

The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.”
- Mt 25:34

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November 26th, 2023

Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. at Saint Nicholas

Sunday: 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m.

bilingual at Saint Nicholas

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m.

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Misas dominicales:

Sábado: 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

Domingo: 12:30 p.m. en español

Misas diarias:

Martes: 5:30 p.m.

Miércoles: 8:00 a.m.

Jueves : 8:00 a.m.

Viernes: 6:00 p.m.

bilingüe en San Nicolás

Reconciliación:

Sábado: 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Sábado: 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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BULLETIN SUBMITTALS

Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN

Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulletin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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ANOINTING

If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND HOMEBOUND VISITS

Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

Church Calendar

Monday, November 27th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

Tuesday, November 28th

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

5:30 p.m. Mass, † Deceased Family Members of Jim and Steph Smyth

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, GA Choir Loft

Wednesday, November 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Ruth Pass

Thursday, November 30th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Darlene Vogel

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, St. Francis Hall

Friday, December 1st

9:00 a.m. Church Decorating, GA Church

4:00 p.m. Huskies Basketball, Gym

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN), † Clarence and Caroline Lenzmeier

Saturday, December 2nd

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

8:45 a.m. Baptism Class, 1st Floor Conference Room

3:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, GA Choir Loft

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, † Virgil Gestach

5:45 p.m. Advent Tree Lighting, GA Front Garden

Sunday, December 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Madge (VanSloun) Olsen

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts (The Guillemette Family)

10:00 a.m. Mass, † Glenn (Smoky) and Janet Vogel

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts (The Guillemette Family)

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), For the People

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Por las almas del Purgatorio

4:00 p.m. All Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, GA Church

Mass Intentions:

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

Matrimony:

Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

Communion for the Homebound:

When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. Then we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 22, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)/1 Co 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46
 Lunes: Dn 1, 1-6. 8-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Lc 21, 1-4
 Martes: Dn 2, 31-45/Dn 3, 57. 58. 59. 60. 61/Lc 21, 5-11
 Miércoles: Dn 5, 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/Dn 3, 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67/Lc 21, 12-19
 Jueves: Rom 10, 9-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt 4, 18-22
 Viernes: Dn 7, 2-14/Dn 3, 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81/Lc 21, 29-33
 Sábado: Dn 7, 15-27/Dn 3, 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87/Lc 21, 34-36
 Domingo siguiente: Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/1 Co 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors (1/3 down), Church Fence (2nd half), Repair Sanctuary/Sacristy windows, replace furnace room windows, down payment on church boilers.

Year-To-Date 7/1/23—11/13/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$282,820	\$22,740
Sunday Collection	\$9,814	\$1,275
Contributions	\$3,538	\$1,000
Total Giving	\$229,012	\$24,234
Amount above or below	-\$53,808	+\$1,494

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/23—09/30/23 Contributions:	\$15,926
7/1/23—09/30/23 Expenses:	\$47,112
Fund Balance:	\$143,066

Please remember the Church of the Guardian Angels or Saint Nicholas in your Will.



CHRIST THE KING—A DAY TO PRAY FOR TRUE FREEDOM

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and His Holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. It is a day to pray for the freedom that only Jesus can give. This is a freedom that allows us to build a society of true justice, peace and solidarity with each other.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful, but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and – while governments around them crumbled – the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ “is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind” (*Quas primas*, 7). The USCCB encourages Catholics to learn more about this important feast day. Resources, including a brief background on *Quas primus*, are available at www.usccb.org/ChristtheKing.

Our readings this year feature the image of the Lord as a shepherd. The image of a shepherd is a beautiful scriptural image that refers to a benevolent ruler. Like a shepherd caring for his flock, a good king is one who feeds and protects his people. The Psalm calls to mind the image of a shepherd king. In some translations, the first line of this Psalm is rendered as “The Lord rules me,” rather than the more familiar “The Lord is my shepherd.” The Lord who rules as a good shepherd protects his people and delivers them from their enemies.

One key in our readings is that the Lord is the one who brings about transformation. He is the Incarnate Lord who came down from heaven for us. It is tempting to think that we can solve the crises we face on our own. To be sure, we should use our gifts and virtues to contribute to the renewal of our Church and broader society. But at the same time, the Lord is the one who leads us beside still waters. The renewal of the churches of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas must be informed by prayer, in which we ask the King of the Universe to be our shepherd. May our shepherd lead us in our small groups this Lent. May He lead us in all of our activity within the walls of our churches and outside of them so that we may be his light to the world!

