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Charles Borromeo Giving Communion to the Plague Victims  
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*IF WE WISH TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS IN THE SERVICE OF GOD  
we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves  
in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view  
or end in all our actions but the divine honor. – Carlo Borromeo*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents who wish to have their child baptized must complete a Baptism Preparation Program. Please contact the Parish Office for registration information.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to be married must contact the Pastor at least ONE YEAR in advance of the anticipated date and participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** Confessions are heard every Saturday, from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Mario Cafarelli, C.P.P.S. Pastor  
Fr Gerardo Laguartilla, C.P.P.S. Associate Pastor  
Sergio Spadafora Deacon

## PARISH STAFF

Mary Magno Office Manager  
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Felix Vargas Custodian

## OFFICE HOURS

MON / TUE / THU / FRI 9am to 3:00pm  
WED 9am to 12:30pm  
SAT 9am to 12pm

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

MON to FRI	8am	Italian
	12:05pm	English
SAT (SUN VIGIL)	4:30pm	English
SUN	8am	Italian
	9:30am	English
	11am	Italian
	12:30pm	English

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

On the first Friday of the month, the Holy Rosary is prayed at 6:30pm, followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass, Holy Hour, and Confession.

## OUR SCHOOLS

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## PARISH AND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adult Choir (English, 12:30pm)  
Catholic Women's League  
Coro Adulti (Italiano, 11am)  
Daughters of Isabella

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Ministers of the Word  
Ministers of Welcome  
Ministers to the Altar

Ministry to the Sick  
Precious Blood Prayer Group  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Last Sunday the candle of peace was lit. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring to the world everlasting peace.

This Sunday we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a joyful reminder that the Lord is near. We light the rose candle on the Advent wreath (Joy), symbolizing hope, anticipation and the growing light of Christ in our world. It reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her - a child who would save and deliver his people. God wants us all to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people - for to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. "We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life - a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We light it to remember that He is the source of true and everlasting joy.

May this Sunday renew our joy as we prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

For the Christmas envelope (24 or 25 December), we ask you to be generous as usual. You have certainly noticed the Church adorned with 4 Christmas trees, wreaths, banners and plants. Don't forget the costs of electricity, heating, cleaning and much more. Let us celebrate this Christmas with joy, faith, spirituality and even financial generosity. Thank you for your continued support of our Church. Merry Christmas!

### ADVENT LAY FORMATION

The Union of the blood of Christ invites you to our Advent Lay formation, David the King, study program. Saturday, December 20, 2025 9:30AM- 4:00PM. Register by Monday, December 15. Fee \$30.00

### UNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

The USC invites you to the Christmas Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi 2025) December 15 to December 23, Rosary at 6:30PM Mass at 7:00PM. his year's theme is the Nativity of Jesus, a joy and hope to be shared.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS' MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass  
7:00 p.m. English  
10:30 p.m. -Italian & English

#### Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass in Italian  
9:30 a.m. Mass in English  
11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian  
12:30 p.m. Mass in English

#### New Year's Eve

4:00 p.m. Mass in English

#### New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. Mass in English  
11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian

### BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS FIGURES (BAMBINELLI BLESSING)

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20 and 21, we will have our traditional Blessing of the Baby Jesus figure for our Christmas Manger. This special blessing will take place after all the Masses that weekend.

We invite all families to bring the Baby Jesus figure from your home Nativity scene so that it may be blessed along with the parish's manger. This simple tradition is a beautiful way to prepare our hearts and homes for the celebration of Christ's birth. All are welcome to participate.

### NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that our weekday Mass schedule will change starting **Friday, January 2, 2026.**

New Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00AM in English

Wednesday, Friday 7:00PM in English

PLEASE NOTE THE 12:05PM MASS WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED.

The 8:00AM mass will continue to be celebrated in both English and Italian.

### III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Domenica scorsa è stata accesa la candela della pace. La accendiamo insieme alla candela della speranza, ricordando che Cristo tornerà e porterà al mondo una pace eterna.

