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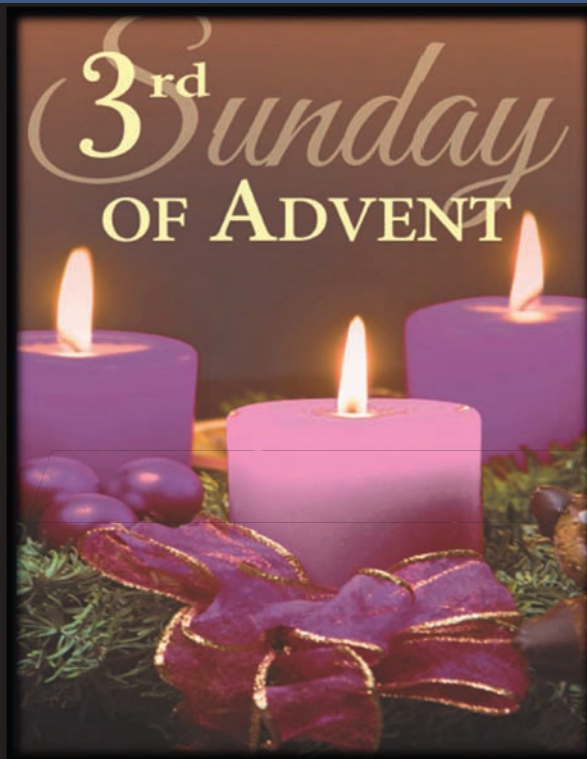
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**My loving Lord, You are there,
waiting for me in the darkness
and dryness of my sin. You are
waiting for me to lead me and
guide me through the many
challenges I face in life. Please
give me the courage and wisdom
I need to trust in You enough to
follow You wherever You lead.
Jesus, I trust in You.**

-My CatholicLife

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00am

Fridays

Holy Hour 6:00pm

Mass 7:00pm

Adoration Chapel

Monday to Friday 9:30am to 8:00pm

Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm

Sunday Eucharist

Saturdays 5:00pm

Sundays 8:00am, 9:30am,

11:00am, 12:30pm and

2:00pm - *Spanish Mass*

Reconciliation

Fridays 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Parish Schools

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Office Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

9:30am to 5:00pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:30am to 8:00pm

Note: Office is closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Monday to Friday

9:30am to 8:00pm

Saturdays

9:30am to 4:00pm



(At time of printing)
Dec 18th - Dec 24th

Monday - Dec 18th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

- Carlos Rebelo †

Tuesday - Dec 19th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

- Lillian Hajdinovic †

Wednesday - Dec 20th

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

- Eucharistico Cassar †
- Rita & Carmelo Cini †

Thursday - Dec 21st

St. Peter Canisius

9:00 am - Mass

- Tomas Yntig †

Friday - Dec 22nd

Ferial

9:00 am - Mass

- Gladys Pinto †

7:00 pm - Mass

Saturday - Dec 23rd

St. John of Kanty

9:00 am - Mass

- James, Stella & Kent Smith †
- Libuino Pereira †
- Patricia Rees †
- Ricardo Nucum †
- Milagros Pil & Family (SI)

Sunday - Dec 24th

4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,

12:30 pm - Masses

2:00 pm - Spanish Mass

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm - Masses



Let us Pray

For the Sick in our Community

- Rose Dodaro

For the Recently Deceased

- Mary Kearney

Parish Life

Advent Confession Schedule at Our Parish

Tuesday, December 19th	10:00 am to 12:00 noon 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 20th	10:00 am to 12 noon 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday, December 22nd	10:00 am to 12:00 noon 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Saturday, December 23rd	10:00 am to 12:00 noon 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Confessions at Other Parishes

St. Leonard's Parish	Thurs, Dec. 21st: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
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UPDATE

Family Christmas Project Walmart Gift Cards

We would like to thank you for the Walmart gift cards donated to date. So far we have collected over \$9,000.00. Walmart gift cards can still be dropped off at the parish office during office hours or be handed to Fr. Liborio, Fr. Edgar, Deacon Franciscus or Deacon Doug after any of the Sunday Masses. Typically, a \$50.00 gift card supports the purchase of a child's gift. A \$200.00 gift card supports the purchase of groceries for a family. Gift cards will be distributed to families in need.

