

# **ST. NICHOLAS OF BARI**

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Parish Secretary: Nina Marino**

*prepare the way...*



# **ADVENT**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the purest of the pure, and the greatest believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly. By obediently praying the Rosary, as Our Lady asked at Fatima over 100 years ago, we may all grow closer to the Holy Family.

The best way for us to prepare for Christmas is to believe that, in spite of all what we see happening in the world and in the Church today, Christian Civilization will indeed flourish and bloom again like never before.

### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:**

Christmas Eve Mass – 8pm Bilingual

Christmas Day – 9am in Italian & 11am in English

New Years Mass- 9am in Italian & 11am in English

**Office will be closed from Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st**  
(last day open Dec 24th and reopening on Jan 2nd)



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If you need to rent our parish hall for your special event (Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries etc..) Please contact the Parish office for more information.

### **CHRISTMAS NOVENA – Starts Dec. 16th**



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

This prayer is directed toward God, focusing on the sacred moment of Christ's birth and serving as a preparation for receiving the Christ Child on Christmas Day. *This prayer is suggested by Fr Gustavo to pray for the nine-day novena.*

### **DONATION OF 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



### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**On Behalf of Nina & Patricia our Parish staff**  
**of St Nicholas of Bari,**  
**We would like to wish everyone**  
**a Merry Christmas!**  
**May God's peace, joy and goodwill**  
**be with you and your loved ones.**

*Fr. Gustavo*

Great Catholic Website with Online Adoration and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Fr Gustavo recommends taking a look at this website for those who would like to practice devotion to Eucharist Adoration:

[www.mycatholicwebsite.org](http://www.mycatholicwebsite.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### December 20 -Saturday/Sabato

8:00am:

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

3:00pm: Baptism - Alessia

### December 21 -Sunday/Domenica

9:00am: Saverio Bianco e Annatonia De Cotiis; Vittorio Settino, figlio Giovanni e Franco Abate; Sergio Botticella; Vizzarro Carmine, Domenico, Esterina, Caterina e Raphael

10:30am: Vincenzo & Angelina Rubino, Bernardo Marino & Rocky; Emilio Bosco

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

### December 22 -Monday /Lunedì

NO MASS – NON C'È MESSA

### December 23 -Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am: Repose of the soul of Pier Giorgio Di Cicco, Rev. Priest Jame Reposky; Healing for Francisco Vargas, Rigoberto, Maria de Meza; Assunta Paniccia, La Madonna e defunti

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

### December 24 -Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am: Luicano Ciari; Domenica Pelaggi; Repose of the soul of Gustek, Stanislaw, Zofia and Stanislaus Misko

8:00pm: Christmas Vigil / Veglia di Natalizia

### December 25 -Thursday/Giovedì

9:00am: Santo Natale

11:00am: Christmas Mass

### December 26 -Friday/Venerdì

8:00am: Celeste e Francesco Bianco e Michele Liscio; Birthday blessings upon Mauricio Rodas, Alvaro Diaz

### December 27 -Saturday/Sabato

8:00am: Repose of the soul of Osvaldo Enrique, Rebeca Salcedo Flores, Elsa Lucila Santos

### December 28 -Sunday/Domenica

9:00am:

10:30am: Grace Suarez & Anthony Merchan

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

#### ORARI NATALIZI:

Messa della Vigilia di Natale - ore 20:00 bilingue

Giorno di Natale - ore 9:00 in italiano e ore 11:00 in inglese

Messa di Capodanno - ore 9:00 in italiano e ore 11:00 in inglese

L'ufficio rimarrà chiuso dal 25 dicembre al 1° gennaio  
(ultimo giorno di apertura il 24 dicembre e riapertura il 2 gennaio)

## la Domenica di Avvento

Vangelo: Matteo 1.18-24

Questa è l'ultima domenica della nostra preparazione al Natale, l'anniversario della nascita di Cristo. Come Giuseppe, possiamo tutti sentirci indegni dell'onore di accoglierLo nei nostri cuori e nelle nostre case. Siamo davvero indegni, non perché abbiamo pochi beni di questo mondo, ma perché abbiamo così poca umiltà, così poca carità, così poca fede e fiducia nella bontà di Dio. Cerchiamo di imitare Giuseppe e Maria, i più umili tra gli umili, i più puri tra i puri, e i più grandi credenti nella bontà e nella misericordia di Dio. Non potremo mai sperare di eguagliarli, ma possiamo seguirli umilmente.

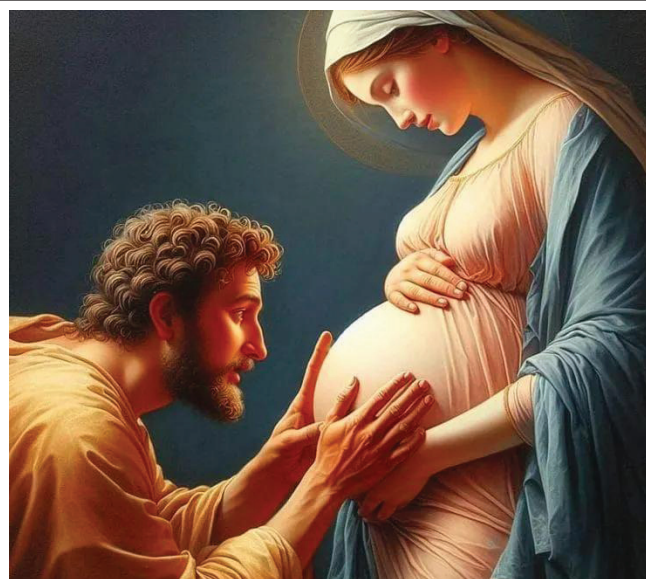
Pregando obbedientemente il Rosario, come chiese la Madonna a Fatima oltre 100 anni fa, possiamo tutti avvicinarci di più alla Sacra Famiglia.

Il modo migliore per prepararci al Natale è credere che, nonostante tutto ciò che vediamo accadere nel mondo e nella Chiesa oggi, la civiltà cristiana fiorirà e fiorirà di nuovo come mai prima d'ora.

### NOVENA DI NATALE – Inizia il 16 dicembre

Salve e benedetta sia l'ora e il momento in cui il Figlio di Dio nacque dalla purissima Vergine Maria, a mezzanotte, a Betlemme, nel freddo pungente. In quell'ora degnati, ti prego, o mio Dio, di ascoltare la mia preghiera e di esaudire i miei desideri per i meriti del nostro Salvatore Gesù Cristo e della sua benedetta Madre.

Amen.



### BUON NATALE

A nome di Nina e Patricia, il nostro personale parrocchiale di San Nicola di Bari, vorremmo augurare a tutti un felice Natale!

Che la pace, la gioia e la benevolenza di Dio siano con voi e i vostri cari.

**Padre Gustavo**



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