



St Bernard's Parish, Botany

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**First Sunday
of
Advent**

**Year B
3/12/2023**



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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am and 9:00am

Croatian Mass: Sun 11:00am

Kid's Church

Sunday 9:00am during School days

Weekly Masses

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat: 9:00am

Tuesday: 7:00pm Mass and Novena

Baptism: By appointment

On Sundays at 10:15 am

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9:30am – 10:15am

Confirmation:

Date for year 2024 is not announced yet.

Marriage:

By appointment (Six months' notice)

Divine Mercy Prayers & Benediction

Fridays 6:30pm

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle Prayers (Rosary & Act of Consecration)

Thursdays 9:30am to 10:00am

St Vincent de Paul Society Meetings

1st Weds of the month 6pm presbytery.



Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Theme: The Season of Advent and the New Liturgical year begins today. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. The first candle of the Advent wreath represents 'Hope' - a time of expectation and vigilant waiting. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

St Vincent de Paul Society Xmas Appeal

SVDP Botany Conference is holding their Christmas Appeal this weekend. Please support families struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis this Christmas. Donations above \$2 are tax deductible. Tax Receipts are issued by St Vincent de Paul.

International Day of Disability is on 3 Dec. The 2023 Theme is "United in action to rescue and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for, with and by persons with disabilities."

On Sale at the Church Foyer

Please support St Vincent De Paul Society.

Christmas Cards for \$4 for a packet of 8 cards. **Columban calendars** for \$7 each.

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Miyo and Maca Protulipac are celebrating their 57th Wedding Anniversary this week. Currently Maca Protulipac is in hospital. We are prayerfully waiting for her recovery and return for the celebration. Please keep her in your prayers. May God bless their Family.

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season. Advent is not as strict as Lent, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Flowers and Candle offering

The new Flowers and candles Offering form is available in the foyer. Parish is looking for sponsors for altar flowers.

Charitable Works Fund Tax receipts

The Archdiocese Fundraising Office will issue tax receipts for CWF card and cheque donations. Tax receipts for CWF Cash donations are issued by the parish.

"Heartbreakers" Pre-Christmas Raffle

PoWH Foundation Raffle to raise funds for aged care services. Tickets 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 5 for \$15, 7 for \$20, 11 for \$30, 15 for \$40, 20 for \$50, 30 for \$75, 50 for \$100: On sale at weekend masses. www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=xwthp Raffle drawn on Fri 8/12/23 at 7pm.

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Maca Protulipac, Carlos Lobo, Laila Amante, Ernie Amante, Ryan Genard Bacal, Gesalit Cabrera, Terry Delaney, Grazia Ferraro, Ann Fiala, Steve Forster, Nathan Gopiao, Ruby C. Gorospe, Lourdes Infante, Michelle Liew, Lourdes Lubrin, Tomi Lusaipau, Carol Merrick, Alexander Metierre, Rod Nera, Nadia Radmilo, Ben Stever, Diana Wiley, the sick in the parish, and all the sick and suffering.

3. Recently deceased: John Webb

4. Deceased Anniversary: Peter Smyth Cleophas Ruzoza, Patricia Ruzoza, Theodorus Kadimin Budjang,

5. Other Deceased: All the faithful departed, Deceased members of our families and parish community, and All Souls in Purgatory.

6. Thanksgiving:

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 9 Dec - VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Mona Laporte/

Yoalanda Fernandez

Acolyte: Rinaldo Fernandez

Sun 10 Dec - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Bernadine Lavender/

Ruby Gorospe

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 10 Dec - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: Jimmy Ong/Kylie Brakel

Acolyte: Joseph Manesh P

Counters: Joseph & Josephine

Apolonio

Altar Society: (Gp2) Charito Lan Kam

& Marilou Ong

Catholic Weekly

Catholic Weekly for only \$2 each is in the foyer. Please support the Catholic media.