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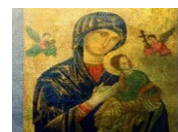
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December 14, 2025

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of the  
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Every  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Monday to Friday**

8 am – Italian; 7 pm English

**Saturday**

8 am – Italian; 5pm - English

**Sunday:**

10:00 am – Italian

8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm - English

**CONFESSION**

Every Saturday @ 4 – 5 pm, other days please call for Appointment

**MEMORIAL MASS**

Monday – Friday @ 7:30 pm - please call to schedule



**Monday- Friday**

9 am – 12 pm; 1 – 5 pm

**Saturday – 9:00 am – 12 pm**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Sunday - 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

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DECEMBER 27, 2025, 7PM

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Celebrare il Sacramento della Riconciliazione significa essere avvolti in un abbraccio caloroso: è l'abbraccio dell'infinita misericordia del Padre.

Papa Francesco

Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving.

~ Pope Francis


## Why do priests wear pink on the third Sunday of Advent?

A. The third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice Sunday.

B. Gaudete is the Latin word that means rejoice. This is why priests have the option of *wearing pink* on this particular Sunday.

C. The third Sunday of Advent indicates that the season of penance is coming to an end and soon we will be rejoicing in the celebration of Christmas.





PREGHIERA PER I SOFFERENTI

Signore abbi pietà di coloro che sono infermi, e sono in una profonda tristezza, se Tu vuoi, puoi aiutarli a "vedere" e a guarire. Illumina i medici nel curare i loro mali; rendi più efficaci le cure e gli interventi sulla malattia. Dai loro la forza di reagire al dolore e per collaborare con gli Angeli della guarigione. Amen.

### Prayer for the Sick



God of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our family, friends and loved ones, and all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical pain, may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure sickness, make broken body whole, and free downcast spirit.

May this special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts, we make this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed, Amen.

Amen.



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### SACRAMENTO DELLA CONFESSIONE

Venerdì, 19 Dicembre @ 7 pm

### Community Confession

Friday, Dec. 19 @ 7 pm

### NOVENA DEL SANTO NATALE

(15 dicembre – 23 dicembre)

15 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Lectors, EEM, Ushers

16 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – St. Jerome's School

17 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Couples for Christ

18 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Catechists (First Com., Conf., Children Lit.)

19 dicembre – Community Confession

20 dicembre @ 5:00 PM – Circle of Prayer & The Loved Flock Community

21 dicembre – El Shaddai Group

22 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Handmaids of the Lord & Prayer Group

23 dicembre @ 7:00 PM – Altar Servers, Parents and Youth Group

### CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

(December 15 – December 23)

December 15 @ 7:00 PM – Lectors, EEM, Ushers

December 16 @ 7:00 PM – St. Jerome's School

December 17 @ 7:00 PM – Couples for Christ

December 18 @ 7:00 PM – Catechists (First Com., Conf., Children Lit.)

December 19 – Community Confession

December 20 @ 5:00 PM – Circle of Prayer & The Loved Flock Community

December 21 – El Shaddai Group

December 22 @ 7:00 PM – Handmaids of the Lord & Prayer Group

December 23 @ 7:00 PM – Altar Servers, Parents and Youth Group

### Messe del Santo Natale

Mercoledì, 24 dicembre

6:00 PM – Messa della famiglia con recita natalizia dei bambini

10:00 PM – Inglese

Giovedì, 25 dicembre

Italiano: 10:00 AM

Inglese: 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

### Festa della Sacra Famiglia

Domenica, 28 dicembre

Messe Regolari Domenicali

### Solennita Della Madre di Dio

Mercoledì, 31 dicembre - Vigilia di Capodanno

Adorazione eucaristica per tutto il giorno fino alle 18:45, seguita dalla Messa alle 7:00 PM

Giovedì, 1 gennaio

Italiano: 10:00 AM

Inglese: 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

### Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 PM – Family Mass with Children's Christmas Play

10:00 PM – English

Thursday, December 25

English Mass: 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

Italian Mass: 10:00 AM

### Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 28

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

### Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

All day adoration until 6:45 PM followed by mass @ 7 PM

Thursday, January 1

English Mass: 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:00 PM

Italian Mass: 10:00 AM

### Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year

A warm invitation to the faithful of the archdiocese to join with Cardinal Leo for the Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 5 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available with numerous priests present from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. All are most welcome

### Mass Readings for Sunday, 14 December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

Psalms: Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Second Reading: James 5: 7-10

Alleluia: Isaiah 61: 1

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

### On the Lighter side.....

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."


