



# HOLY ANGELS CHURCH



TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Holy Angels Parish walks with you in your journey of faith. We are a community of believers, coming together to pray and give glory to God through liturgy and sacraments. Our Catholic community welcomes you. We pray that each parishioner will be blessed and strengthened by the power of Jesus Christ our Saviour and live a life of abundance in fellowship, joy and love. May God bless you always!

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## MASS TIMES/ORARIO DELLE MESSE:

**Saturday Vigil:**  
5:00 p.m. *English*

**Sunday:**  
9:30 a.m. *Italian*  
11:30 a.m. *English*

**Weekday Masses:**  
8:00 a.m. *English*  
(Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri)  
*NO Mass on Tuesdays*

## CONFESSIONS/ CONFESSIONI:

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment

## OFFICE HOURS/ ORARIO DI UFFICIO:

**Monday**  
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**Wednesday to Friday**  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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December 17, 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Written by  
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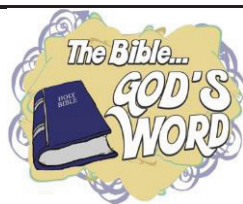
“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” Such simple words from today’s second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don’t feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Sometimes, I can make everything so complicated. I want to create charts and checklists to ensure that I am doing everything just right. But St. Paul’s words today make me realize that living well is really not that complicated. He writes: “Retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.” That’s it! Of course, while this is not complicated, it does require us to make prayerful, faithful efforts toward this end – and it is an end for which God has given us his grace, the help of the Church, and the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This includes St. Paul, who prays for us, “May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This is what is good in these dark days of Advent: the light of Christ is coming into our world. The Gospel says that John the Baptist testified to this truth – to the light. We can too! Let us continue to pray, to rejoice and to give thanks for God’s gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

**SING** Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim / One more light the bowl shall brim, / Shining beyond the frosty weather, / Bright as sun and moon together. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the star, is on the way.



**III Domenica di Avvento**

*In questa domenica la parola ci garantisce che Dio ha un progetto di salvezza e di vita piena per tutti noi.*

*Egli ci propone di passare dalle tenebre alla luce. Giovanni Battista è l’inviato di Dio per dare testimonianza della luce vera, che è Cristo Gesù, il Figlio di Dio.*



*Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for December 10<sup>th</sup> was \$2,058.00.*

*Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L’offerta della domenica 10 dicembre era \$2,058.00.*



**Sanctuary Lamp Prayer** for the week of December 17<sup>th</sup> is offered in memory of faithful departed family members requested by Lucia Andrenucci.

*La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 17 dicembre è stata offerta in memoria di famigliari defunti richiesta da Lucia Andrenucci.*

**Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund:** Second collection for December 10th was \$827.00.

**La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa:** Seconda raccolta della settimana 10 dicembre era \$827.00.



**Dr. Simone:** We will be collecting canned goods for the month of December.

*Questo mese accogliamo prodotti in scatola per la missione del Dr. Simone.*



Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful

### Third Sunday of Advent

expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



**December 22, 2023:** will be our Day of Confessions at Holy Angels Church. We will be hearing confessions from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**Memorial Christmas Tree:** Once again, this year, we will have a special Christmas Tree to remember our loved ones who have passed. If you would like to participate, you can purchase an angel ornament for \$25. The ornament will be personalized with your loved one's name and will be included in the Mass intention on December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. You can call the office to order one or we will be taking orders after each Mass.

**Christmas Tree Toy Drive at Holy Angels 2023:** Back by popular demand, this Advent Season, we will be collecting brand new toys for the less fortunate children. We are asking for donations of unwrapped toys appropriate for children ages 1-12. We will be accepting donations until December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### CHRISTMAS EVE/FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24<sup>th</sup>:  
 9:30 a.m. Italian Mass  
 11:30 a.m. English Mass  
 5:00 p.m. Family Mass

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25<sup>th</sup>:  
 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass - Bilingual  
 9:30 a.m. Italian Mass  
 11:30 a.m. English Mass

### Mass Intentions December 18<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Monday December 18th

8:00 am † Rosa La Penna by Concetta Canzolino

#### Tuesday December 19th

8:00 am No Mass

#### Wednesday December 20th

8:00 am † Msgr. Vincent Foy by Bernadette Cheng  
 † Christine Reclusado by Mary Ellen Culkeen  
 † Gertrudes Rivera by Cousins  
 † Amalia Del Re by Giacomina Marcello  
 † Jose Goncalves Dias by Daughter and Grand daughter

#### Thursday December 21st

St. Peter Canisius  
 8:00 am Successful treatment and healing for Zenaida Decena & Celestina Furigay and for the soul of Christine Reclusado by Lydia Decena

#### Friday December 22nd

8:00 am † Decena & Pili family and Holy Souls in Purgatory by Lydia Decena

#### Saturday December 23rd

St. John of Kanty  
 5:00 pm † Antonio & Carmela Maffei by Maria Donata Maffei

#### Sunday December 24th

4th Sunday of Advent  
 9:30 am † Giuseppe & Leonarda Zita by Children  
 11:30 am † Frank Szura by Wife Mary  
 5:00 pm Christmas Vigil † Donato Policelli by Wife & Children

*Please welcome our newest little parishioners... Aaron Edward Pitt*



*Contact the office for more information on the Baptismal Preparation process. We require 3 months advance notice.*



*One year in advance notice. A Marriage Course is required. No date may be set before meeting with the Pastor.*



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