

# Our Lady of Light Parish



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## First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 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



First Sunday of  
**Advent**  
 November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
 to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
 and to stand before the Son of Man.  
 Luke 21:36

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**WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE**

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.  
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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).  
**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).  
**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).  
**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).  
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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

- Saturday, November 27th**  
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
**First Sunday of Advent, November 28th**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
 10:00AM In honor of  
**Diamond Moody's 28th Birthday**  
 12:00 PM Parishioner of Our Lady of Light  
**Monday, November 29th**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
**Tuesday, November 30th**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
**Wednesday, December 1st**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
**Thursday, December 2nd**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light  
**Friday, December 3rd**  
 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 Enemuo  
 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	
11/22/21				
5:00 PM	27	0	\$594.00	
8:00 AM	87	8	\$795.00	
10:00AM	71	10	\$741.00	
12:00 PM	48	10	\$942.00	
Totals	233	28	\$3,072.00	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

## Advent Prayer

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, You remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

## **Reflection question:**

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

## **GREATNESS**

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

—Anonymous

## **THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT**

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against

## 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 **\$71,030.00 has been pledged.** We have received **\$65,824.00** and **\$5,206.00** is still outstanding. 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)

## 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> - December 12<sup>th</sup>,** 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.

## 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



# 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.

## St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society

St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society would like to joyfully invite the women in our Parish to join their Society. They welcome women ages 18, or older. This is an opportunity to pray the Rosary daily with other women, support our Parish, and parish family. Meetings are held monthly on the first Sunday, immediately after the 10:00am Mass. For further information or questions, please contact Marian Fox.

## November is Prematurity Awareness Month

"More than half a million babies are born too soon in our country each year. These tiny babies often face serious problems. And some don't make it. November is Prematurity Awareness Month®. Help spread the message about premature birth so more babies can be born healthy."

## Save the Date

### The Activity Coordinating Committee

The Activity Coordinating Committee of Our Lady of Light Parish will Host Bingo Night on Saturday, December 11th starting at 6:00pm. Price is \$10 per person. If interested please contact: Alister Gillaume, 718.840.8142, Mary Lee, 516.379.4736 or Millicent Platts, 718.527.9165.

## *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: \_\_\_\_\_

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