

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 12, 2020-Our Lady of Guadalupe

**8:15 AM** – † Mary Possehl – 1 Year Mass

† Fr. George Lauretti

† Joseph Caiola Sr.

Healing for Sal DiNicelli

**5:00 PM** † Frances and Joseph Raineri

† Rose Brino

† Joseph Caiola Sr.

† Anna Rapuano – 1 Year Mass

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

### Sunday, December 13, 2020 –Third Sunday of Advent

**9:00 AM** – † Rosario Coscia

† Joseph Caiola Sr.

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

**11:00 AM** † Felice and Angelo Zisa

† Salvatore Cannata – 14-Year Mass

† Joseph Caiola Sr.

Healing for Carmella Caiola and family.

Healing for Maria DeLeo

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

**1:00 PM** - † Domitilia Hernandez

† Juana Vargas – 1 Year Anniversary

Intensiones for the Allemant-Ruiz families and prayers  
for the souls in Purgatory

**Lord of Miracle Mass**

### Monday, December 14, 2020-Saint John of the Cross, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**8:15 AM** – † Frank DiFernando

For our homebound parishioners

**10:00 AM** – **Funeral Mass for Margaret Laino**

### Tuesday, December 15, 2020

**8:15 AM** - † Joan Antonucci

† Blaise Schimpf

Special prayers for the safety of all law enforcement  
officers, firefighters and first responders

### Wednesday, December 16, 2020

**8:15 AM** - † Rosita Guzman

Birthday blessings for Rafael Laracuente

Birthday blessings for Gabriel Laracuente

### Thursday, December 17, 2020

**8:15 AM** - † Paul Bevacqua

† Ethel Mann

Healing for Pattie and Jim Hill

### Friday, December 18, 2020-St. Damasus I, Pope

**8:15 AM** – † Joan Antonucci

For the unborn

### Saturday, December 19, 2020

**8:15 AM** – Special remembrance for deceased and  
living Robertiello family members

**5:00 PM** - † Rose Brino

### Saturday, December 19, 2020 - Continued

**5:00 PM** † Caterina Mongiardo & Pietro Romeo

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

### Sunday, December 20, 2020 –Fourth Sunday of Advent

**9:00 AM** – † Joan Antonucci

† Orazio and Gianna Coscia

Healing for those quarantined with COVID-19

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

**11:00 AM** † Rodolfo and Carmella Zodda

† Frank Petrelli

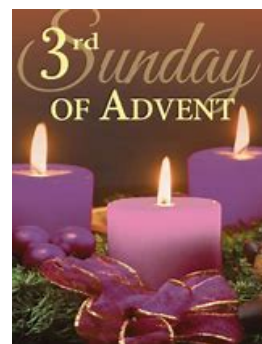
† Keith Caiola

Healing for Carmella Caiola and family.

Healing for Msgr. Mark Giordani

**1:00 PM** - Prayers for those suffering from COVID-19

**Resurrecion de Jesus Mass**



## December 13, 2020

**“Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks: such is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not stifle the spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test everything, retain what is good. Avoid any semblance of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. He who calls you is trustworthy, therefore he will do it.”**

*A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians*

Midway through this holy season, we are provided great encouragement. Find the joy which comes from the presence of the Lord. Use these days as days of prayer. Paul tells his readers that this is God’s will.

How often do we reflect on the words we pray, ‘Thy will be done.’ What is His will for me, now, at this moment? The prophets have spoken, the church supports and encourages us. Paul told his followers that the will of God is that all be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.

During the past year we have heard and learned much about testing. People were tested to see if they were infected, had antibodies. People waited on lines to be tested and anxiously awaited results. We are told today to test everything and retain what is good. There are but two short weeks for us to take and pass the test. ‘Come, Lord Jesus.’




**HIS WORD TODAY**, by Rev. William J. Reilly



# Bible Readings

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/13/2020-Sunday-Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
 12/14/2020-Monday-Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27  
 12/15/2020-Tuesday-Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
 12/16/2020-Wednesday-Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23  
 12/17/2020-Thursday-Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
 12/18/2020-Friday-Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
 12/19/2020-Saturday-Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of <b>Frank Petrelli</b>	<i>Flowers</i> are given in loving memory of <b>Rose Brino</b>	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in memory of <b>Keith Caiola</b>

### Deceased Parishioners:

Please keep in your prayers those of our parishioners, family or friends who have entered into eternal rest. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the eternal light shine upon them. **We specially pray for Margaret Laino and Joseph Caiola Sr.**



Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community are deeply appreciated. Please use your parishioner envelopes. **Kindly remember to place your offering in the baskets by both entrances inside the Church.** If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail your donations to the Rectory at 501 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07522



### Advent and Christmas

Since Advent looks forward to Christ's Incarnation and birth, it is an appropriate way to begin the Church Year. However, Advent is not part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. Thus, Catholics do not sing Christmas hymns or use Christmas readings in the Mass until December 25<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the Christmas season.

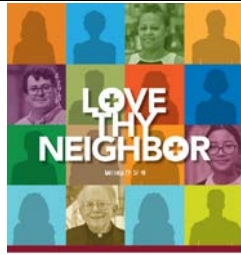
### Lighting the Advent Wreath



Joanne and John Ermatinger are shown at the 11:00 AM mass lighting the Advent Wreath candles marking the Second Sunday of Advent.

*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*

- Pope Benedict XVI



## 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

As the year comes quickly to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. **These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students.** All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org).

## Help Our Elders

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy.



Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. ***Please be generous in next week's collection.***



**Bring your Baby Jesus and Nativity Sets to Church next weekend to be Blessed at all Masses.**



## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday

**The Pink Candle represents Joy**  
Long ago the Pope would honor a citizen with a pink rose. Priests then would wear pink vestments as a reminder of this coming Joy.



## GIVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT:

### ***SPONSOR A ST. GERARD STUDENT***

If anyone would like to help sponsor a student please see Sr. Jo-Ann or contact the school office.

973-595-8786 / 973- 595-5640

You can help make a difference in the life of a child! God bless your generosity.



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**No 8:15 am Mass**  
**4:00 PM - English**

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am and 11:00 am**  
**in English**  
**1:00 pm – Spanish**



The Mass book for 2021 is open. Please call the Rectory with your requests. Mass intentions should be called in 2 weeks prior to the requested date. Rectory hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. 973-595-8446



If you would like to remember a loved one in a special way, candles are available by the statues of St. Joseph, St. Gerard, the Blessed Mother, Padre Pio and St. Michael. Your choice of wording on candle. The cost for one year is \$100. Please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446.



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