



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

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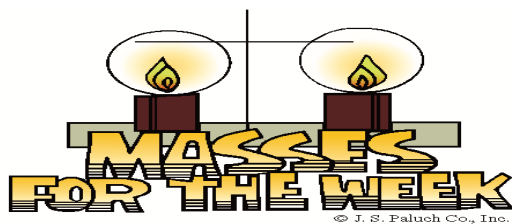
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By appointment only

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Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, December 11

**5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders
[8A] & [26A]**

SUNDAY, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM Dino Tarabokija
10:00 AM Barbara Spadavecchia
12:00 PM Henry M. Barca, Sr.**

MONDAY, December 13

12:05 PM John Picinic

TUESDAY, December 14

12:05 PM James Smith

WEDNESDAY, December 15

**12:05 PM Anna Hightower &
Joseph Nalewaicki**

THURSDAY, December 16

12:05 PM Matthew Piccini

FRIDAY, December 17

12:05 PM Emilia Muzic

SATURDAY, December 18

5:30 PM Michael A. Pansini

SUNDAY, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM Nicolo Hroncich [13A]
10:00 AM Luciano Lo Sardo
12:00 PM Henry M. Barca, Jr.**



**Memorials
Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
People of Our Parish Family**



*Join us today, for
A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday ♦ December 12, 2021*

3 PM





Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

— Isaiah 12:3

REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

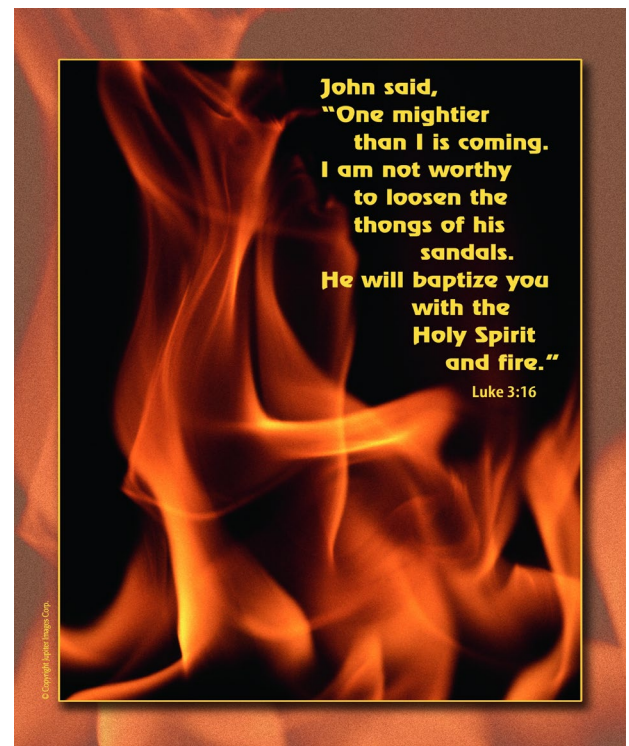
Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Lucy

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross





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We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

John McConnell
Catherine Mary Moncello
Camilla Leventhal
Nicole Grano
Johanna Hanush
Lena Vitale.
John Thomas Lazur Dersch
Robert Zienkiewicz
Florence Navarro
Paula Kelnhofer
Barbara Demczyszyn
Caroline Ruppert Hubertz
Tom Greaux
John Ratynski

Anthony Deli
Michel Porta
Julian Morgan
Baby Amato Jordan
Philip Dittmar
Grace Ehler
Julio Sanchez
Arline Hrbek
Kevin Michael Francis
Jacqueline Palmadessa
Michael Toscano
Ellie Lombardelli
Brandon Kingsley
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If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and/or Communion and Confirmation, please call Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989.



Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Presents:

*Please do not wrap.
only new items please
leave under tree or bring to parish center.*

Envelopes:

*Please do not put under tree.
Bring envelopes to parish center or
put in collection basket.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
Call Sister Dorothy with questions.*

*Gifts from the Giving tree need
to be in by Sunday, December 19*

SURPRISE IN HEAVEN

*I dreamt death came,
the other night
And Heaven's gate swung wide,
An angel with halo bright
Ushered me inside.
And there to my astonishment,
Stood folks I'd judged and labeled:
As "quite unfit," of "little worth."
And "spiritually disabled."
Indignant words rose to my lips,
But never were set free,
For every face showed
stunned surprise-
Not one expected ME!*

**Saint Margaret of Cortona
Christmas 2021 Schedule**

Christmas Masses December 24-25

**Friday, Christmas Eve:
5:30 PM and 12:00 Midnight**

**Saturday, Christmas Day:
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
(No 5:30 PM Mass)**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph, December 26**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,
(New Year's Day)**

January 1, 2022

**Friday, December 31,
New Year's Eve: 5:30 PM**

**Saturday, New Year's Day
12:00 PM
(No 5:30 PM Mass)**

**The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday, December 18
1:00 pm,**

**Monday, December 20
at 4:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, December 21
4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 22
2:00 - 4:00 pm**

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