

December 22-January 5 Schedule:

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve: 9:00 am Mass

December 25, Christmas

(11:00-11:45 pm: Confessions)

12:00 Midnight: Candlelight High Mass

9:00 am High Mass

St. Christopher's (NYC) 2:00 pm

Sat. Dec. 28: No Mass

Sunday, Dec. 29:

9:00 am Low Mass (Fr. Adam Portugal visiting)

Wed. Jan. 1: Octave Day of Christmas and the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord:

9:00 am Sung Mass (Fr. Adam Portugal visiting)

No Mass at St. Christopher's in New York City

Friday, Jan. 3: First Friday

7:00 pm Mass followed by All Night Adoration

Sat. Jan. 4: First Saturday

8:00 am: Mass preceded by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, Jan. 5: Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 am Low Mass

Holy Name members will sit in the first pews on the Gospel Side and will make their Holy Name Pledge after Mass

Sat. Jan. 11

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 12: Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 am Low Mass

December 22, 2019 – Jan. 5, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

Feast of the Circumcision

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus



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Christmas Confessions:

Please note that on Sunday, Dec. 22, there will be Confessions before and after Mass. Everyone is encouraged to make a fervent and devout Confession so you may receive the many graces the Infant Christ Child always gives at Christmas

2019 Tax letters

If you wish to receive a Tax letter for 2019 please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule

Catechism: After Mass Every Sunday (Except Dec. 29)

Prayer Booklets: There are newly printed prayer booklets which are available in the bookstore for \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Dec. 22-29: Antoinette Spero from Pat & Lynn Spero

Dec. 30- Jan. 5: Kevin Hansen from the Hansen Family

Please note you may sign up on the 2020 calendar for the Sanctuary Lamp Intentions. Suggested Donation is \$10.00

2nd Collection Schedule for December:

Sunday, Dec. 1: Foreign Missions

Sunday, Dec. 8: Building Fund

Sunday Dec. 15: Ridgefield Collection

Sunday, Dec. 22: Building Fund

Sunday, Dec. 29: (St. Christopher's Mission)

2nd Collection Schedule for January:

Sunday, Jan. 5: Building Fund

Sunday Jan. 12: Ridgefield Collection

Sunday, Jan. 19: Building Fund

Sunday, Jan. 26: (St. Christopher's Mission)

'At length,' says St. Peter Damian, in his Sermon for this holy Eve, 'at length we have got from the stormy sea into the tranquil port; hitherto it was the promise, now it is the prize; hitherto labor, now rest; hitherto despair, now hope; hitherto the way, now our home. The heralds of the divine promise came to us; but they gave us nothing but rich promises. Hence, our Psalmist himself grew wearied, 'and slept, and, with a seeming reproachful tone, thus sings his lamentation to God...

'But, what is this that has been said to us: "Sanctify yourselves, ye children of Israel, and be ready; for on the morrow, the Lord will come down"? We are, then, but one half day and night from the grand visit, the admirable Birth of the Infant-God! Hurry on your course, ye fleeting hours, that we may the sooner see the Son of God in his crib, and pay our homage to this world-saving Birth. You, Brethren, are the Children of Israel, that are sanctified, and cleansed from every defilement of soul and body, ready, by your earnest devotion, for to-morrow's mysteries. Such, indeed, you are, if I may judge from the manner in which you have spent these sacred days of preparation for the Coming of your Saviour.

'But if, notwithstanding all your care, some drops of the stream of this life's frailties are still on your hearts, wipe them away and cover them with the snow-white robe of Confession. This I can promise you from the mercy of the divine Infant: he that shall confess his sins and be sorry for them, shall have born within him the Light of the World; the darkness that deceived him, shall be dispelled; and he shall enjoy the brightness of the true Light. For how can mercy be denied to the miserable this night, in which the merciful and compassionate Lord is so mercifully born? Therefore, drive away from you all haughty looks, and idle words, and unjust works; let your loins be girt, and your feet walk in the right paths; and then come, and accuse the Lord, if this night he rend not the heavens, and come down to you, and throw all your sins into the depths of the sea.'