

# St. Philip Neri Church

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## Capuchin Franciscan

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When a mother is expecting a baby, in a way, the whole family is also expecting with her. There is joy and happiness in waiting for it to be born and it is a beautiful event. Just as we look forward with great excitement to a vacation trip, and that we hope is going to be a completely new and joyful experience. Likewise, Christmas is an event we look forward to. Christmas, is when God reveals "the mystery that was kept waiting

for many centuries." He wants to be present among us. God the Father wants to give us an image of himself in Jesus Christ, an image that we are able to perceive with our weak human senses. Christmas is a great event every year, but only for those who wait for God 'Emmanuel' (God with us), with faith, Hope and Peace.

Quando una mamma aspetta un bambino, in un certo senso anche tutta la famiglia è in attesa con lei. L'attesa della nascita è gioiosa e felice ed è un evento bellissimo. Così come aspettiamo con grande entusiasmo un viaggio per le vacanze, sperando che sia un'esperienza completamente nuova e gioiosa. Allo stesso modo, il Natale è un evento da attendere con ansia. Il Natale è il momento in cui Dio rivela "il mistero che è stato tenuto in attesa per molti secoli". Vuole essere presente in mezzo a noi. Dio Padre vuole darci un'immagine di sé in Gesù Cristo, un'immagine che siamo in grado di percepire con i nostri deboli sensi umani. Il Natale è un grande evento ogni anno, ma solo per chi aspetta il Dio "Emmanuele" (Dio con noi), con fede, speranza e pace.

Cuando una madre está esperando un bebé, en cierto modo, también toda la familia está esperando con ella. Hay alegría y felicidad en esperar a que nazca y es un hermoso acontecimiento. Así como también esperamos con mucha emoción un viaje de vacaciones, y que esperamos vaya a ser una experiencia completamente nueva y alegre. Así mismo, la Navidad es un evento que esperamos. La Navidad, es cuando Dios revela "el misterio que se mantuvo en espera por muchos siglos." Él quiere estar presente entre nosotros. Dios Padre, quiere darnos una imagen de sí mismo en Jesucristo, una imagen que seamos capaces de percibir con nuestros débiles sentidos humanos. La Navidad es un gran acontecimiento cada año, pero solo para aquellos que esperan a Dios 'Emmanuel' (Dios con nosotros), con fe, Esperanza y Paz.

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‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.’ Mt 25:34-35  
Please take precaution with EXPIRY DATES.

**God bless your generosity!**

“The Lord is coming, always coming.  
When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life.  
Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.”

**Henry Nouwen**

Capuchin Corner



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2024 offertory envelopes are available for pick-up from the main lobby of the Church. They are in numerical order. Please start using your 2024 envelopes starting January 1, 2024. There are two lists that are available in alphabetical order according to last name in case you do not remember your envelope number. If you currently do not have a box of envelopes and would like to, please contact the parish office.

***Thank you for your continued support!***



Our RCIA program needs sponsors to accompany our 14 new candidates. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to support others on their journey into the Catholic Church. Please see Deacon Damien after mass or leave your contact information at the office and he will contact you.



### 2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 24, 2023

5:00pm - English 7:00pm - Español  
11:00pm - Tamil

#### Monday, December 25, 2023

8:00am-Italiano 9:15am-English  
10:30am-Italiano 12:00pm-English  
1:30pm-Español NO 8pm MASS

#### Tuesday, December 26-Boxing Day

7:00am-Italiano 8:00am-English

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 31, 2023

5:00pm - English 11:00pm Tamil

#### Monday, January 1, 2024

9:15am-English  
10:30am-Italiano 1:30pm-Español



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We pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and the religious life. As St. Francis of Assisi embraced the leper, may we embrace our vocation that God has given to us. As Capuchins, we serve the poor and humble Christ in the poor. If you or anyone you know is interested in a vocation to become a Capuchin brother, please contact the vocation director, Brother Michael Mascarenhas, OFM Cap. (226-238-4747) or michaelanthony.m@gmail.com

† Let us pray for the souls of those whom we held the funeral: Frank Fiorio, Gemma Osti & Hector Bobadilla

### Mass Intentions / Intenciones de la Misa Intenzione della Messe

Monday, December 25

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 26

7:00 am † Per le anime del purgatorio  
8:00 am † Elena De Gasperis

Wednesday, December 27

7:00 am † Angela Mucci-Artale  
8:00 am For all Unborn Babies

Thursday, December 28

7:00 am † Michele Gallizzi  
8:00 am † All souls in purgatory

Friday, December 29

7:00 am † Per le anime del purgatorio  
8:00 am † All souls in purgatory

Saturday, December 30

7:00 am † Per le anime del purgatorio  
8:00 am † All souls in purgatory

5:00 pm † Francesco Grande

7:00 pm Intenciones de los feligreses

Sunday, December 31

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