Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Thursday December 24th
4:00 pm and 9:00 pm

St. Denis Church
Thursday December 24th
4:00 pm (Children’s Mass) and 6:00 pm

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Friday December 25th
9:30 am
St. Denis Church
Friday December 25th
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Bulletin Announcements

If you have information that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, we ask that all of the information be submitted to us the Tuesday before by noon. Thank you.
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The Universal Church welcomes the New Liturgical Year on this First Sunday of Advent. The Church, in her wisdom, sets aside four weeks so that we may prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of the Christ Child. As you may have noticed, there is something different in our church. There is no longer the color green. What we see now is the color violet.

Violet is a penitential color meaning that the four weeks of Advent is the time for us to reflect on our relationship with God and with others on a daily basis. Is there anything we need to change or improve in order to grow closer to God and one another? Advent instills in us the humility to say I am sorry and to change or improve in order to grow closer to God and one another? Advent instills in us the humility to say I am sorry and to change or improve in order to grow closer to God and one another?

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The four candles represent the four weeks of the Advent season. The rose colored candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent which marks the half way point of our Advent journey of faith. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday which means rejoice. We rejoice because we realize that the Savior of the world is coming soon. May this Advent season be a time of spiritual renewal for us and may God continue to bless us on our faith journey.

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**Pastor’s Corner**

**What We Believe**

The Collect

If you are the first lector at Mass and you want to know when you go up you are often told “right after the Opening Prayer, when the priest sits down.” That Opening Prayer is officially called the “Collect,” and, ironically, it is really a closing prayer that completes the Introductory Rites that begin the Mass.

The Collect is the way we collectively say that, as the Assembly, we have prepared ourselves for the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist that is about to happen. You will notice that theCollect pauses after saying “Let us pray” at the beginning of the Collect. That pause is our chance to “collect” our thoughts and intentions for the Mass. When the priest continues with the words of prayer for that particular day, the Assembly responds with “Amen,” a Hebrew word which expresses what is true, most accurately translated as “very.”

In the Collect we see the priest taking on his unique role as a representative for all of us, with hands outstretched, expressing our collective prayer to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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**Mass Intentions**

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**Our Lady of the Wayside**

Sat. Nov. 28 4:30 pm Community of OLW
Sun. Nov. 29 9:30 am Community of OLW

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**Religious Education**

**Christmas Giving Trees**

**Holy Day of Obligation-Events**

**Stewardship Report**

**In your charity, please pray for...**


NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR A MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

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