

My dear parishioners,

I am very excited to celebrate my first Advent and Christmas seasons as pastor of Epiphany of the Lord. During this time of year, it can be very easy to get caught up in the busyness of our daily lives and forget to prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Messiah's birth. I encourage you to attend as many of the planned events as possible with your family and loved ones. These are also wonderful opportunities to invite neighbors or friends to join you at our parish campuses. Father Tony, our staff, and I look forward to seeing you many times in the coming months!

With blessings,
Fr. Gilbert Mascaranhas, SAC

Advent and Christmas Special Masses & Services

SS- St. Stephen Campus (1880 Genesee St.) ~ SH- Sacred Heart Campus (509 Oswald St.) ~ STA- St. Thomas Aquinas Campus (729 White St.)

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| Children's Mass for First Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 2 | 11:30 am, STA |
| Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) | Saturday, December 8 | 9 am, STA |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration | Saturday, December 8 | 5 pm, SH (fulfills Sunday obligation) |
| Reconciliation Service for Religious Education (grades 3-8) | Sunday, December 9 | 10 am, STA |
| Reconciliation at Deanery Parishes Day of Grace & Night of Worship Penance Service | Tuesday, December 11 Tuesday, December 11 | 9am-9 pm, St. Jerome 7 pm, St. Ignatius |
| Rectory Open House | Thursday, December 13 | 5-9 pm, SS |
| Reconciliation | Sunday, December 16 | 1-3 pm, STA |
| Lessons and Carols | Sunday, December 16 | 3:30 pm, SS |
| Mass & Dinner with Filipino Community | Friday, December 21 | 6 pm, STA |
| Masses for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation) | Monday, December 24 Monday, December 24 Tuesday, December 25 | 4 pm, STA- Mass (for children) 5:30 pm, SS- Mass Midnight, SH- Mass (musical prelude at 11:30 pm) |
| | Tuesday, December 25 Tuesday, December 25 | 9 am, SS- Mass 10:30 am, STA- Mass |
| Mass for Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin, Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) | Monday, December 31 Tuesday, January 1 | 5:30 pm, SH 9 am, STA |
| Masses for Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Special Schedule for Parish Feast Day – only one Mass, at Sacred Heart on Sunday) | Saturday, January 5 Sunday, January 6 | 4 pm, SS 10 am, SH (reception to follow Mass) |
| Children's Mass for Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | Sunday, January 13 | 11:30 am, STA |