

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021-2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ready or not, winter is upon us. Beautifully silently falling snow will inevitably come, leaving in its wake slush, ice and dirty sidewalks. At this time of the year, we need to bundle up to shield ourselves from the cold and wind. We also have to endure the shortest days of the year as darkness descends upon us soon after afternoon ends.

As Mother Nature has us move inside during these chilly winter days, Holy Mother Church invites us to gather around the advent wreath in preparation for our celebration of the Incarnation of the Son of God. We celebrate Jesus' birthday with brightly colored poinsettias and greens. Jesus is truly the Light of the World bringing warmth and brightness to a world too cold and dark because of our failure to live as God our Father has enabled us to do.

During the season of Advent, we celebrate two feast days in honor of Holy Mother Mary. On December 8 we celebrate her as the Patron Saint of our country with the title of the Immaculate Conception, and on December 12 we recognize her as Patroness of the Americas uniting us as a family of faith beyond national borders.

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Because of how the dates of the Christmas season fall on the calendar, the events of this Christmas season - the Nativity, the Holy Family, the Motherhood of Mary, the Epiphany and finally the Baptism of Jesus - will all be squeezed together.

Why not let the Christmas season, which starts in 2021 but continues into 2022, be our secure bridge into what is waiting for us in 2022?

On behalf of Fr. John Anthony Hutta, Deacon Francisco Colon, Sr. Patricia, and our entire parish staff, I pray for God's powerful blessings on you and your loved ones now and always.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John Grabish

(Schedule on reverse side)

ST. JOSEPH RC CHURCH CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, December 24th
4:00 PM in English & 6:00 PM in Spanish

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Saturday, December 25th
10:00 AM Bilingual Mass

NO EVENING MASSES

HOLY FAMILY FEASTDAY MASSES

Sunday, December 26th
9:00 AM in English, 11:00 AM in Spanish

NEW YEAR'S EVE

(EVE OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH)

Friday, December 31st
4:00 PM in English & 6:00 PM in Spanish

NEW YEAR'S DAY (SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH)

Saturday, January 1, 2022
10:00 AM Bilingual Mass

NO EVENING MASSES

FEAST OF THREE KINGS

Sunday, January 2nd
9:00 AM in English & 11:00 AM in Spanish

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Saturday, January 9 & Sunday, January 10, 2021
Regular Weekend Schedule