



**THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH  
OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**  
 “THE LITTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER”  
 AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD  
**128 WEST 37<sup>TH</sup> ST. (JUST WEST OF BROADWAY)**  
**NEW YORK CITY 10018**



**SCHEDULE**

**Rev. Fr. James L. P. Miara, M. Div., Pastor**  
**Rev. Fr. Louis Van Thanh, Senior Priest**  
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**HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**Weekdays:** 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;  
 12:15 & 1:15 p.m.  
 and 6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

**Saturday:** 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)  
 and 4:00 p.m. Vigil/Shopper’s Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. (Tridentine Low Mass),  
 10:30 a.m. (Tridentine High Mass),  
 12:30 p.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation:**  
 Vigil at 5:15 p.m.  
 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;  
 8:00 a.m. (Tridentine Latin); 11:15 a.m.;  
 12:15, 1:15 & 5:15 p.m.;  
 6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin High Mass)

**CONFESSIONS**

**Weekdays:** 7:30-8:30 a.m.; 12 noon-1:30 p.m.;  
 5:15-5:35 p.m.

**Saturday:** 12 noon-1:00 p.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 12 noon-12:30 p.m.

And anytime upon request or by appointment

**EXPOSITION  
OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.  
 Benediction

**BAPTISMS**

3rd & 4th Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.; Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

**PERPETUAL NOVENAS**

Weekdays following the 7:30 a.m. and 12:15 & 1:15 p.m.  
 Masses and at 5:50 p.m. and on Saturday following the 12  
 noon and 1:00 p.m. Masses.

**Monday:** Miraculous Medal  
**Tuesday:** St. Anthony and St. Anne  
**Wednesday:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Joseph  
**Thursday:** Infant of Prague, St. Rita and St. Thérèse  
**Friday:** “The Return Crucifix” and the Passion  
**Saturday:** Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima  
**Sunday:** Holy Innocents (at Vespers)

**DEVOTIONS**

**Vespers and Benediction:**  
 Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

**Holy Rosary:** Weekdays at 11:55 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.  
 Saturday at 12:35 p.m.  
 Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Weekdays at 3:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross (during Lent):**  
 Fridays at 12:45 p.m.  
 and after 6:00 p.m. Mass

**Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart:**  
 First Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m.-  
 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday Devotions:**  
 Rosary, 15 minute meditation, prayers &  
 Benediction following 1:00 p.m. Mass

**2000 Hail Marys:**  
 Second Saturday of the month  
 from 6:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**CHURCH HOURS**

**Monday-Friday:** 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**PARISH OFFICE/GIFT SHOP HOURS**

**Monday-Friday:** 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



January 5, 2020  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
*Mass Intentions*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
 9:00 - *Pro Populo*  
 10:30 - *Judy D'Agostino (d)*  
 12:30 - Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6 - St. Andre Bessette**  
 7:00 - Henry Samuel Kaufman (d)  
 7:30 - Peter Herr (d)  
 12:15 - Families in the Book of life  
 1:15 - Juliet M. Oberlin (d)  
 6:00 - *Tyler de Barrios (d)*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 - St. Raymond of Peñafort**  
 7:00 - Frances De Fillipps (d)  
 7:30 - St. Anthony  
 12:15 - Jack C. Kabaugh (d)  
 1:15 - Evelyn Valencia Santos (d)  
 6:00 - *Vincent De Pasquale (L) Health*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**  
 7:00 - President Trump (L)  
 7:30 - Mefellimelio de Asis, Jr. (d)  
 12:15 - Anthony & Emanuel Wilkinson (d)  
 1:15 - Danilo L. Panes (L) Birthday  
 6:00 - *Members of Holy Innocents St. Joseph's Choir*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**  
 7:00 - Concepcion De Lara (d)  
 7:30 - Angelo Golfo (d)  
 12:15 - Kim Myung Jin (d)  
 1:15 - In Honor of the Divine Infant Jesus  
 6:00 - *Six Friends' Conversion to the Church*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**  
 7:00 - The O'Donnell Family (d)  
 7:30 - Catalina Hemulgada (d)  
 12:15 - Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 1:15 - Jack McGovern (d)  
 6:00 - *Johanna Rodriguez (d)*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**  
 12:00 - The McDonald Family (d)  
 1:00 - *Mercedes & Adrianna Aguilar (L)*  
 4:00 - Anthony Petrocelli (d)

**NEXT SUNDAY - *The Baptism of the Lord***  
 9:00 - *Pro Populo*  
 10:30 - *Johanna Rodriguez (d)*  
 12:30 - Purgatorial Society

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**2000 HAIL MARYS**

The next 2000 Hail Marys devotion will take place next Saturday, January 12 beginning at 6:00 and ending with the 4:00 p.m. Mass.



