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Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2021

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Light Parish is a
spirit filled Faith
community nourished by the
Eucharist.

Committed to be disciples of
Christ, we reach out in good
stewardship to the entire Parish
and the community at large. We
serve God and one another by the
values we proclaim.



St. Pascal Baylon

113th Ave and 199th St.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Eve 5pm

Sunday 10am

Monday to Friday: 9am



St. Catherine of Sienna

Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

Sunday 12noon

Monday to Saturday: 8am



Second Sunday of
Advent
 December 5, 2021

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
 look to the east and see your children gathered
 from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
 rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
 Baruch 5:5

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A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 4th

5:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Second Sunday of Advent, December 5th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

10:00AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

12:00 PM Parishioner of Our Lady of Light

Monday, December 6th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Tuesday, December 7th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Wednesday, December 8th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Thursday, December 9th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Friday, December 10th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ricketts, Thaina Auguste, Viola Madden
 Beverly Stanton, Deana Roberts, Victor Enemu
 Marjorie Smalls, Mabel Williams, Charmayne Roberts
 Vera Russell, Shirley Roller, Phyllis Fullerton
 Emelda Cathcart, Yvonne Hendricks, John Johnson. Sr.,
 Gabriel Maitland, Julia Hodges Dorethea Callender,
 Xavier Auguste, Hollis Ford, Brenda Gibbs,
 Gemma LaRode, Gloria Wynter, Milrod Jones,
 Leon Hickenbottom, Marion Henry, Alfred Ramirez,
 Albertha Brown, Leonora Best, Ann Cecilia Blake ,
 William White

Weekly Collections

Masses	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
11/29/21				
5:00 PM	31	0	\$922.00	
8:00 AM	72	9	\$584.00	
10:00AM	74	7	\$995.00	
12:00 PM	N/A	N/A	\$454.00	
Totals	177	16	\$2,955.00	

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS



Christmas Eve Masses Friday, December 24th

St. Catherine's 8:00 AM
St. Pascal's Mass 9:00AM and 7:00PM

Christmas Day Saturday, December 25th

St. Pascal's Mass 10:00 AM
St. Catherine's Mass 12:00 PM

Our Lady of Light Mass Choirs & Liturgical Group

Our Lady of Light Mass Choirs & Liturgical Group presents an evening of Music and Lessons in Carols Celebration. The celebration will be on **Sunday, December 5th at St. Pascal starting at 4:00 p.m.** There will be a free will offering.

The Activity Coordinating Committee

The Activity Coordinating Committee of Our Lady of Light Parish presents the Annual Raffle Drawing.

Prizes:

1st Prize.....\$500.00

2nd Prize\$300.00

3rd Prize.....\$200.00

Date: December 17, 2021

Donation: \$5.00 per book (6 raffles per book) We are asking each parishioner to purchase 4 books. Winner need not be present .

If interested please contact: Alister Gillaume, 718.840.8142, Mary Lee, 516.379.4736 or Millicent Platts, 718.527.9165.

Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2020 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. As of 11/22/21 **\$72,380.00 has been pledged.** We have received **\$67,393.00** and **\$4,986.00** is still out-standing.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge. If you have made a pledge for this year's Appeal please remember to fulfill your pledge by December 31st.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can do alone. "WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY AND WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY"(2 Corinthians 9:16)

The Giving Tree

Advent and Christmas are the Seasons of preparation of the coming of Christ and for giving to others, especially those in need. **Beginning on Sunday, November 28th - December 12th,** all Parishioners are invited to leave new, unwrapped toys or gift cards of any value, for boys and girls, infants to 17 years old under our Giving Tree. By donating a gift card, you will empower disadvantaged parents to shop for their children's own "wish list." The gifts will be given to Catholic Charities who will distribute it to families in the Brooklyn/Queen Diocese.

St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society

St. Pascal Baylon's Rosary Society will host a Chinese Auction on

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2022.

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Price: \$30

The auction will be held at St. Pascal's parish hall.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection on Sunday, December 12th for Retired Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious.

Young Lady Looking for a Room to Rent

A reserved amiable respectable young woman who worships with us at Our Lady of Light, is in need of renting a room. If you have a room to rent, kindly call her at (929) 465-8288.

NEWS NOTES COMING SOON

Children's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Registration

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation classes are available for children and youth in grades K- 12. Please call Deacon Fernando Luces at the Faith Formation office at (718) 528-1220, ext 7. Office hours are as follows: 9:am-4 pm (Mon- Fri).