Please note, purchase of Walmart gift cards are not eligible for a tax receipt.



2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are Available Now!

What you should know:

1. Pick up any box at one of the Church's exits.
2. **Commence using your new envelopes on January 1st, 2024.**
3. Update your information by filling in the Information Card and your Sunday envelopes for each of the first three Sundays in January 2024.
4. The number on the box you chose is your new number for the entire year and will be the number used to issue your tax receipt at the end of 2024.
5. **PLEASE** - destroy all envelopes from previous years. As of January 1st you won't be registered under any other number - only your new 2024 number.

Flowers To Decorate Our Parish This Christmas

This Christmas season, we are asking our parishioners to help in our Christmas decorations by offering to bring Red Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti or potted flowers for the Church. If you wish to dedicate your flowers to someone who has passed away, please put the name in the pot. Please drop off your Poinsettias from **Dec 15th to Dec 21st behind the altar.** Thank you for your generosity.



God Bless, - The Liturgical Decoration Team

Thank you for your Donation! Dec 10th, 2023
Regular Collection: \$10,779.55



St. Mary's Christmas Schedule 2023-2024



Date	Feast	Time
Saturday Dec. 23 rd <i>Office Closed</i>	Vigil: 4 th Sunday of Advent	Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Dec. 24 th <i>Office Closed</i>	4 th Sunday of Advent	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday Dec. 24 th <i>Office Closed</i>	Christmas Eve	5:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm Note: There is NO Midnight Mass
Monday Dec. 25 th <i>Office Closed</i>	Christmas Day	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday Dec. 26 th <i>Office Closed</i>	St. Stephen	9:00 am Mass Note: Church will be closed after Mass
Wednesday Dec. 27 th <i>Office Opened</i> <i>From 9:30 am to 5:00 pm</i>	St. John	9:00 am Mass Church open for private prayer from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
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Religious Education and Faith Formation



St. John of Kanty (Dec 23)

As a youth, John proved to be both intelligent and devout, receiving his early education in his hometown. Around the age of twenty-three, he enrolled in the Kraków Academy where he studied philosophy. Kraków Academy was the only university in the Kingdom of Poland at that time, being founded in 1364 by King Casimir III the Great. In 1817 it was renamed the Jagiellonian University and is where Pope John Paul II studied. During John Cantius' studies, he was introduced to the spiritual movement called *Devotio Moderna* (Modern Devotion), which emphasized personal devotion, humility, and interior conversion, especially through the meditation upon Sacred Scripture and personal prayer. Around the year 1418, John earned his doctorate in philosophy, taught philosophy classes at the Kraków Academy, and studied theology for three years. Upon completing his theological studies, John was ordained a priest and became the rector at the school of the Canons Regular of the Most Holy Sepulcher in Miechow, about twenty-five miles north of Kraków, where he served for about eight years.

[Read More Here](#)

Bringing Kids to Mass Is Hard. Here're a Few Ways to Make It Easier



If you're able to, bringing your kids to Mass is a beautiful way to instill the love of God and a heart of worship within your children at a young age.

But if you've done it... you know it's quite the rodeo. Jackie and Bobby Angel have been there (and they are still there), and Jackie has a few basic tips today to make the transition into the pews a little easier—and maybe even help your kids get more out of the liturgy.

[Read More Here](#)

Light the Third (Rose) Advent Candle!

Marcam's Advent & Christmas



It's not pink, it's rose! This week Fr. Mark will talk about the importance of the rose Advent candle and why little saints will see their priest wearing "pink" at Mass this third Sunday of Advent!

[Formed for Children](#)

The Elements of the Catholic Mass

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos.

Liturgy and Liturgiologist



What is the difference between a liturgist and a liturgiologist? This is an important question because the answer has an impact on how we approach participation in the Mass. A liturgist is one who offers public worship of God. The Church teaches that Christ is the Supreme Liturgist, offering himself entirely to the Father. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy insists that Christ himself is the priest. The Liturgy is the action of Christ and of his Body, the Church. Following the pattern of Christ, then, the liturgist is the one who actually prays at Mass.

[Watch Formed Here](#)



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