**Calendar**

- January 5 - Holy Name of Jesus  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Chant Mass
- January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord  
1<sup>st</sup> Class - High Mass
- January 7 - Epiphany Feria (Mass of Epiphany)  
4<sup>th</sup> Class - Low Mass
- January 8 - Epiphany Feria  
4<sup>th</sup> Class - Low Mass
- January 9 - Epiphany feria  
4<sup>th</sup> Class - Low Mass
- January 10 - Epiphany Feria  
4<sup>th</sup> Class - Low Mass
- January 11 - Saturday of Our Lady with  
Commemoration of St. Hyginus  
4<sup>th</sup> Class - Low Mass

**Next Sunday**

January 12 - Feast of the Holy Family  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Polyphonic Mass



**Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation  
 in honor of the  
 Holy Face of Jesus**  
**Every Third Tuesday of the month**  
**Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass**  
**Next Holy Hour: January 21**

*Altar Offerings*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

*Leith, Moore & Gerber Families*

**ALTAR BREAD**

*Altar Servers of Holy Innocents*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the following intention during the month of January:

**Promotion of World Peace**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

## EPIPHANY SACRAMENTALS

Epiphany Water and chalk will be blessed following Vespers this Sunday, JANUARY 5. Please bring the water you wish to be blessed marked with your name and place it in the sacristy prior to Vespers. The blessed chalk will be available all weekend for you to take to your homes so you may mark the names of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) over your doors, as a witness of your faith and a protection against evil: (20 + C + M + B + 20)

## EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

It is customary in the time after the Epiphany until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on February 2 to have one's home blessed with the Epiphany Water. If you would like this done, please contact the Rectory Office and arrange for an appointment with Fr. Miara.

## 2019 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The grand total of this years Christmas Collection amounted to \$20,925. This is \$2,999 more than last year. Once again we thank all parishioners and friends of Holy Innocents for your generosity! May the good Lord reward you.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Although liturgically the Christmas Season ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord (January 13 in the Old Calendar and, this year January 12 in the New Calendar), devotionally the celebration of Christmas continues until the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Candlemas). Throughout Europe, the Holy Land and in the Vatican, the churches remain decorated until that day. Here at Holy Innocents the Christmas decorations will remain up until after the High Mass and Blessing of Candles and procession on February 2nd in observance of that custom. Many thanks to Mr. Edward Hawkins and Christopher Carvajal who coordinated the decorating of both the inside and outside of the church and to his team of helpers. Holy Innocents was by far the most beautifully decorated church in the City!

## SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic University of America in Washington which serves the academic training and religious formation of young people. And for the Catholic Communications Campaign which produces television and radio programs to spread the Gospel to people around the country and around the world. Half of your donation stays in your diocese to support local communications projects.

## BENEFITS OF HOLY WATER

Holy water not only possesses the power of cleansing us from venial sin and temporal punishments but also helps us to overcome the temptations of the devil. To bring about this effect, Holy Church asks in the first prayer pronounced over the salt that Almighty God may effect that it serve for the preservation of the people, that "every delusion and wickedness of the devil, and all unclean spirits, may fly and depart." Still more: in the second prayer over the salt, it shall even shield us against all assaults of spiritual wickedness; hence thus to protect us against temptation, that the devil may have even less power to tempt us.

Holy water also has sanctifying effects. These consist in the actual graces that may be obtained. These are illuminations of the intellect and inspirations of the Holy Spirit that aid the faithful to perform loyally the duties of their state of life, to pray devoutly, to hear a sermon with profit, and especially to assist with recollection and devotion at the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, and thus richly participate in its precious treasures. An illumination, for instance, may be involved when one comes to comprehend, better than he has known before, his faults and particularly his prevailing sin. An inspiration, however, is when an inward voice admonishes him to resolve finally to avoid the occasion of sin, to give up a sinful acquaintance, to shun bad associations or dangerous occasions, with greater determination, and to seek after, with a special devotion and earnestness, the virtue that is in opposition to his prevailing vice. These are effects of the actual graces, effects that holy water can bring about.

I do not maintain that the above-named or similar effects of grace must necessarily be attributed to the use of holy water, because we cannot know what and how much it has effected in us. But we do know that it can produce these effects, and we may without doubt have occasion to attribute much of our knowledge and inspiration to the use of holy water.

