

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Mon., Dec. 21th - Reconciliation Monday (all-day confessions)

Thurs., Dec. 24th -

10 am - Come & help us decorate the church

5 pm - English Christmas Mass

8 pm - Spanish Christmas Mass

9:30 pm - Korean Christmas Mass

Fri., Dec. 25th -

8 am - English Christmas Mass

9:30 am - Korean Christmas Mass

11 am - English Christmas Mass

**(No Spanish Mass Friday,
due to Spanish Mass on Christmas Eve)**

LA CELEBRACIÓN NAVIDEÑA

Lunes de Reconciliación (21 de dic.)

- Confesiones todo el día

Jueves 24 de dic.- Ayúdenos arreglar la iglesia con las plantas y las flores (10 am).

Jueves 24 de dic.-

5:00 pm - Misa en inglés

8:00 pm - Misa en Español (Nochebuena)

9:30 pm - Misa en coreano

Viernes 25 de dic.-

8:00 am - Misa en inglés

9:30 am - Misa en coreano

11:00 am - Misa en inglés

FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to all who planned and carried out our parish celebration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe last weekend. The organizers managed to respect all the pandemic protocols, but still present a moving, prayerful tribute to the Mother of the Lord. Elsewhere in this bulletin are two photos of this event.

Thanks, also, to all parishioners who participated in the Parish Stewardship Project during the past few weekends. If you are not aware of this project, more information can be found, in English and in Spanish, in this bulletin.

Our Christmas schedule of services is elsewhere in this bulletin. We begin with Reconciliation Monday on December 21st. Confession available all day (9:45 am to 8 pm), sometimes in church, sometimes in the rectory. A location schedule will be posted. Msgr. Maks will give us a hand by celebrating the 9 am Mass and hearing confessions in church for an hour or so afterwards.

On Thursday, December 24th, at 10 am, we will decorate the church with plants and flowers. If possible, give us a hand. Just show up and we'll show you what needs to be done.

Because the second collection at the Christmas Masses is a diocesan one for the great work of Catholic Charities, we ask you to also remember St. Raphael's parish with a Christmas Offering. We ask you to consider \$100 per family, if possible. All churches need this extra boost at Christmas to balance the budget. Many thanks.

At a pastors Zoom meeting this past Tuesday, Bishop DiMarzio reminded us that pandemic-related government regulations impacting churches can possibly change in a flash, so call the rectory or check our website for any last-minute adjustments to the Christmas schedule.

A blessed and **safe** Christmas! Remember: about 70% of Covid-19 transmission seems to take place in small gatherings, including family gatherings.

- *Father Jerry Jecewiz*