Father Tony

THE STAR OF THE NORTH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

May 17th-18th, 2024, The Sanford Center, Bemidji

Join bishops from across Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Wisconsin to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Preceding the commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Revival, the congress will inspire pilgrims to increase their devotion in the Eucharist while learning ways to share the many graces of this great Sacrament. For more information and registration go to archspm.org/the-star-of-the-north-eucharistic-congress.

FUNDRAISER FOR DC TRIP

Please join us at Sovereign Estates Winery in Waconia on Tuesday, December 12th from 4-8 p.m. for the Spirit of Winter! This is a fundraiser for St. John the Baptist (Jordan) 7th and 8th grade students’ Washington DC trip. The students will be taking an educational trip to DC this coming spring and are raising funds to help support the costs. Tickets are \$10 and 100% of the funds raised go to the students’ trip. Join us for a beautiful and magical night of lights and holiday spirit. You can purchase tickets after Mass at GA on the weekend of December 3rd. You can also purchase tickets at the school office in Jordan.

GIVING TREE/MINISTERIO “ÁRBOL QUE DA”

There are two trees at the entrance of the church filled with tags listing the needs of fellow parishioners and area residents who are struggling to make ends meet.

How does the Giving Tree Work?

Choose a tag from the tree, fill out and tear off the bottom half of the tag, and purchase a gift (typically \$25-30) using the list of ideas on the tag. Then bring your gift, concealed in a gift bag, to church with the tag attached to the outside of the bag. Please remember to attach the tag to the gift bag so that we are able to match the gift with the recipient.

When/Where are the gifts returned?

Put your gift(s) under the trees at the entrance of the church by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH. All gifts will be organized and delivered that week.

Donations Accepted

If you would like to donate a new gift or monetary donation to the Giving Tree, please contact the Parish Office or Jean Van Hecke at 612-245-9252. We will use these gifts for supplementing individuals and families with extraordinary needs.



Ministerio “Arbol que da”

Hay dos árboles en la entrada de la Iglesia. Estos árboles tienen unas etiquetas con las necesidades de parroquianos y otras personas que viven en esta área y que tienen dificultades para llegar a fin de mes.

¿Cómo funciona el “Árbol que da”?

Escoja una etiqueta del árbol, complétela y arranque la parte de abajo. Compre uno de los regalos (generalmente de \$ 25 - \$30) que se listan en la etiqueta. Ponga el

regalo dentro de una bolsa de regalo y pegue la etiqueta en la parte de afuera de la bolsa. Deje el regalo en la Iglesia. Por favor no olvide pegar la etiqueta a la bolsa.

¿Cuándo y dónde se dejan los regalos ?

Los regalos deben dejarse debajo de los árboles que están en la entrada de la Iglesia. La fecha límite para entregarlos es el DOMINGO 11 DE DICIEMBRE.

Se aceptan donaciones

Si desea donar un regalo nuevo o hacer una donación de dinero para el “Arbol que da” por favor llame a la oficina de la Iglesia o a Jean Van Hecke al 612-245-9252. Usaremos estas donaciones para ayudar a personas y familias con necesidades extraordinarias.

Sharing the JOY of the birth of Jesus!

Compartamos la alegría del

THE EUCHARIST SOURCE AND SUMMIT

The Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

On June 19th, 2022 the Catholic Church in the United States embarked on a three-year journey to encourage a deeper understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist. We just finished the *Year of Diocesan Eucharistic Revival* which saw many initiatives in different dioceses throughout the country. Currently we are in the *Year of Parish Revival* which will culminate with a Eucharistic Congress to be held in Indianapolis from July 17th-24th. The Basilica invites you to participate in several initiatives, including a series of lectures on different aspects of the Eucharist.

The Incarnate Word of God and the Eucharist: Thursday, November 30th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Martin Connell will present on (1) the unity and variety of the New Testament witnesses to the Eucharist, (2) Pope Benedict XVI's exhortation *The Word of God*, (3) how the Sacrament of the Eucharist complements the Word of God, and (4) how – in spite of human sin and frailty— God calls the baptized to incarnate and preach the Word of God in the liturgy and the world.

The Eucharist as Source and Summit of our Christian Life: Sunday, January 28th, 11 a.m. Presented by Dr. Hanson Goo from St. John's University.

Sixty Years after the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy: Pope Francis and Contemporary Liturgical Renewal: Sunday, February 25th, 1 p.m. Presented by Father Michael Joncas.