- Taken from Fr. Theiler's  
*Holy Water and Its Significance for Catholics*

## EPIPHANY QUOTES

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body.

As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

— Peter Chrysologus

## ST. BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE - January 6th

André Bessette, more commonly known as Brother André, was a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross

He was born Alfred Bessette in Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Canada East (Québec) and was the eighth of 12 children, four of whom died in infancy. His father, Isaac Bessette, was a carpenter and lumberman, and his mother, Clothilde Foisy Bessette, saw to the education of her children. In 1849, with employment scarce and his family living in poverty, Alfred's father moved to Farnham, Quebec to work as a lumberman, but soon perished tragically crushed by a falling tree. Alfred was nine years old, and his mother, at 40, remained with ten children in her care. Clothilde died of tuberculosis within three years, and Alfred became orphaned at the age of twelve.



The pastor of his parish, the Rev. André Provençal, noticed the devotion and generosity of the young man. He decided to present Alfred to the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal, writing a note to the superior, "I'm sending you a saint." Although he was initially rejected by the order because of frail health, Archbishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal intervened on his behalf, and in 1872, Alfred was accepted, and entered the novitiate of the congregation, receiving the religious name of Brother André, by which he was known for the rest of his life. He made his final vows on February 2, 1874, at the age of 28.

André was given the task of porter at Notre Dame College in Côte-des-Neiges, Quebec, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger.

His great confidence in Saint Joseph inspired him to recommend the saint's devotion to all those who were afflicted. On his many visits to the sick in their homes, he would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel and recommend them in prayer to Saint Joseph. People claimed that they had been cured through the prayers of the good Brother and Saint Joseph, and they were grateful their prayers had been heard. Brother André steadfastly refused to take any credit for these cures. Bessette's desire to see Saint Joseph honored led him in 1904 to launch a campaign to build a chapel for that purpose.

When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year.

As tensions increased at the College with so many of the sick coming to see the porter, the school officials decided that Brother André could no longer continue with his ministry. He was permitted to receive the sick in the nearby tramway station rather than the College.

In 1924 construction of a basilica named Saint Joseph's Oratory began on the side of the mountain, near Bessette's chapel.

Bessette died in 1937, at the age of 91. A million people filed past his coffin.

The remains of Bessette lie in the church he helped build. His body lies in a tomb built below the Oratory's Main Chapel, except for his heart, which is preserved in a reliquary in the same Oratory.

Brother André was beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 23, 1982 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010.

*St. Andre pray for us!*

## EPIPHANY QUOTES *(Continued from P. 3)*

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.

— Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Give me, therefore, I pray Thee, this gold, this incense, and this myrrh. Give me the gold of Thy holy love; give me the spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases Thee. I am resolved to obey Thee and to love Thee; but Thou knowest my weakness, oh, give me the grace to be faithful to Thee!

— St Alphonsus Liguori

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

— St John Chrysostom

*You are invited to join us on a 5-day*

**Eucharistic Franciscan Pilgrimage  
to Mother Angelica's  
Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Hanceville, Alabama & EWTN  
Irontdale, Alabama  
led by Fr. James Miara!**



**May 4—8, 2020**  
\$1,200 (per person)  
\$1,400 (for single room)

Enrollment Deadline:  
December 12, 2019



Daily Holy Mass \* Rosary \* Sightseeing

*For more information, to request a brochure  
and to make your reservation, please con-  
tact the Parish office at 212.279.5869*

**2019 MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Regina Coeli Council of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a bus to the Right to Life March in Washington, DC leaving from in front of Holy Innocents Church at 8am on Friday, January 24. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased for cash from Eddy Toribio or Patrick Sullivan and by credit card from the parish office. Deadline to purchase tickets is December 31.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

In order to be considered active members of The Shrine & Parish Church of the Holy Innocents, each family and single adult must be properly registered and regularly use the weekly donation envelopes for our Parish. This is the only way the Parish can issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice (e.g. Letter to be a Godparent or sponsor. *Newly registered parishioners must be registered and use envelopes for at least six months before a Sponsor Letter can be issued*). New parishioners should request a registration form at the Parish Office.