## December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent Yr A

L'atmosfera della terza domenica di Avvento, chiamata domenica "Gaudete", è bene espressa da queste parole: "Rallegratevi sempre nel Signore: ve lo ripeto, rallegratevi, il Signore è vicino". La scrittura presenta la letizia come alleanza tra Dio e l'uomo: "Quale gioia, quando mi dissero: Andremo alla casa del Signore!". Nella prima lettura, tratta dal profeta Isaia, ricorrono diversi termini che fanno riferimento al gaudio: allegrezza, esultanza, gioia, giubileo e felicità. Al dono del gaudio si oppone ogni sorta di lamentela che, però, non ha posto nel cuore dei credenti, perché il Cristo viene e ormai vicino.

Gesù esalta la figura di Giovanni Battista, ma allo stesso tempo la ridimensiona dicendo: "Il più piccolo nel regno dei cieli è più grande di lui. Fu proprio il precursore a percepire fin dal grembo materno la novità della gioia: Giovanni "esultò, e non soltanto, ma esultò nella gioia. Il gaudio è un frutto dello Spirito Santo che permette di camminare in novità di vita: Fammi sentire gioia e letizia: esulteranno le ossa che hai spezzato".

Today is the third Sunday of Advent called **"Gaudete Sunday."** The term Gaudete simply means **"to rejoice."** Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls. Joy is more than pleasure, which is experienced physically. It is more than happiness, which is more cerebral. Joy is the gift of the Holy Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23](#) Pope Francis writes, "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus...Joy is the Christian's ID card

## Mass Intentions



**SATURDAY, December 13**

5:00 PM – † all souls

**SUNDAY, December 14 – 3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM – Special intention of John Aiyegbusi; Healing for Azmi Fayad † Cristeta Hernandez Tapar; Enrique Vigliola; all souls

10:00 AM – † Galiano & Concetta Pacione; Antonio Vincenzo Pillegi, Carmela & Santo Perri; Angelina Buffone; Di Matteo Giovanni; Giovanna Coccia; Felicia Caravaggio

12:00 PM – Birthday thanksgiving of Eisenlec & Joselyn Pascual † Lourdes & Pacifico De Lara; Domenico Pecchia; Yanna Yan Sosnitski

5:00 PM – † COMMUNITY

**MON., December 15**

8:00 am – †

9:15 AM – St. Wilfrid's School Advent Mass

7:00 pm – Novena sponsors: Lectors, EEM, Ushers; Special intention of Celesto Joy Pacho Farinas † Ernesto Orsino; Merylla Laguno; Cecily Correra; Jose Maria Jose Ponte; Angel Quimada; Soffronio Vasquez

**TUESDAY, December 16**

8:00 AM †

10:00 AM – Humber Meadows Mass

6:30 PM - Novena Sponsor: St. Jerome's School Advent Mass †

**WEDNESDAY, December 17**

8:00AM †

7:00 PM - Novena Sponsor: Couples For Christ † all souls

**THURSDAY, December 18**

8:00 AM – †

7:00 PM – Novena Sponsor: Catechists (First. Com., Conf., Child. Lit.) † Rosa e Giovanni Bertucci

**FRIDAY, December 19**

8:00 AM – Birthday thanksgiving of Gloria Salas & Aileen Tumulba † Rodel B. Cortez and deceased family members

7:00 PM – † COMMUNITY CONFESSION

**SATURDAY – December 20**

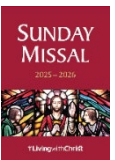
8:00 AM †

2:00 PM - BAPTISM

5:00 PM – Novena Sponsor: Circle of Pryaer & Loved Glock Community † All souls

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