

My dear parishioners,

Welcome to the start of a new liturgical year! During this season, it can be very easy to get caught up in the busyness of our daily lives and forget to prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Messiah’s birth. I encourage you to attend as many of the planned events as possible with your family and loved ones. These are also wonderful opportunities to invite neighbors or friends to join you at our parish campuses. I wonder if Fr. Melwin’s first Christmas in the United States will be a “white Christmas”? No matter what the weather is, Fr. Melwin, our parish staff, and I look forward to seeing you many times in the weeks of Advent and Christmas.

With blessings,  
Fr. Gilbert Mascaranhas, SAC

## Advent and Christmas Special Masses & Services

SS- St. Stephen Campus (1880 Genesee St.) ~ SH- Sacred Heart Campus (509 Oswald St.)  
STA- St. Thomas Aquinas Campus (729 White St.)

<b>Reconciliation for Religious Education (grades 3-5)</b>	Sunday, December 8	10:15 am, STA
<b>Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2019)</b>	Monday, December 9	8:30 am, SS
<b>Reconciliation at Deanery Parishes Advent Penance Service</b>	Tuesday, December 10	7-8 pm, St. Ignatius
<b>Rectory Open House</b>	Thursday, December 12	4:30-7:30 pm, SS
<b>Reconciliation for Religious Education (grades 6-8)</b>	Sunday, December 15	10:15 am, STA
<b>Mass and Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration</b>	Sunday, December 15	11:30 am, STA
<b>Reconciliation at Deanery Parishes Advent Day of Grace</b>	Tuesday, December 17	9 am- 9 pm, St. Jerome
<b>Advent Reconciliation</b>	Wednesday, December 18	5-6 pm, SS
<b>Mass &amp; Celebration with Filipino Community</b>	Sunday, December 22	11:30 am, STA
<b>Advent Reconciliation</b>	Sunday, December 22	1:30-3 pm, SH
<b>Masses for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	Tuesday, December 24	4 pm, SH- Mass (for children)
	Tuesday, December 24	6 pm, STA- Mass
	Wednesday, December 25	Midnight, SS- Mass (musical prelude at 11:30 pm)
	Wednesday, December 25	9 am, STA- Mass
<b>Masses for Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin, Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	Tuesday, December 31	5:30 pm, SH
	Wednesday, January 1	9 am, STA
<b>Masses for Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Special Schedule for Parish Feast Day – only one Mass on Sunday)</b>	Saturday, January 4	4 pm, SS
	Sunday, January 5	10 am, SS (reception to follow Mass)