

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SERVITE CHURCH

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4 Sunday of Advent (Year B) 20th December 2020



Sat 6.30pm

Sat 9.00pm (Carols @ 8.30pm)

Sunday 9.30am

11.00am

Spanish Mass 12.30pm

Mon to Fri 10am

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hrs

During the holiday period, the office will not always have a Receptionist, so please keep calls to a minimum. We shall of course try to deal with urgent calls; Staff will be reduced, so try to be sensitive to the Circumstances.

Saints Days

Mon 21st - St Peter Canisius

Wed 23rd - St John of Kanty

Thur 24th - Christmas Eve

Fri 25th - Christmas Day



Novena Mass for Christmas

/Simbang Gabi - Tuesday 15th to Wednesday 23rd December, Novena Masses will be at 8pm. This can also be viewed on the "Servite Filipino Community" Facebook page.

St Peregrine Mass: Will be held on Wednesday 30th December at 10am.

Sunday Reflection: "Rejoice, highly favoured" – By all accounts King David was a great king. At a certain stage in his life, having subdued his enemies and feeling a sense of achievement, he wants to do something for God. He desires to build a house for God. It is all too human to build a monument! His motives may be mixed – it is for God but also a mark of achievement of a job well done!! The Lord responds to David, "Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in?" 'Remember all the Lord has done for you'. In contrast the attitude of Mary is so different. She comes to God in her emptiness; She offers God the gift of her freedom, the purity of her heart and the obedience of her will. Mary realizes that God's choice of her made her "full of grace". Mary is the Advent figure per excellence. She proclaims, "for the Almighty has done great things for me". God has chosen her and graced her for the mission in life which is to give Jesus to every generation of the human family. Favours and gifts reflect the generosity of the giver, not the worthiness of the receiver. It is through Mary, and not David that God finally builds himself a Home, but not one made of bricks and mortar but a home of "flesh and blood" – human lives and hearts full of love. So, on this fourth Sunday of Advent, the focus is immediate: we have come to the moment of announcing the Incarnation and hearing Mary's wholehearted acceptance. God's choice of her does not free her from making her choice for God. "Let what you have said be done to me". Mary encourages us all to be wholehearted rather than half-hearted when God asks each of us to put our freedom at his service. To all God says, "Rejoice highly favoured". We respond, "Come Lord Jesus".



Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve there will be two Masses a) at 6.30pm and b) 9pm (Christmas Carols at 8.30pm). Christmas Day Masses at 9.30am and 11am and Spanish Mass at 12.30pm. Admittance to these Masses will be by ticket only due to Covid 19 restrictions and social distancing. Please get your tickets from the Parish Office.

Happy Christmas to all!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – registration is now open. A course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please email the Parish Office for a registration form.

Confirmation – Details of the Celebration of Programme 2019/2020 will be announced in the New Year.

First Holy Communion – Dates of registration for our next programme will be announced in the New Year.