



December 6, 2018

Good afternoon, SPV Families! Here is our weekly e-newsletter.

DECEMBER MASSES

December is a very busy month for the Church and there are many celebrations. Here is a list of the special masses and novena Masses for this month. All are welcome at these Masses!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation) - December 8

Vigil Masses at 5:15pm and 7:00pm (Spanish) on Friday, December 7th
Mass at 8:30am on Saturday, December 8th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena Masses December 3rd - December 8th & 10th @ 7:00pm
Vigil Mass on December 11th @ 11:30pm
Masses on December 12th at 8:30am, 5:15pm and 7:00pm (bilingual Mass)

Simbang Gabi Masses

December 16 @ 7:45am
December 17 - 22 & 24 @ 5:30am
December 23 @ 7:45am

Christmas Masses (a Holy Day of Obligation)

December 24 @ 3:30pm and 6:00pm (Spanish)
December 25 @ 7:45am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:45pm (Spanish)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We have one more day for our semi-annual Book Fair! It will be open tomorrow (Friday, December 7th) from 7:45am - 3:30pm.

Thank you to Patricia Obester for setting up and organizing our book fair (again!) and to our volunteers who make it possible to run.



2018 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM -- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

This year's annual Christmas program will be on Friday, December 14th, with performances at 1:30pm and 7:00pm. Both performances will be in the church. **We will not be selling tickets to the performances but will gratefully accept donations at the door.** We look forward to seeing you all to celebrate the birth of Christ.

"BAMBINELLI SUNDAY" - DECEMBER 16TH

This year, our parish will begin to celebrate the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday (the third Sunday in Advent). This is a tradition in which handcrafted babies or "bambinelli" destined to represent the Christ child in the family's Nativity scene are blessed by the pope. It was started in 1969 by Pope Paul VI and has continued with every pope and in many parishes around the world.

Please come to Mass on December 16th and bring your baby Jesus with you. Your youngest child may be the one to hold it up during the blessing. One tradition suggests that after the figurine is blessed, that it be carefully wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree and that THAT present be the first present unwrapped on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.

BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In addition to hearing our students at our annual Christmas Program, you are invited to come hear the sounds of our newly-formed school bands! Families and friends are welcome to this Christmas Performance and Party on Monday, December 17th, at 4:00pm in the library. This is a potluck event and parents are asked to bring some "goodies" to share.

This concert is a low-stress way to break our young musicians in to the realm of concert performance. Please come and cheer them on. It will be a fun afternoon!

A flyer for this event can be found [here](#).

CASINO NIGHT AT ST. PIUS -- SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2nd! Join our parish community for one last party before Lent begins. We will have an exciting night of dining, dancing, and casino-like fun!

In preparing for this evening, we are looking for donations of large and small items. We are also looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of the evening. Any assistance you can provide is great appreciated and, of course, will count toward service hours. **You will find a donation/sponsorship letter [here](#).** Please take it with you as you shop around this Christmas season. One never knows who may be looking for an end-of-the-year tax deduction!

Are you interested in planning events? Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:30pm, in Room 4 (Dr. Bravo's office). Please feel free to join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

The **December** printable calendar can be found [here](#).

Thursday, December 6 Pizza Press fundraiser (at The Source) ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 (8:30am) All School Mass. Students wear formal uniforms. ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 (2:00pm) 1st Trimester Award Ceremony in the church
([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 7 Band Classes

Grades 3 - 5 3:30-4:30 ([Add to calendar](#)) Jr High 4:35 - 5:35 ([Add to calendar](#))

Saturday, December 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a Holy Day of Obligation) Mass at 8:30am ([Add to calendar](#))

- **Vigil Masses on Friday, December 7**, at 5:15pm ([Add to calendar](#)) and 7:00pm (Spanish) ([Add to calendar](#))

Monday, December 10 (3:30pm) Cooking Class ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, December 12 - Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

(8:30am) School Mass for grades 2 - 4. Students in grades 2 - 4 wear formal uniform. ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 14 **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** in the church.

1:30pm Matinee ([Add to calendar](#)) **7:00pm** Evening Performance ([Add to calendar](#))

Friday, December 14 NO BAND CLASS

Monday, December 17 (4:00pm) Band performance and party. Location on campus to be determined. ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, December 19 NOON DISMISSAL. Last day before Christmas vacation. ([Add to calendar](#))

Thursday, December 20 - Friday, January 4 Christmas Vacation

Monday, December 24 (3:30pm) Christmas Vigil Mass ([Add to calendar](#))

8th Grade Christmas Program presented to parish. Youth choir and youth handbells participate in this Mass.

There is also a 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass in Spanish.

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses at:

7:45am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:45pm (Spanish).

There will be no 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.

Monday, January 7 Return to school

Tuesday, January 15 (6:30pm) 1st Reconciliation ([Add to calendar](#))

May God bless you always and in all ways,

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