“Who do you say ‘I am’?”: On Eucharist and Conformity: Thursday, March 14th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Kim Vrudny.

DONUTS AND SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Gathering after Mass in Saint Francis Hall downstairs to visit over coffee, juice, and donuts is a great way to get to know your parish community. We encourage you to stop downstairs after Masses on Sunday even if for just a few minutes to say hello.

Please consider hosting as a family, or gather a couple friends together to host... or if you lead a ministry, sign up your ministry group. We need hosts for 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses at GA.

Sign up on the app or contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or lforner2@gmail.com

DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS NOW AVAILABLE

July 17-24, Indianapolis, IN

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now. One more reason to register early: [The Archdiocese has a limited number of discounted tickets available!](#) Find out more and begin your registration at archspm.org/eucharisticrevival.

HELP FOR STRUGGLING COUPLES

December 1-3, Best Western Hotel, Eagan

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages saved worldwide. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: MARIAN ROUTE

May 19th—July 16th

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin and end at the Eucharistic Congress. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route, which departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi, and will descend through the midwestern United States. There is also an opportunity for Catholics ages 19-29 to serve as Perpetual Pilgrims. These pilgrims will travel with a priest chaplain and Jesus in the Eucharist throughout the pilgrimage. Learn more about the stops, Perpetual Pilgrim opportunity, and more at archspm.org/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-marian-route.

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION: TO PONDER AS MARY PONDERED

December 5th, 6:30—8 p.m., Risen Savior, Burnsville

How does Mary's pondering of the revelation that she was with child serve as a model of the contemplative life we are called to follow so that we may respond to our call to transform the world we live in? Utilizing the insights of great spiritual writers as well as engaging in concrete prayer practices, we will unpack how to be contemplative disciples in a post-modern world so that Christ may be born anew in our time. Led by Scott Brazil, Director of Faith Formation, Pax Christi Community. Learn more at risensavior.org/seasonal-faith-enrichment.

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

*Saturday, December 9th, 10 a.m.,
Cathedral of Saint Paul*

All the faithful, ordained and lay, are invited to this Mass, during which Archbishop Hebda will ordain eighteen men as permanent deacons. You may also watch the livestream on the Cathedral's Facebook page.

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesday, November 28th, 7–8 p.m.

Young adults age 18+ are invited to pray online together with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. There will be time for faith sharing with young adults and sisters from all across the U.S. and Canada.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MOVEMENT!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the “Heart of the Revival” weekly newsletter at eucharisticrevival.org.

FIRE ON THE HILL

Second Saturday of the Month, after the 5:15 p.m. Mass, Cathedral of Saint Paul

On the second Saturday of each month, the 5:15 p.m. Saturday evening Mass will be followed by a time of praise and worship. Prayer ministry will also be included for healing and prophetic encouragement.

Presiders:

December 2nd (the one time it's the 1st Saturday):

Father Michael Becker

January 13th: Bishop Joseph Williams

February 10th: Archbishop Bernard Hebda

March 9th: Father Jonathan Kelly

April 13th: TBD

May 11th: Father Jon Vander Ploeg

ADVENT EVENING OF RENEWAL

*December 6th, 6:30–8:30 p.m.,
St. John Neumann, Eagan*

An Advent evening of guided reflection, prayer ministry, adoration, and songs of praise. Encounter Jesus as He comes to us and allow Jesus to encounter us as we await His coming with joyful hope. Confession and hospitality available after the 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass.

WHAT WE CALL “IT” MATTERS: UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRITUAL IMPACT OF ABUSE IN A CHURCH CONTEXT

Monday, November 27th, 6:30–8 p.m.

Join this discussion that will explore the common understandings, problems and implications of spiritual damage done through sexual, emotional, and physical abuse by religious authorities. Gerard J. McGlone, SJ, PhD, and Dr. Joane Durkin will lead the discussion. For more information contact Paula Kaempffer, Coordinator of Restorative Practices and Survivor Support for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, kaempfferp@archspm.org.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

*Saturday, December 9th, 7 p.m.,
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Minneapolis*

This service is a musical celebration combining seasonal carols, choral music, and Scripture readings. Our observance of this English tradition has a uniquely Polish flare, and it features beloved kolędy and even a couple of readings in Polish! This program features choral music by Hildegard von Bingen, Palestrina, Rheinberger, Backman, 15th Cent. Anon, Elgar, Handel, and Rachmaninoff. Free and open to the public with festive reception to follow!

