are as signed on a first come, first served basis. Forms are available at the back of the Church and in the Rectory. Submit a completed form and payment to the Rectory. Please contact the Rectory with any questions.

**BLOCK COLLETIONS – Annual Appeal**

Thank you to those who have contributed to our Annual Block Collection. We are very grateful for your generous contributions which are used for the upkeep of our parish.

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Thank you to the following for their donation in memory of *Patrick Vetter*: Gerry & Mary Capella and Bruce Herdman.

**BLOOD DRIVE** at Our Lady of Calvary – lower Church meeting room on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-828-1975 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor code OLOC. If you are an eligible type O, B – or A – donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Special Needs Mass** to be held on Sunday, December 18 at 1:30PM at Saint Martha Church, Academy Road. This Mass has no music, no long homilies, and subdued lighting, conducive to a calming atmosphere for both you and your family member who may have a hard time sitting through a regular Sunday Mass. Please come and see how your loved one adapts to this Mass.

**Calvary Seniors** meet every Tuesday at Regina Coeli Hall, 9617 James Street, 19114. Doors open at 9:30AM – meeting starts at 10:30AM.



BLESSED AMONG US

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

**Joyful Dissonance**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** – On the morning of December 9, 1531, a Christian Indian named Juan Diego passed a hill at Tepeyac, not far from present-day Mexico City. Hearing a voice calling him by name, he looked up to see a young Indian maiden. Speaking in his Nahuatl language, she instructed him to tell the bishop to construct a church on this hill, the site of an ancient shrine to the mother goddess. The bishop paid Juan no attention. In subsequent showings the maiden identified herself as the Mother of God and told Juan to gather roses that grew, unseasonably, at her feet. When he returned to the bishop and opened his cape, Juan revealed a full-color image of the Lady mysteriously imprinted on the rough fabric.

So was born the cult of Our Lady of Guadalupe (as the Indian name of the Lady was rendered in Spanish). But the apparition truly marked the birth of the Mexican people – a fusion of the Spanish and Indian races and cultures. With her dark skin and Indian features, the Lady offered an image of divine compassion for a demoralized people. Speaking to Juan Diego in his own language, she presented herself in terms of compassion and solidarity, not power and domination. Through him, she called the Church to heed the voice of the poor, to serve as a vehicle for their cultural and spiritual survival.

The image, enshrined in a basilica in Mexico City, attracts millions of pilgrims each year. Juan Diego was canonized in 2002.

*“My dearest son, I am the eternal Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God, Author of Life, Creator of all and Lord of the Heavens and of the Earth.”*  
-Apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego

Today we are with John the Baptist at a very low point in his life. His ministry is over, and his life is hanging by a thread. He has been imprisoned at the desert fortress of Herod Antipas east of the Dead Sea. Now, to top it off, he hears news about Jesus that puzzles and troubles him. John was expecting the coming of the Messiah to bring a universal cleanup. He had spoken of the “coming wrath” and said “the ax is lying at the root of the trees” (Matt 3:10). Now he hears that Jesus is preaching forgiveness and compassion for sinners.

John is experiencing what today we call cognitive dissonance. And so he sends the question to Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”

Jesus responds with a quote from Isaiah which describes the actions he has been performing as signs of the coming “year of favor from the Lord”.

He goes on to say, “Blessed in the one who takes no offense in me,” who (literally) “does not stumble over me.” John will have to adapt his view to the reality of who Jesus really is, which may be contrary to his preconceived notions.

How about us? Today Jesus lives among us in the Church, which is his Body, and we may experience cognitive dissonance, too. Can this institution with abuses and scandals and weak people be the Church of the living God? Isn’t a little wrath over the “evils” of secular culture in order? Like John the Baptists, we long for a universal cleanup. As we should.

But don’t be scandalized, Jesus says, if I don’t do it your way. Don’t be offended by the “good” part of the good news.

Indeed, the Lord is near. Rejoice. I say again, rejoice.

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