

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY  
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &  
MASS SCHEDULE

11 DECEMBER 2016  
THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

SUN 11 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class, violet or rose</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 12 Dec	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 13 Dec	Saint Lucy <i>Virgin, Martyr, 3rd Class, red</i> <i>Feria of Advent (Comm.)</i>	17.45 – Low Mass 18.30 “Tuesday with Mary” Devotions
 WED 14 Dec	Ember Wednesday <i>2nd Class, violet</i> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
THU 15 Dec	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Sung Mass
 FRI 16 Dec	Ember Friday <i>2nd Class, violet</i> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
 SAT 17 Dec	Ember Saturday <i>2nd Class, violet</i> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 18 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class, violet</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today.** Second Collection for SSPX schools.

**Saturday 7 January.** Catechism classes to resume.

**Sunday 29 January.** AGM of Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X after the 10am Mass. Please, make sure you are up-to-date with your membership fees.

**13 to 17 March 2017.** Marian Retreat in Penang, Malaysia. Registration form in the vestibule. **Cost: SGD84 for triple room, SGD107 for double sharing, SGD175 for single room.** Deadline for registration: 31 December 2016.

**Rosary Crusade: don't forget to place your tokens in the box**

Confessions: 30 min before Sunday Masses; on demand every day.

**Children's Catechism on Saturday:**

Older Group (13-18 years)  
14:45-15:30

First Communion 14:45-15:30

Post First Communion 15:30-16:15

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to "Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X"



# THE GOLDEN TOUCH

In his autobiography (*Treasure in Clay*), Archbishop Fulton Sheen, in the chapter *The Woman I Love*, writes this incomparable piece, expression of both his spirituality and sense of humour:

“When I was ordained, I took the resolution to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist every Saturday to the Blessed Mother, renewing my feeble love of her and invoking her intercession. All this makes me very certain that when I go before the Judgement Seat of Christ, He will say to me in His mercy: ‘I heard My Mother speak of you’.”

Father Patrick Peyton did even more: he never accepted any Mass stipend because he said all his Masses for Our Lady’s intentions.

No wonder why these two famous priests had such a fruitful apostolate and were efficacious tools God chose to convert countless people to the Catholic Church and for Catholics to go back to the faith or be more in earnest about their religion.



Our Lady’s efficiency is celebrated in a special manner on 12 December. That day is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe whose apparition brought about the most spectacular mass conversion in the history of Church.

A three-day visit of the Queen of Heaven (9, 10, 12 December) on a hill of Mexico City was enough to trigger the conversion of 9 million Mexicans to Catholicism (out of a population of ca.15 million) in just fifteen years. Fifty years later, Mexico was covered with churches, monasteries, convents and schools, as if it had always been a Catholic country.

Today, with its 20-million-yearly pilgrims, the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is the biggest pilgrimage centre in the world.

Truly, Our Lady is no amateur. She did not come to Mount Tepeyac just to pluck roses and paint a nice picture on Juan Diego’s *tilma*. She appeared because she was on a mission: the eternal salvation of millions of souls still entrenched in Pagan culture.

The priests sent from Spain, despite all their works and efforts weren’t successful, so the Virgin Mary took upon herself to give a hand. And a powerful one, it was!

You have heard about king Midas, who in Greek mythology, was endowed with the gift of changing into gold everything he put his hand on. Our Lady has the same gift spiritually. Everything she touches is changed into something precious.

Since her first apparition in the year AD 39 (a bilocation as she was still alive) to Saint James the Great, in Zaragoza, Spain (*Our Lady of the Pillar*), our Holy Queen has not ceased to manifest herself to men in order to encourage them to trust in God and have a deeper spiritual life.

Our Lady does not limit her action to the apparitions that have been approved by the Catholic hierarchy. These are light houses that show the Church the safe way through the treacherous reefs of the world. Along with the Church as a whole, Our Lady also takes a special care of each one of us in our daily life.

So many are the graces the faithful receive, some being rightly called miracles.

In Italy, I used to visit a sweet 94-year-old lady who had a stroke some years back which prevented her from taking any solid food. She could only receive a quarter of a Host for Holy Communion.

One day, when I brought her the Blessed Sacrament, she told me that a few days before (on the eve of her birthday), she had a dream; Our Lady appeared to her with a bouquet of roses in her arms and gave her the flowers. The next morning she woke up healed from her throat problem. She was delighted to be able to eat chicken again and since then, she could receive one full Host every time she received Communion.

Graces are for everyone. Receiving favours from Our Lady is part of the deal of being a Catholic, if I may say.

In the time of Advent, which is so “Mary-centred”, let us learn from her how to welcome the Infant King with the right dispositions so as to benefit more than ever before of the wonderful blessings of Christmas.

*Father Fabrice Loschi*

