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ADVENT

4th Sunday of Advent – December 18th, 2022

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



The Children's Liturgy is now re-summing. As you know, this is a great opportunity for our children, as it enriches their experience of the Mass while they listen to the Sunday Gospel at their own level. Any young adult wishing to help out in this ministry, please call the office and leave your name and phone number. Fr. Bruno will be in touch with you and you'll be invited to attend some training workshops. **The Children preparing for the First Reconciliation-Communion are highly recommended to attend.**

Mass Schedule for Christmas & New Year 2023

December 24, 2022 - Vigil of Christmas
8:00pm - Bilingual (Italian and English)

December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day
9:00am - Italian
10:30am - English

January 1, 2023 - New Year's Day
9:00am - Italian
10:30am - English

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on December 26, 2022 and January 2, 2023. Please call us if any emergency occurs and we will respond as soon as possible.



First Communion Session #3: Forgiveness and Healing

Date: January 5, 2023 7-8PM
Parents and children to attend



Confirmation Session #4: The Saints Date: Tuesday January 17, 6-8PM

Advent



At Christmas we will concentrate on the simplicity and poverty of Our Lord's birth; how human He was, born of a young woman, not in luxurious comfort, but in the discomfort of a stable. That shows him as one of us, the human side of "Emmanuel". This gospel mentions the divine origin of Jesus. Although he has a human mother, he has not a human father, but was conceived in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. This unique way of coming into life, with God as the Father, and the virgin Mary as mother, underlines who Jesus truly is; both God and man, one of ourselves and yet one with the eternal God.

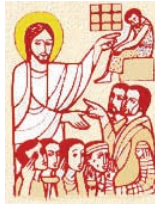
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Fourth Sunday of Advent



As Christmas fast approaches and Advent is drawing to a close, let us remind ourselves of the importance of this liturgical season. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as His final coming at the end of time. However, the great saints of the church also speak of an intermediary coming, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, if the Lord showed up in our life today, would there be room for Him?

DOUBLE BIG MAC TO SUPPORT ST NICHOLAS



Please give your church 1 Double Big Mac every Sunday! St. Nicholas church will appreciate the donation of at least the value of 1 Double Big Mac (\$10.00) to support the church expenses. The donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your support to your Church. God bless you!

Christmas Food Drive



Parishioners and members of the community are invited to make a food donation to support Good Shepherd's Christmas Food Drive. Food items can be dropped off in the front lobby of St. Nicholas of Bari Parish until Saturday, December 24th. Donations will be accepted during the week when the church is open and before/after Sunday Masses. The following items are needed: canned soups & stews, tuna, canned vegetables, legumes (e.g. chickpeas, beans), pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, tea bags, chocolate bars, and granola bars. Thank you all for your kind support.

POINSETTIAS



In preparation for decorating the Altar during the Christmas season, parishioners are invited to donate poinsettias (red or white) or may offer a donation to purchase poinsettias for the Church. Please contact the parish office for more information.

4^a domenica di Avvento - 18 Dicembre 2022



December 18 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am - Albanese Giuseppe e Maria
10:30am - Vincenzo & Angelina Rubino, Bernardo Marino & Rocky; Antonietta Pallotta; Jim Deleo, Rosina Ferreri, Joseph Deleo & all the faithfully departed members of the Deleo and Ferreri families.

12:00pm - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 19 Monday/Lunedì

- Non c'è messa oggi/No Mass today

December 20 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am - Michele Iannetta, Pietrina e Leonardo Vani, Iannetta Famiglia; Jose Bueno; Maria Iannetta

11:00am - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 21 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am - Saverio Bianco e Annantonia De Cotiis

6:45am - Gruppo di Preghiera di San Padre Pio

7:30pm - Antonietta Catenaccio (one month anniversary)

December 22 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am -

11:00am - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 23 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am - Assunta Paniccia, La Madonna e defunti

December 24 Saturday/Sabato

8:00am - Maria Domenica Pelaggi

8:00pm: Vigilia di Natale/Christmas Vigil (Italian&English)

December 25 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am - Santo Natale - Giorno di Natale

10:30am - Christmas Mass Day

12:00pm - Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

Lettere

Prima lettura: Isaia 7:10-14

Seconda lettura: Romani 1:1-7

Vangelo: Matteo 1:18-24

Quarta domenica di Avvento



Mentre il Natale si avvicina rapidamente e l'Avvento sta per concludersi, ricordiamoci dell'importanza di questo periodo liturgico. L'Avvento è un tempo di preparazione alla venuta di Cristo a Natale e alla sua venuta finale alla fine dei tempi. Tuttavia, i grandi santi della Chiesa parlano anche di una venuta intermedia, la venuta di Cristo nella nostra vita attuale. Prendiamoci un momento per chiederci: se il Signore si presentasse oggi nella nostra vita, ci sarebbe posto per Lui?

2 caffè Cappuccino per la Chiesa



La Chiesa di San Nicola ha bisogno di 2 caffè Cappuccino ogni domenica. Si chiede di offrire alla tua chiesa almeno il valore di 2 tasse di Cappuccino (10 dollari) ogni domenica per le spese della chiesa. Riceverai alla fine dell'anno la ricevuta fiscale. Grazie per il tuo sostegno alla tua chiesa! Dio vi benedica!

Raccolta alimentare di Natale



I parrochiani e i membri della comunità sono invitati a fare una donazione di cibo per sostenere la raccolta alimentare natalizia del Buon Pastore. Gli alimenti possono essere consegnati nell'atrio della parrocchia di San Nicola di Bari fino a sabato 24 dicembre. Le donazioni saranno accettate durante la settimana quando la chiesa è aperta e prima/dopo le Messe domenicali. Sono necessari i seguenti articoli: zuppe e stufati in scatola, tonno, verdure in scatola, legumi (es. ceci, fagioli), salsa per la pasta, pomodori in scatola, bustine di tè, barrette di cioccolato e barrette di cereali. Grazie a tutti per il vostro gentile sostegno.

ORARIO PER LE MESSE DI NATALE E DEL NUOVO ANNO

Vigilia di Natale - 24 Dicembre

8:00pm - (Italiano/Inglese)

Giorno di Natale - 25 Dicembre

9:00am - Messa in Italiano

10:30am - Messa in Inglese

Nuovo Anno - 1 Gennaio 2023

9:00am - Messa in Italiano

10:30am - Messa in Inglese

Nota bene: l'ufficio rimane chiuso lunedì 26 dicembre 2022 e lunedì il 2 gennaio 2023

DONAZIONE DI POINSETTIAS



In vista della preparazione al Santo Natale, ci serve donazioni di fiori per poter adobare la nostra chiesa. Si può donare poinsettias bianchi o rossi oppure una donazione monetare per comprare fiori. Grazie in anticipo!

LE NOSTRE OFFERTE: 1 DICEMBRE 2022

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