

You are invited to an Advent Tradition

# The Rorate Mass

on Saturday, December 16 at 6:00AM

**What is a Rorate Mass?** .....It is a Solemn Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated in Advent. It is traditionally celebrated by candlelight on the high altar, and sung in Gregorian Chant.

**Why so early?**.....The Rorate Mass is traditionally celebrated so that the sky is dawning just as it finishes. This is to symbolize the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. This is why it is celebrated by candle light. *Altar Servers must be at the Church at 5:30AM.* We are planning a breakfast afterwards.

**Why is it called *Rorate*?**.....The name comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon, *Rorate caeli desuper*, Latin for “Drop down dew, ye heavens”.

**Who is celebrating the Mass?** ....The Mass will be celebrated by Father Kyle Mangloña, with Father Wagner assisting him.

**How many servers are needed?**..We are hoping to have at least 8 Altar Servers for this Mass. We would love to have 12, so we can use all of the torches. Please join us!

**When is the rehearsal?**.....The rehearsal is on Friday, December 15 at 5:30PM.

