

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Richard H. Dimler (*Julie Dimler*)
- 11:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Loving Wife, Vita*)
- 12:30PM Patricia & Josephine Bonanno (*Charles Bonanno*)
- Michael Calamia (*M/M Vincent LaVerda*)
- In Thanksgiving to O.L. of Fatima (*Benita Methieu*)
- Carmen Frallicciardi (*Michele Carollo*)
- Linda Karmondy (*Natalie & Ron Carbone*)
- Angie Miano (*Debbie Mele*)
- Mariann Syron (*Jackie DeMaria*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 *St. Lucy*

- 9:00AM Simone Riccio (*Evola Family*)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 *St. John of the Cross*

- 9:00AM Niel Guerriero (*Brother, John & Family*)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

- 9:00AM Celina Garcia (*Nena Garcia*)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

- 9:00AM Theresa Montelbano (*Rose Anne Lepani*)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

- 9:00AM Rev. William Gaughan, CM (*Deidre McVey & Connie Chwalek*)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

- 9:00AM Michael Calamia (*Daniela & Nick Trotta*)
- 5:00PM Michael Boyle (*Donna & John Diorio*)
- Vito S. Caglione (*Denise Deriso*)
- Michael Calamia (*Susan & Cooper Byrne*)
- Gerlanda Cucchiara (*Luz Franzini*)
- Thomas Fortunato (*Phyllis Dispinseri*)
- Carmen Frallicciardi (*Kevin & Maria Turner*)
- Linda Karmondy (*M/M Frank Monteforte*)
- Angelica Miano (*Deidre McVey & Connie Chwalek*)
- Marie J. Savarese (*M/M John Pantaleo*)
- Antoinette (Toni) Trovato (*Vincent Susco*)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Fr. Fabian N. Grifone (*Galang-Solatorre Family*)
- 11:00AM Angelo Marino (*Loving Family*)
- 12:30PM Francis Xavier Clinton, Jr. (*Loving Family*)
- Gerard Cocchiola (*Kathleen & Tom Cocchiola*)
- Margaret Giampietro (*Loving Family*)
- Anthony Robert Messina (*Grandma, Barbara*)
- Angelica Miano (*Steven Giusto*)
- Anthony Montagna (*Natalie, Ron & Connie*)
- Marie Vario (*Marie Pastore & OLC*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Frank DiPietra—Mary Faello  
Mary Prete—Lena Spinner



**THE ALTAR BREAD** for this week is donated in memory of **Caitlin King**, requested by **Dennis & Sue MacDonnell**.

**THE ALTAR CANDLES** for this week are donated in memory of **Marie Nogaro**, requested by **Mr. & Mrs. John Nogaro**.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** for this week is donated in memory of **Frances Russo**, requested by **Dee Porzio, Vinnie Novara & Irene Marino**.



Please join us on Mondays at 3:30PM in Church to pray the special prayers to The Holy Face of Jesus

in reparation for the crimes of communists, blasphemers, the profaners of his Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday.



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Mike Cabral, Connie Camelliri, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Kathleen Cassata, Shang Cheng, Mary Chiarello, Zena Cipolla, Lucille Claps, Rose Curti, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Frank Guerra, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Steven Iglie, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, John Myers, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Mary Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Doris Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Rosemarie Perl, Josephine Profera, Vivian Puglissi, Joseph Questore, Recupero Family, Joseph Russo, John Secreti, Remington Stafford, Rubie Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered **Friday, December 31, 2021**.



Join our **Rosary Rally** at St. Helen Church, **Saturday, December 18th** immediately following the 5:00PM Mass, to be held outside in front of the Nativity.

# *St. Helen Christmas Giving Tree*

## **FOR NEEDY CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

*We are asking for your help in answering the requests of the needy in our own parish, several other parishes in Queens, a home for special adults, and other charities.*

### **THIS WEEKEND, DECEMBER 11 & 12:**

*During this weekend, please leave your unwrapped gift with tag attached, near the tree. Place monetary donations or gift cards in the Christmas box inside the Church.*



### **SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

In addition, envelopes are available on our Christmas Giving Tree which will provide an opportunity to purchase a gift card for a seminarian (a young man studying to be a priest). If you are interested, please take one of the white envelopes labeled “2021 Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program” from the Tree the **weekend of Dec. 4/5**. There is a letter enclosed with the name of a seminarian which explains the program. Please follow the instructions on the letter to ensure your gift is delivered to one of our seminarians.

***GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR  
GREAT GENEROSITY!***

**ST. HELEN PARISH**

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## SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

### Reading I

*Zep 3:14-18a*

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

### Responsorial Psalm

***R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.***

God indeed is my savior;  
 I am confident and unafraid.  
 My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
 and he has been my savior.  
 With joy you will draw water  
 at the fountain of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
 among the nations make known his deeds,  
 proclaim how exalted is his name. **R.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;  
 let this be known throughout all the earth.  
 Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
 for great in your midst  
 is the Holy One of Israel! **R.**



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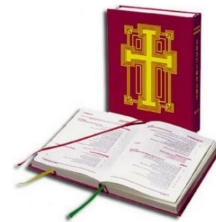
### **Reading II**     *Phil 4:4-7*

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Alleluia**

**R.**     *Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor. **R.**



### **Gospel**     *Lk 3:10-18*

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.





**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

**Monday, December 20**

**11:00AM-1:00PM and 6:00-8:00PM**

The priests of St. Helen will be available to hear confessions during these times. This is a wonderful way to prepare your soul for the celebration of Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Friday, December 24**

**5:00PM: Vigil Mass** *(Satisfies Christmas Mass)*

**11:15PM: Carols with St. Helen Choir**

**12:00AM: Mass at Midnight**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Saturday, December 25** *(A Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM**

**(No 5:00PM Mass on Christmas Day)**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Solemnity of the**

**Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022** *(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Masses at 9:00AM &**

**5:00PM Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord** *(Sunday Mass)*



*The Rectory office will be closed Friday & Saturday, December 24 & 25, and will reopen on Sunday December 26 at 9AM.*

*The Rectory office will be closed Friday & Saturday, December 31 & January 1, and will reopen on Sunday January 2 at 9AM.*

