



HOLY ROSARY

Church & Dominican Priory

Third Sunday of Advent | 17 December 2023



Mass

Sunday Vigil 5:30 PM Saturday
Sunday 7 & 9 AM
11 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)
1 & 5:30 PM
Weekdays 6 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)
7 AM, 12 Noon
First Friday 7:30 PM (Dominican Rite: Latin)
Saturday 6 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)
8 AM

Confession

Weekdays 11 AM – 12 PM
First Friday 7 – 7:30 PM
Saturday 4 – 5:30 PM
Sunday half hour before each Mass

Adoration

Weekdays 12:30 – 4 PM

Devotions

Rosary 11:30 AM Weekdays,
7:30 AM Saturday, 10:30 AM Sunday
Vespers 4 PM First Saturdays

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

Sunday, 17 December

Third Sunday of Advent

Coffee and Doughnuts after morning Masses

Holy Family Chapter Dominican Laity Meeting – 9:00 AM

Classical Education Talk – 10:15 AM

Swing Dancing – 7:00 PM

Monday, 18 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Advent Feria

Aquinas Littles – 9:30 AM

Tuesday, 19 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Advent Feria

Wednesday, 20 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Ember Wednesday in Advent

Scouts – 7:00 PM

ACE – 7:00 PM

The Literarians – 7:00 PM

Thursday, 21 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: St. Thomas, Apostle

Friday, 22 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Ember Friday in Advent

Saturday, 23 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Ember Saturday in Advent

Sunday, 24 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dominican Rite: Vigil of the Nativity

No Coffee and Doughnuts

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

No 1:00 PM Mass

Confessions – 4:00 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass – 5:30 PM

Carol Concert & Midnight Mass (*Latin Novus Ordo*) – 11:30 PM

Dear Holy Rosary Friends and Families,

God's coming down to earth is the reason for all the inspiring readings, prayers, and antiphons during this Advent season. But with the incarnation happening only through Mary, there is no way she can be left out of the beautiful liturgies leading up to Christmas.

This past week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, so appropriately placed during this time of preparation. The Divine Word's descent into our world took place through a completely holy gateway, a woman untouched by any taint of sin, even original sin. He entered into her womb as a holy temple, spotless, undefiled, ready in every way to receive Him who is goodness and purity itself.

From the 7th century the feast of the Conception of Mary (later officially declared a conception without original sin) was kept on December 9th in the Eastern Church. From there the feast spread to the West through the Middle Ages and came to be celebrated in Roman practice on December 8. Its development was very much a part of the Advent season in both East and West, when the Church meditates on Mary's role as an exquisitely prepared dwelling for the Divine Word. As well, under Mary's own initiative, we have the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to celebrate during Advent. On December 9, 1531 she appeared to Juan Diego for the first time, then coming again on each day until December 12, when she produced the miraculous image on his tilma. There in the image she portrays herself as with child, with the moon under her feet, and clothed in a mantle decorated with stars. The Blessed Mother through this feast encouraging us during Advent to acknowledge along with her, that *He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.*

Bringing us to a third entry of Our Lady into our liturgical preparation—what are called “Rorate Masses.” Since the Middle Ages the Church has allowed the faithful to honor the Blessed Virgin in special Masses of devotion throughout Advent, named after the introit antiphon for the votive Mass of Our Lady: *Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum...*, “Drop down dew you heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One....” Celebrated on Saturdays during Advent, or even in some countries every day, Rorate Masses are quiet, reflective Masses done in the dark of early morning, usually with candles at the altar providing the only light.

Since some people will read this bulletin article online before the weekend, our second Rorate Mass here at Holy Rosary will be on Saturday, December 16th at 6am. It will be a beautiful and meditative sung Mass in the Dominican Rite. If you missed the Rorate Masses this year, consider attending in 2024. The hour is certainly early! But look on the sacrifice as a special opportunity to honor the Blessed Mother—a possible way during this Advent season to draw close to her, and through her, to her Divine Son.