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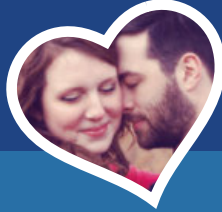
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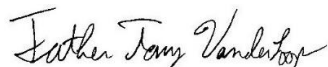
Dear Friends in Christ,

This Advent is a time to rekindle our hope. Hope is essential and we would fall into despair without it. This is a time to rekindle our hope in our Savior Jesus Christ, the King in our personal lives, in our parishes, in our society, and in our world. We hear in Advent of the people of the Old Testament who had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that the blind would see, the deaf hear and the lame walk; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again and united in the blessings of everlasting peace.

We and they have hoped for a Messiah whose coming in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably strengthens and confirms our hope. Jesus reveals to us that God is not far off. Rather, that he is already in our midst. So we join with John the Baptist, with Simeon and Anna, with Elizabeth and Zechariah, and with Mary and Joseph in recognizing the presence of our Savior in the world.

This Advent, we will dare to hope for big things for our parish and ourselves as we refocus our commitment to expectant prayer, prepare to begin our small groups as part of the Archbishop's vision after the synod, and imagine the possibilities of new ways that the Lord will come to us personally as we build a community of faith. But this hope this Advent season is only rekindled by our being awake and alert for his daily coming in our lives through repentance, renewed hope in his daily presence, and the faithfulness that Mary and Joseph show us so profoundly. He is Emmanuel – God with Us – God who searches for us and waits for us to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist that we receive at Mass. Let His search for you be successful. Come to Mass this Advent and Christmas season to meet the one who truly fulfills our hope. May God bless you and your family this Advent and Christmas!

Yours in Christ,



Father Tony VanderLoop
Pastor

Advent and Christmas Calendar 2023

Advent Penance Service	4:00 PM	Sunday, December 3rd	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of The Immaculate Conception (English)	12:00 PM	Thursday, December 8 th	@ Guardian Angels
(Bilingual)	7:00 PM	Thursday, December 8 th	@ Guardian Angels
Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)	7:00 PM	Monday, December 12 th	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of the 4 th Sunday of Advent (English)	4:30 PM	Saturday, December 23 rd	@ Guardian Angels
(Bilingual)	9:00 AM	Sunday, December 24 th	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	10:00 AM	Sunday, December 24 th	@ Saint Nicholas
Masses of the Nativity of our Lord (English)	4:00 PM	Sunday, December 24 th	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	10:00 PM	Sunday, December 24 th	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	9:00 AM	Monday, December 25 th	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	9:00 AM	Monday, December 25 th	@ Saint Nicholas
(Spanish)	11:00 AM	Monday, December 25 th	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	9:00 AM	Monday, January 1 st	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of the Epiphany of Our Lord			

Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass Schedule

The Church of the Guardian Angels

All-Parish Reconciliation

Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 PM

Prepare the Way of the Lord!



Examination of Conscience

Do I believe in God and have faith in God? Do I pray? When I pray, do I really raise my heart and mind to God or is it a matter of words only? Do I turn to God in times of temptation?

Do I love God above all things or do I love other things more such as money, popularity or success?

Have I love and reverence for God's name? Have I offended him by using profanity?

Do I keep Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation holy by attending mass and giving the Mass my full attention?

Do I have love and respect for my co-workers, members of my own family, my classmates, and my friends? Or have I done to them what I would not want done to myself?

Do I honor my mother and father? Have I shown them respect? Do I trust them?

Am I concerned for others, or do I spend my life caring only for myself? Do I look down on my neighbor thinking that I am better than they are, especially the poor, the sick, the elderly, strangers, and people of other races?

Have I maintained a spirit of charity toward others? Or have I done violence to others by fighting, quarreling or insults?

Have I kept my senses and my whole body pure and chaste. Or have I dishonored my body by engaging sexual actions with others or giving in to unworthy thoughts and desires? Have I read books or watched movies or shows that are offensive?

Have I stolen the property of others?

Have I been truthful and fair, or have I harmed others by not telling the truth, by criticizing them behind their back, by gossip, or making fun of them.

Have I been content with what God has given me? Or have I been jealous of another person's belongings, gifts or talents?

If I have been injured, have I been ready to make peace for the love of Christ and to forgive, or do I harbor hatred and the desire for revenge?

Have I used my time well in order to be the person God wants me to be? Or have I been lazy and reluctant to do what I know I should?



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