Questa domenica celebriamo la Domenica Gaudete, un gioioso promemoria della vicinanza del Signore. Accendiamo la candela rosa sulla corona dell'Avvento (Gioia), simbolo di speranza, attesa e della crescente luce di Cristo nel nostro mondo. Ci ricorda la gioia che Maria provò quando l'angelo Gabriele le disse che le sarebbe nato un bambino speciale, un bambino che avrebbe salvato e liberato il suo popolo. Dio desidera che tutti noi proviamo gioia. L'angelo che annunciò ai pastori la nascita di Gesù disse loro: "Non temete, ecco, vi annuncio una grande gioia, che sarà di tutto il popolo: oggi vi è nato nella città di Davide un Salvatore, che è il Messia, il Signore". Accendiamo questa candela per ricordare che Cristo porta la promessa di una vita nuova, una vita in cui i ciechi riacquistano la vista, gli zoppi camminano e i prigionieri sono liberati. Accendiamola per ricordare che Lui è la fonte della gioia vera ed eterna.

Che questa domenica rinnovi la nostra gioia mentre prepariamo i nostri cuori ad accogliere Gesù a Natale.

### COLLETTA DI NATALE

Per la busta di Natale (del 24 o 25 dicembre), vi chiediamo di essere come al solito, generosi. Certamente avete notato la Chiesa adornata da 4 alberi di Natale, ghirlande, striscioni e piante. Da non dimenticare le spese dell'elettricità, riscaldamento, pulizie e tanto altro. Celebriamo questo Natale con gioia, fede, spiritualità ed anche generosità finanziaria. Grazie per il vostro continuo supporto verso la nostra Chiesa. Auguri di Buon Natale!

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Maria Di Matteo, Flaviana Punzalan Alulod, Rosaria Marchese whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

## *Masses of the Week*

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

4:30PM Antonio Gomes, Francesca, Carmen & Mario Mazzulla, Rocco Tacconelli, Guido Giardinazzo, Maria Fermamda Goncalves, Caterina Pina Roti, Domenico Servello, Michele Mazzilli

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

8:00AM Kurt Shickedanz  
9:30AM George Wrobel, Ronnie Sr. Gavarán, Julian & Andresa Bontilao  
11:00AM Caterina e Domenico Servello, Bruno, Vittoria e Domenico Romano, Pino e Irene Mancino, Salvatore Sgro  
12:30 PM Birthday Celebration for Shaun Taylor Cruz, Chelsey Ann Cruz, Lourdez Garcia Cruz, For the Soul of Rafael Cruz Sr., Dionesio Sunet, Felomina Dequela & Souls in Purgatory

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:00AM Maria e Francesco Dinatolo  
12:05PM Deceased members of the Del Basso & Galeazza Families

### **7:00PM Christmas Novena**

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:00AM Cristina Labricciosa-Romano  
12:05PM Luisa & Giovanni Celenza, John Mores & Santo Giordano, Prudencio Jacob, Tomas Pardilla, Rizalinda Jacob, Simeon & Veronica Fermindoza

### **7:00PM Christmas Novena**

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8:00AM In Onore di Gesù Cristo  
12:05PM Deceased Members of the Palladino & Albanese Families

### **7:00PM Christmas Novena**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00AM Casimiro Baldessarri  
12:05PM Anacleto Agnolon & Family Guerra

### **7:00PM Christmas Novena**

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:00AM Salvatore Giancola  
12:05PM Luciano Chiarotto

### **7:00PM Christmas Novena**

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

4:30PM Pro Populo  
7:00PM Christmas Novena



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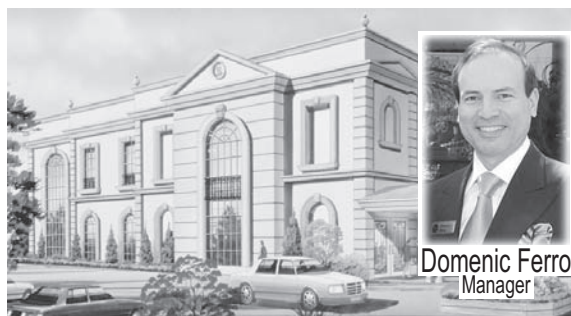
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