

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

On Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation Catholics are required to attend Mass. Christmas and New Year's Day are Holy Days of Obligation. This year they both fall on a Thursday. Attending one of the Christmas Eve Masses, on the 24th, also fulfills your obligation for Christmas. Attending the 5pm Vigil Mass of New Year's Eve, on December 31st, also fulfills your obligation for the New Year's.

Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

Thursday December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Note that there is no evening Mass!

Wednesday December 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Evening Mass of New Year's

Thursday January 1st, 2026 New Year's Day

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Advent Parish Confession

If you haven't been to confession for a while, it is a good idea to go before Christmas. Just before Christmas is extremely busy for most people so don't wait to go to confession the last minute. Take advantage of the extra confession times that parishes will be offering during the next couple of weeks. Parish Confessions at St. Aidan's will take place on Tuesday December 16 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We plan to have three priests hearing confessions.

Christmas Party for Children

St. Aidan Social Committee is organizing a "Christmas Party for the Parish Children (Ages 4-12) on December 20 at St. Aidan Parish Hall from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration is required: \$5 per child. Please register during the weekend of November 29 to December 14.

The power of God is capable of finding hope where hope no longer exists, and a way where the way is impossible.— St. Gregory of Nyssa

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 13:

5:00 pm +Claire & Charlene Pereira

+Harry Yu

+Honorio Tongco

+Roneu P. Xavier

+Margaret Sia

+Corine & Felix Blanco

+Ireneo Cadigal

+Francis Karleena

Sunday December 14:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Diaz Family

10:30 am In Thanksgiving Wai Family

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday December 15:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Kimmy Kong

Tuesday December 16:

9:00 am +Maria & Rafael Atizado Sr.

Wednesday December 17:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

Xu Jin Chen Family

+Marie Angelo

+Salvacion Demalgen

+Edina Fernandes

Thursday December 18:

9:00 am +Stan Zupan

Friday December 19:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Teresa Pacampara Family

Saturday December 20:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Sanctuary Lamp

Moss & Stuart Family

December 14, 2025

Greater Efficiency During Communion

When coming up for Holy Communion you do so single file, but once you are at the front, it would be more efficient for two, or even three people to stand side by side (if not kneeling). You can perform your prescribed bow while there is still someone in front of you in the line. Just as two people are willing to kneel side by side on the two kneelers, so also can two people stand side by side (or you can stand beside someone who is kneeling). Understanding this will make distribution of Holy Communion much more efficient since the Eucharistic Minister will not need to wait for each individual bow.

Christmas in our Hearts Concert

The 2nd annual parish Christmas Concert is back. Join us on Saturday, December 20, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, for a joyful celebration with the St. Aidan Parish Choirs. Enjoy a festive evening as our talented choirs perform beautiful carols and songs, spreading joy, love, and warmth. The concert starts at 6:30 pm, offering uplifting experience for all. Ushers will pass around baskets for your voluntary love offerings to help support our music ministry. Afterward, you're welcome to join us in the parish hall for a cheerful gathering with refreshments. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn sign sale. This year the knights have a new design for sales for \$15. Sales will take place after every Sunday Mass for the four Sundays of Advent.

Children's Christmas Gifts

St. Aidan's Parish Social Committee welcomes your participation to contribute towards the Children's Christmas Gifts for the Christmas Party. Kindly take a "Snowflake" and or an "Angel" from the Christmas Tree in the foyer and donate an unwrapped gift for a child (no clothing please and must not exceed \$20) before the cut-off date of December 17th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

We shall be God's temples, and God will be the God within us.— St. Ignatius of Antioch

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses

Once again, we will have our 6 am Christmas Novena of Masses to begin on December 16 until December 24. After each Mass. Breakfast will be served by the organizers. If you wish to donate to this undertaking, please speak to the organizers after the weekend Masses. Mass intentions for these Christmas Novena Masses are also accepted.

Simbang Gabi Christmas Lantern (Parol) Making

The star of Bethlehem is one of the symbols of Christmas. The brilliant star of unusual brightness led the three wise men from far away lands to undertake the arduous journey and follow the star which eventually led them to the Infant Saviour. To remember this special star, the organizers of the Simbang Gabi are inviting families to join their Annual Christmas Star Lantern (Parol) Making contest. Submission of the lanterns is on December 19 before 11am. The wooden sticks to be used for the lanterns are available for pick up after the weekend Masses. We are encouraging families to work together as a bonding time in decorating their own lanterns. The lanterns will be hung in the parish hall and can be brought home on December 24 after the Simbang Gabi Mass, where winners will be announced.

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Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all.—
- St. John Chrysostom

Guard your Valuables

We recently had an incident where someone wanted to steal the St. Vincent de Paul collection stand during a Sunday Mass. Some people are very bold, and come to church not to pray but to prey on people. Please keep an eye on your valuables and do not leave your purse in the pew when going up for Holy Communion or for any other reason.

We cannot have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing. Then, afterwards, we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves.— St. Thomas Aquinas