

The Universal Prayer  
First Sunday of Advent

December 8 & 9, 2018

**Presider:**

*Luke tells us that John the Baptist went about fulfilling the prophesy of Isaiah to prepare in the wilderness a pathway for our God, so that all might have salvation. In our time we are also called to prepare the way of the Lord, to help make real the reign of God as we wait for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. So let us offer our works and our prayers for the building of the kingdom.*

**Reader:**

- 1. For the Church: despite the weaknesses of her children, as the Mystical Body of Christ may she continue to be the great sacrament of his presence for all God's people.**
- 2. For our world: that heeding Pope Francis, the world's leaders and all her people may dialogue with each other in humility to seek an end to war.**
- 3. For our nation and for all those children who in this season are homeless: may we draw deeply from the reservoir of God's love to care for them.**
- 4. For ourselves: in this age, may ours be the voice of one crying in the desert to prepare a way for the Lord so all people may know the salvation of God**
- 5. For everyone who lives with physical, emotional, or spiritual burdens especially Edgardo Yasay, and Horace Ricks: may our prayers for their well-being rise like incense before the Lord.**
- 6. For all our faithful departed especially Robert O'Connor, Sr., Pauline Nigro, and\*whom we remember at this Mass.**

**\*Sat. 5:0PM.....Patricia Jurevich**

**\*Sun...9:00AM...Antonio Simeone**

**\*Sun...1:00....Mary and Nicholas Romano**

- 7. For the prayers in our parish book of life and for those whom we love who struggle with despair and the loss of hope in this season. May our faith and the love of God offer them a source of never ending hope.**

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*We ask these and all things through Christ our Lord.*