

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1 DECEMBER 2019

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Fifty-nine Park Avenue
(at East Thirty-eighth Street)
New York, NY 10016
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**CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF
JESUS AND MARY**

325 East Thirty-third Street
(between First and Second Avenues)
New York, NY 10016
Chapel Office: (212) 213-6027

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

September-June: 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

For information, please call (212) 679-8166 x210.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment. Please call (212) 679-8166 x210.

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Monday-Friday: 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Our Saviour)

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, 1 December – *First Sunday of Advent*

5:00 p.m. Dora Dorma Spahr +

9:00 a.m. Patricia Winterer +

11:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

12:45 p.m. Eugene Barsotti +

5:00 p.m. Jimmy Javier +

5:30 p.m. Arnaldo Rodriguez +

Monday, 2 December – *Advent Weekday*

7:45 a.m. John Alessio +

12:05 p.m. Robert Ortiz +

5:15 p.m. Katherine Sikoryak (L)

Tuesday, 3 December – *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

7:45 a.m. Margaret Sensavero (L)

12:05 p.m. Loris Brown +

5:15 p.m. Father Kenneth Murphy +

Wednesday, 4 December – *St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

7:45 a.m. Colleen Rathie +

12:05 p.m. Edward Keating +

5:15 p.m. Children & Youth Served by Catholic Charities

Thursday, 5 December – *Advent Weekday*

7:45 a.m. Bridget Josephine Cronin +

12:05 p.m. Marie d'Amato +

5:15 p.m. Children & Youth Served by Catholic Charities

Friday, 6 December – *St. Nicholas, Bishop*

7:45 a.m. Claire Donohue (L)

12:05 p.m. Ovidio Cabrera +

5:15 p.m. Father Robert J. Robbins (L)

Saturday, 7 December – *St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

12:05 p.m. Father Robert J. Robbins (L)

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 Bill Bako, Joseph K. Beckman, Dan Bianco, William Eusini, Brother Robert V. Fontaine, C.S.C., Jimmy McNally, Corazon Natividad, Father Robert J. Robbins, Katherine Sikoryak, 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.

FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S TWITTER

@Pontifex: Without prayer, our life and mission loses all its meaning, strength, and fervor.

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

The Future of the Very Young. That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

*Due to an early print deadline,
collections for the week ending 24 November will be
included 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.

The **2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK** is now open for those who wish to have Mass offered for their loved ones. There is *one* book for our parish (*Our Saviour and Sacred Hearts*). Please call the Parish Office at Our Saviour or stop by during office hours.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN

Thank you for generously supporting the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. To donate, visit www.catholiccharitiesny.org.

UNABLE TO GET TO MASS ON SUNDAYS?

If you are unable to get to Mass on Sunday and would like to receive Communion at home or have a visit from a priest to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at (212) 679-8166.

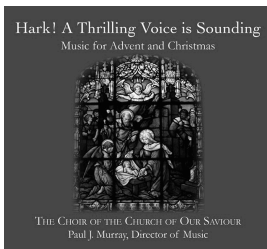
CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 18 DECEMBER

The Choir of the Church of Our Saviour will present its annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, 18 December at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour. Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased at the Parish Office (*cash or check*). To purchase tickets using a credit card, visit <https://oursaviour2019.bpt.me/>. Tickets are \$20 (*General Admission*). We are very blessed to have one of the finest church choirs in New York City. This concert helps support their ministry to our parish. Please join us and bring friends and neighbors.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The St. Nicholas Project is a year-round initiative to help the most vulnerable in our community. To learn more, please read the insert in this bulletin or e-mail st.nick.project@archny.org. It is our parish's goal to help twenty-five families. Thank you!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS RECORDING



In November 2015, the Choir of the Church of Our Saviour, under the direction of Paul J. Murray, released a recording, *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*, featuring music for Advent and Christmas. The

recording is available for purchase for \$20 (tax included) through our website (*credit card*) or in person at the Parish Office (*cash or check*). You may also purchase the recording for download on iTunes and Amazon mp3. It is a wonderful gift for family, friends, and co-workers.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Advent is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire ministries, offers daily reflections throughout the Season of Advent. Sign up to receive them every morning by e-mail at www.adventreflections.com. They will also be

featured on the home page of our parish website, www.oursaviournyc.org. They are a wonderful way to spend a few minutes each day in prayer.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

A Second Collection will be taken up this Sunday, 1 December, for the restoration and maintenance of our parish buildings.