As St. Louis de Montfort assures us: *The Most High God came down to us in a perfect way through the humble Virgin Mary,*

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without losing anything of his divinity or holiness. It is likewise through Mary the we poor creatures must ascend to almighty God in perfect manner without having anything to fear (True Devotion 157).

- Fr. Paul Raftery, OP

SOLEMN VESPERS January 6 | Please join us for Solemn Vespers according to the ancient Dominican Rite, held on the first Saturday of every month at 4:00pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL The Holy Rosary St. Vincent de Paul Conference is available to help our parishioners and our parish neighbors in need. If you need emergency assistance with Rent, Utilities, or Food, or if you are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please contact us at (971)533-8320 or email hrstvincentdepaul@gmail.com. All inquiries are held in confidence and assistance is provided to anyone in need.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES FOOD PANTRY Parishioners who wish to access the pantry are welcome to do so by contacting Sue Scheese at foodpantry@holyroarypdx.org. Do you wish to help the pantry? Non-perishable food donations are welcome in the office or vestibule, and financial contributions are welcome, payable to Holy Rosary Church, memo "Food Pantry". Right now, we could use peanut butter, jam, and canned fruit. Please note we can only accept unopened items before their expiration date.

"AQUINAS LITTLES" LEARN AND PLAY GROUP Join other mamas and little ones for a saint/Bible story time, followed by a simple craft, and some play time. We meet on Mondays before daily mass. This is a good way to get kid wiggles out before daily mass. Kids range from 0 - 8, big siblings welcome. Please contact office@holyroarypdx.org to be added to the email list for the group!

FIRST FRIDAY January 5 | Join us for confession at 7 PM and a Dominican Rite Low Mass with Devotion to the Sacred Heart at 7:30 PM!

CHRISTMAS NOVENA CARDS The Christmas Novena of Masses will begin on December 25. Offering envelopes and cards are available in the office and vestibule and can be dropped off at the office or in the collection basket.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Envelopes are available in the vestibule and office to donate a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Completed envelopes must be turned in to the office or in the collection basket by December 15 to be listed in the December 25 bulletin.

THE LITERARIANS BOOK CLUB

Join us at 7pm on Wednesday, December 20 in the Fireplace Room of Aquinas Hall to discuss *Mariette in Ecstasy* by Ron

Hansen. For more information, contact wendymcknight@holyroarypdx.org.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN

A Memorial Mass for the unborn and all children who have died without baptism will be held on Thursday, December 28 at 7:00 PM. In the prayer of the Mass, we will offer prayers entrusting these children to the mercy of God and for the healing of men, women, and families who have experienced the pain of losing a child for whatever reason. Those attending are invited to bring a flower for each child being remembered and place them in the provided vase near the front doors of the church.

TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC FLAGS & BANNERS

Celebrate the Advent season with grace and tradition! Holy Rosary Parishioners can now enjoy a special offer of 15% off on beautiful Traditional Catholic Flags and Banners. Explore different selections at www.TradFlags.com and use the code "HolyRosary" at checkout to avail of this discount. This offer is available through Christmas Eve. For inquiries or to join a group order and save on shipping, please contact the Holy Rosary office at office@holyroarypdx.org.

24 December, Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

No Coffee and Doughnuts

Confessions half hour before all Masses

7:00 AM Mass

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Dominican Rite Mass

No 1:00 PM Mass

4:00 – 5:30 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas

11:30 PM Carol Concert and

Christmas Mass (*Latin Novus Ordo*) at

Midnight

25 December, Monday

Christmas Day - Holy Day of Obligation

Office closed

7:00 AM Christmas Mass at Dawn

9:00 AM Christmas Mass

11:00 AM Dominican Rite Mass

No Confession or Exposition

26 December, Tuesday

Office closed

6:00 AM Dominican Rite Low Mass

10:00 AM Mass

No Confession or Exposition

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