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SAINT STEPHEN AND OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR
CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 23 DECEMBER 2018

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts are both handicapped accessible.

MASS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday (*Anticipated Mass*): 5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Our Saviour),
11:00 a.m. (Our Saviour), 12:45 p.m. (Sacred Hearts),
3:00 p.m. Korean-English Bilingual (Sacred Hearts),
5:00 p.m. (Our Saviour), 5:30 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

DAILY MASS

Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. (Our Saviour)
Monday-Saturday: 12:05 p.m. (Our Saviour)
Monday-Friday: 5:15 p.m. (Sacred Hearts)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As announced.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays after the 7:45 a.m. Mass
until Benediction at 11:50 a.m. (Our Saviour)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Our Saviour:

Monday-Friday: 7:20-7:40 a.m., 12:40-1:00 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30-4:55 p.m.; Sunday: 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Sacred Hearts:

Sunday: 5:00-5:15 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrange at least six (6) months in advance.
For information, please call (212) 679-8166 x220.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Inter-parish Program (K-8) at the Church of the Epiphany
(212) 475-1966.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: St. Jude
Thursday: St. Anne
Friday: Sacred Heart

NEW PARISHIONERS

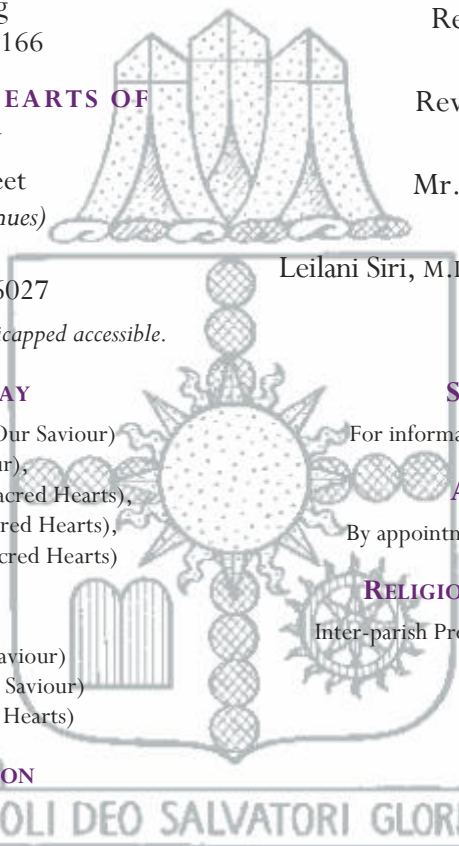
To register, please fill out a registration form
at the Parish Office at Our Saviour.

AUDIO: HOMILIES AND MUSIC

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SPACE RENTALS

Please contact Mr. Angel Falcon
at (212) 810-9004 or iknowangel@aol.com.
The Church Undercroft is available for wedding receptions,
Christening parties, meetings, and special events.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 23 December – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

(O EMMANUEL)

5:00 p.m. Betty Howard +

9:00 a.m. James Neelan +

11:00 a.m. Anthony Antonecchia +

12:45 p.m. Byron Mansylla +

5:00 p.m. Joseph & Maryann DiGilio +

5:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Monday, 24 December – *Advent Weekday*

7:45 a.m. George Coleman +

12:05 p.m. Lucy Rosario +

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Pro Populo

11:00 p.m. Carol A. Doran-Murray +

Tuesday, 25 December – *The Nativity of the Lord*

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. Edith A. Robbins +

12:45 p.m. Kenneth Weinrich +

Wednesday, 26 December – *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*

12:05 p.m. Patrick D. Sullivan +

Thursday, 27 December – *St. John, Apostle, Evangelist*

7:45 a.m. Julia Glynn +

12:05 p.m. Herman Tigner +

5:15 p.m. *No Intention*

Friday, 28 December – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

7:45 a.m. Grace Hogan +

12:05 p.m. Leopoldo Vergara +

5:15 p.m. *No Intention*

Saturday, 29 December – *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

12:05 p.m. Janelle Travers +

Mass Intentions may be reserved through the Parish Office at the Church of Our Saviour. Please stop by or call (212) 679-8166 x210.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, please remember Dan Bianco, Diana Bianco, Patricia Coleine, Jean Cosgrove, Frank DeStefano, Joan Tolentino Dunton, Loretta Mugno, Joan Murphy, Corazon Natividad, Virginia Rodriguez, Monique Salinas, John Yuh, and MaryEllen Zizzi who are ill.