In recent years, we have taken up a collection a few Sundays before Christmas for the flowers which beautify our Church and Chapel. This year, the collection will be taken up on Sunday, 15 December and will also support our parish's Adopt-A-Family program, to purchase necessary items such as sweaters, socks, and blankets for needy families. We have set a goal of helping twenty-five families.

It seems to be a good sign, for ourselves and others, that we seek both to beautify our worship spaces and look outside our Church buildings to our neighbors in need. To support these two purposes, we count on your increased generosity. Thank you in advance.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

With the first Sunday of Advent a new liturgical year begins: the People of God begin again on the way to living the mystery of Christ in history. Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever; history, instead, changes and requires constant evangelization; it needs to be renewed from within and the only true novelty is Christ: he is its fulfillment, the luminous future of humanity and of the world. Risen from the dead, Jesus is the Lord to whom God subjects all enemies, including death itself. Advent is therefore the propitious time to awaken in our hearts the expectation of he "who is and who was and who is to come" (*Revelation 1:8*).
— *Benedict XVI*

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is observed on 8 December. Since this date falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity is transferred to the following day, Monday 9 December. It is *not* a holy day of obligation this year.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS FOR 2020

We have a limited supply of liturgical wall calendars for 2020. They are available first-come, first-served. Special thanks to the Greenwich Village Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars this year.

BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Let me state at the outset that the Archbishop was truly a prophet and as such he was projected in the future! Many of the issues that I had heard debated during our lunches or dinners (especially at our residence, 109 East 38th Street, just on the opposite side of the street where our Church of Our Saviour is located) or in our many long hours of work, would later on resonate in the proposals of the 2,500 Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. This is why I say that, what you call, a “modern” priest should learn a lot from the ever-relevant message of this holy man. Whatever he wrote or preached from the pulpit or on TV is so important that at times I wonder if it was not pronounced yesterday or today!

Archbishop Sheen had only one thing in mind during his entire priesthood, namely to preach Jesus Christ and, in the footsteps of Saint Paul, preach Christ Crucified. This would imply at times saying and preaching things that were not so popular. His theological teaching was not taken from – as he used to define it often – the “theology of weekly magazines”! Fidelity to the Gospels and to the Magisterium, that was his goal in his proclamation of the Good News, following the command of the Lord: “*Sermo vester sit: est, est; non, non!*” (Matthew 5:37). The people flocked to him exactly because of his clear-cut position when it came to the doctrine of the Church.

When he was in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the Archbishop would be so taken by the presence of the Lord that he could give the impression of being in a trance. His day would always begin at early dawn, kneeling in front of the Good Lord in the tabernacle and he would remain there until we would go down to the dining room for a meagre breakfast. At 7:30 a.m., he would serve my Mass and at 8:00 a.m. I would serve his, since at that time we did not have concelebration.

Wherever we would be around the globe, we would never miss the Holy Hour in front of the tabernacle. In his sermons and even in normal conversation, he would always transmit to us his profound love for the Eucharist.

A message of devotion to Christ and to the Church He founded, a message of a true following in the footsteps of the Lord, even now in this twenty-first century, in

great humility and ready to serve Him in the poorest of the world as he did when he would bend and help the destitute, counsel the afflicted and instruct those who were ready to listen to the Word.

As you may very well imagine, I could talk about this saintly man for hours and hours but my personal relationship with him could truly be summarized in the title that, even though long overdue, I have finally published: he truly was my MENTOR and FRIEND! These two words easily give the proper image of my acquaintance with the Archbishop as it is depicted in the reading of over 100 handwritten letters that he wrote to me until he left this earth to begin a new TRUE life in the splendor of eternity.

– Msgr. Hilary C. Franco

CHRIST THE LORD RETURNS TO REIGN

These words appear in the great hymn, “Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending”, which we sing every year on this First Sunday of Advent. This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and is inspired by the Book of Revelation through its imagery of Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. The hymn tells a beautiful story, reaffirming what we profess in the Creed: that Jesus suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried. He rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

While “Lo! He comes” may be sung to a number of different tunes, it seems best paired with a tune by Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–1778) named *Helmsley*. Arne is probably best known not for this noble tune, but rather as the composer of “Rule, Britannia!” It is said that Queen Victoria once heard “Lo! He comes” sung to another, surely inferior, tune and insisted that it only be sung to *Helmsley*.

– Paul J. Murray

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.*

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