**ENVELOPE SYSTEM**

To assist us in keeping accurate records of your contributions, we kindly ask all registered parishioners to use the weekly envelope system accordingly, if for any reason you use an envelope that does not correspond to the current date please make sure to indicate the correct date on the envelope, and include your envelope number. This enables us to verify your donations should it be necessary for tax purposes. Please notify the Parish Office if you change your address.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

**HOLY INNOCENTS BOOKSHELF**

*The Life and Revelations of St. Gertrude the Great*

By St. Gertrude the Great  
and the Religious of her Monastery



OUR LORD revealed that the place on earth where He most delighted to be, after the Blessed Sacrament, was "in the heart and soul of Gertrude, My beloved." Therefore, we do not wonder that among all the most remarkable women Saints of the Church, St. Gertrude is the one who carries the extraordinary title *The Great*.

The Revelations of St. Gertrude the Great form one of the classics of Catholic writing. And although they would have to be classified as "mystical literature," their message is clear and obvious, for this book states many of the secrets of Heaven in terms that all can understand.

Recorded here are St. Gertrude's many conversations with Our Lord, wherein He reveals His great desire to grant mercy to souls and to reward the least good act. In the course of their conversations, He reveals wonderful spiritual "shortcuts" that will help everyone in his or her spiritual life. Moreover, the Revelations of St. Gertrude the Great actually open a window onto Heaven, where we can see the specific ways in which prayer, good works and liturgical celebrations on earth have very definite effects in Heaven—among the Saints and Angels and even with God Himself.

The Revelations of St. Gertrude were authorized by Our Lord (pp. 536-537) and they have been published in many editions, in various languages; they have inspired both clergy and laity for centuries. Surely the present generation of English-speaking Catholics will profit equally from this new edition of *The Life and Revelations of St. Gertrude the Great*, who found such a high favor with Our Lord that He chose to dwell in her heart in a special manner and to reveal to her many of the intimate secrets of His supernatural love for soul.

*Available in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office*

**COLLECTION REPORT**

Regular Collection 12/22/19      \$9,062.00  
Shrines and Candles              \$3,346.00

Regular Collection - 12/23/18      \$5,585.00  
Shrines and Candles              \$2,577.00

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

May the Good Lord reward you abundantly!

# The Shrine to the Unborn

Blessed by Cardinal O'Connor on December 28, 1993



*The Shrine is dedicated in Memory of the Children  
Who Have Died Unborn*

*We invite you to name your child(ren)  
and provide the opportunity to have  
your baby's name inscribed in our "Book of Life".*

## Healing after Abortion

To speak to a Sister, or learn about  
our monthly Days of Prayer and  
Healing, contact the Sisters of Life:

866.575.0075 (toll free)  
hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

To register for men:  
877.586.4621 (toll free)  
Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Ocean  
of mercy

## LEGION OF MARY - REGINA MUNDI

The Holy Innocents Legion of Mary group meets each Monday in the Parish Hall following the 6 p. m. Mass. For more information on joining this ministry as an active or auxiliary member please contact Melissa Becker at: melissa\_925@msn.com



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;  
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Often children who have died before birth have no grave or headstone, and sometimes not even a name. At The Church of The Holy Innocents, we invite you to name your child(ren) and to have the opportunity to have your baby's name inscribed in our "BOOK OF LIFE". Here, a candle is always lit in their memory. All day long people stop to pray. On the first Monday of every month, our 12:15pm Mass is celebrated in honor of these children and for the comfort of their families. We pray that you will find peace in knowing that your child(ren) will be remembered at the Shrine and honored by all who pray here.

We will inscribe the names of babies who have died before and at birth in our Book of Life, and as always, we invite you to visit the Shrine if you are in New York City.

## SUBWAY ROSARY

Our Regina Mundi Praesidium of the Legion of Mary conducts a Subway Rosary on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. All are invited to join in this evangelization effort to spread devotion to Our Lady. Anyone interested in joining is asked to gather at Holy Innocents by 10:00am. The group will then proceed to 42nd and Broadway Time Square subway station. We will be located by the Time Square Shuttle downstairs.

We recite 20 decades of the Holy Rosary and return back to Holy Innocents around 12:15. Come for all or part of the Subway Rosary.

## Upcoming Subway Rosaries

January 11  
January 25

## VOLUNTEER SINGERS NEEDED

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks..."

- Ephesians Ch 5.

The Shrine & Parish Church of Holy Innocents Volunteer choir needs your voice! All ages welcome. We meet on Sundays at 9:30am in the Church Hall. Please email Rachel Aldridge at [Aldridge.r.a@gmail.com](mailto:Aldridge.r.a@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining. No prior experience necessary.

## FORMED

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- Use the code for Holy Innocents Church: 7KHTXV