Prayer intentions for the sick will be listed for one month and may be renewed by calling the parish office.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamp at Our Saviour burns this week in loving memory of the Cassar & Giuffrida Families.

The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Hearts burns this week in loving memory of Kenneth E. Nielsen.

WELCOME

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to the Church of Our Saviour and the Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and hope that you will come back soon. Those who wish to join the parish may register in the Parish Office, which is located at the Church of Our Saviour.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S TWITTER

@Pontifex: Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbors.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

*Collections for the week ending 16 December
will be listed in next Sunday's bulletin.*

Parishioners are encouraged to make their donations online through WeShare, which is accessible via our website, <www.oursaviournyc.org>.

Please make **all** checks payable to the
Church of Our Saviour.

To help us meet our expenses, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial offering of twenty dollars for your weekly offering to the parish.

Thank you for your generosity!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

With the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Lord's Birth is at hand. With the words of the prophet Micah, the Liturgy invites us to look at Bethlehem, the little town in Judea that witnessed the great event. Unfortunately, in our day, it does not represent an attained and stable peace, but rather a peace sought with effort and hope. Yet God is never resigned to this state of affairs, so that this year too, in Bethlehem and throughout the world, the mystery of Christmas will be renewed in the Church. Today, as in the times of Jesus, Christmas is not a fairy tale for children, but God's response to the drama of humanity in search of true peace.

– *Benedict XVI*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas is a holy day of obligation.

CHRISTMAS EVE – MONDAY, 24 DECEMBER

5:00 p.m. Mass – Sacred Hearts

with music provided by the Schola Cappella

10:15 p.m. A Festival of Lessons and Carols

– Our Saviour

with the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour

11:00 p.m. Mass during the Night – Our Saviour

*with the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour and Strings
including the Missa Sancti Gabrieli of Johann Michael Haydn*

CHRISTMAS DAY – TUESDAY, 25 DECEMBER

9:00 a.m. Low Mass with Hymns – Our Saviour

11:00 a.m. Choral Mass – Our Saviour

with the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour

12:45 p.m. Sung Mass – Sacred Hearts

Please note that there are no evening Masses on Christmas Day.

SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 25 December and Wednesday, 26 December. The Chapel will be closed on Wednesday, 26 December. On Wednesday, only one Mass will be said at 12:05 p.m. at Our Saviour. On behalf of Father Robbins, Father Kurzyna, and the entire Parish Staff, we extend to you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas.

WELCOME

At Christmas, we welcome a number of visitors, including many who for one reason or another do not worship with us regularly. Please know that you are always welcome here and we hope that you will join us again very soon. Our pastoral staff is always available to speak with those who have more questions about the Catholic faith.

CHRISTMASTIDE GIVING

The parish relies greatly on Christmastide and year-end offerings and especially invites visitors to take this opportunity to support our parish's witness in our crucial location in Manhattan. This is particularly important at a time of rising costs and difficulties in the world economy. Thank you for your generosity.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Saviour of the world has come down from heaven. Let us rejoice! This proclamation, filled with deep rejoicing, echoed in the night of Bethlehem. Today the Church renews it with unchanged joy: *the Saviour is born for us!* A wave of tenderness and hope fills our hearts, together with an overpowering need for closeness and peace. In the crib we contemplate the Onewho stripped himself of divine glory in order to become poor, *driven by love for mankind.* Beside the crib the Christmas tree, with its twinkling lights, reminds us that with the birth of Jesus, the tree of life has blossomed anew in the desert of humanity. The *crib* and the *tree*: precious symbols, which hand down in time the true meaning of Christmas!

In the heavens there echoes the proclamation of the angels: "*To you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord*" (Luke 2:11). What wonder! By being born in Bethlehem, the Eternal Son of God *has entered into the history of each person living on the face of the earth.* He is now present in the world as the one Saviour of humanity. For this reason we pray to him: *Saviour of the world, save us!*

Save us from the great evils which rend humanity in these first years of the third millennium. Save us from the wars and armed conflicts which lay waste whole areas of the world, from the scourge of terrorism and from the many forms of violence which assail the weak and the vulnerable. Save us from discouragement as we face the paths to peace, difficult paths indeed, yet possible and therefore necessary; paths which are always and everywhere urgent, especially in the land where you were born, the Prince of Peace.

And you, Mary, *the Virgin of expectation and fulfillment,* who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom you hold in your arms the heralded Saviour, who brings hope and peace to all. With you we worship him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, you who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!

– St. John Paul II

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