Requirements: Certificate of Baptism, (only if this is your child's 1st year of class and not baptized here at Our Lady of Light (St. Catherine of Sienna or St. Pascal Baylon Churches); a letter from previous parish, if transferring from another Catholic religious education program or Catholic Academy/School stating that your child attended and when. **Please note: Tuition must accompany registration form.**

RCIA Program for Adults (or Youth age 16+) Anyone interested in classes for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation or becoming Catholic is invited to attend the Rites of Christian Initiation class. Please call the religious education office at (718) 528-1220, ext 7.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK **Second Sunday of Advent**

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?
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FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.
—Henry Ward Beecher

A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.
—St. John Vianney

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the faint-hearted with courage.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD **2021-2023**

(Adsumus Sancte Spiritus)



***We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
As we gather in your name.***

***With You alone to guide us,
Make yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
And how to pursue it***

***We are weak and sinful;
Do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path
Nor partiality influence our actions.***

***Let us find you in our unity
So that we may journey together to
eternal life
And not stray from the way of truth
And what is right.***

***All this we ask of you,
Who are at work in every place and
time,
In the communion of the Father and
the Son,
Forever and ever.
Amen***

IMPORTANT PARISH REMINDERS

The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism of their child at least one month in advance. Infant Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of the month at one of our weekend masses. Parents must be registered in Our Lady of Light or the parish they attend and participate in a Baptismal Preparation class.

Religious Education for Children and Youth:

Location and Times: Our Parish Faith Formation program takes place on Sunday mornings, online this year. For more information, please contact , Deacon Fernando Luces Director of Faith Formation, at 718 528-1220 or email at OLOLfaithed@outlook.com

Ages and Requirements: Our program welcomes children and youth who are three years old through High School. We accept and prepare children and youth who have not received the Sacraments.

Parental Responsibilities: Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminds us in his new General Directory for Catechesis that those being catechized can live their life in a simple and spontaneous way. We are called to accompany each other on a journey toward Christ, with parents/guardians taking the lead for their children. In addition to having an active participation in the faith formation of their children, Parents or Guardians are also expected to attend Mass with their children and to attend parental preparations for Sacraments.

Reception of Sacraments for School Aged Children: Parents who would like for their child to receive the Sacraments must register them in our parish Sacramental Preparation Program. Our Program requires that children attend and prepare for two complete and consecutive academic years prior to the reception of each Sacrament. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is received beginning in grade 2 and up. The Sacrament of Confirmation requires attendance and preparation in our 2 year Confirmation Sacramental Preparation program. Confirmation preparation begins in grades 7 & 8. For each of the Sacraments, there is an extra fee, to cover the costs of the ceremonies. For more information, please contact, Lisa Sampson Director of Religious Education.

Reception of Sacraments for Adults (RCIA): Our Parish offers the RCIA program for those, ages 16 years and older, who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also for those who have been baptized and in need of receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Christian Initiation program is offered year- round and is also available for children ages 8 and older through the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children program. Please contact Deacon Fernando Luces, Director of Faith Formation to register or for more information.

Continuing Faith Formation for Adults: Our parish provides opportunities for lifelong faith formation through small faith sharing groups and bible studies. Please check our website, bulletin or contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program. Registered, participating and contributing parishioners, not a third party, may contact the parish office to begin the process.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are entering a hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, call the parish office to arrange for the Sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to continue to visit you with the Blessed Sacrament. We are here to serve you, please call.

Funerals

The family member or friend handling the funeral arrangements are asked to contact the pastor to arrange a consolation visit from one of the Priests. He will help you with any questions you may have with planning the Wake and Funeral Mass. The Parish wishes to be with you at this moment of need, all other arrangements involving the church must be initiated by the funeral director. Strict adherence to the Roman Catholic Ritual for Funerals will be followed in all parish involved activities..

Proof of Parish Participation

References and proof of parish residency for both civil and religious purposes can only be provided for registered parishioners. Catholic Schools offering a discount for children of parents who are active members of their parish usually require that the family be registered at least six months previously in their home parish. It is also assumed that the children are registered in the religious education program of the home parish.

**Welcome
New
Members**



To all our Visitors: We hope you felt at home at the Feast of our Lord with your brothers & sister in Christ. We pray you will join us again! Letters proving membership for reference, referrals, recommendations or for any other reason, will only be provided to registered parishioners. **If we don't know you , we can't vouch for you!**

REGISTRATION

Registration is important in the event you may need testimonial letters, for baptism/confirmation sponsorships, wedding plans etc.! If we don't know you, we can't vouch for you! **Please register TODAY! Thank you!**

Name _____ Envelopes: Yes _____ No _____

Address _____ Apt.# _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone # _____

REGISTRATION UPDATE REQUEST:

Envelope number _____

Change name to: _____ Change address to: _____

CHURCH NAME AND NUMBER —

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