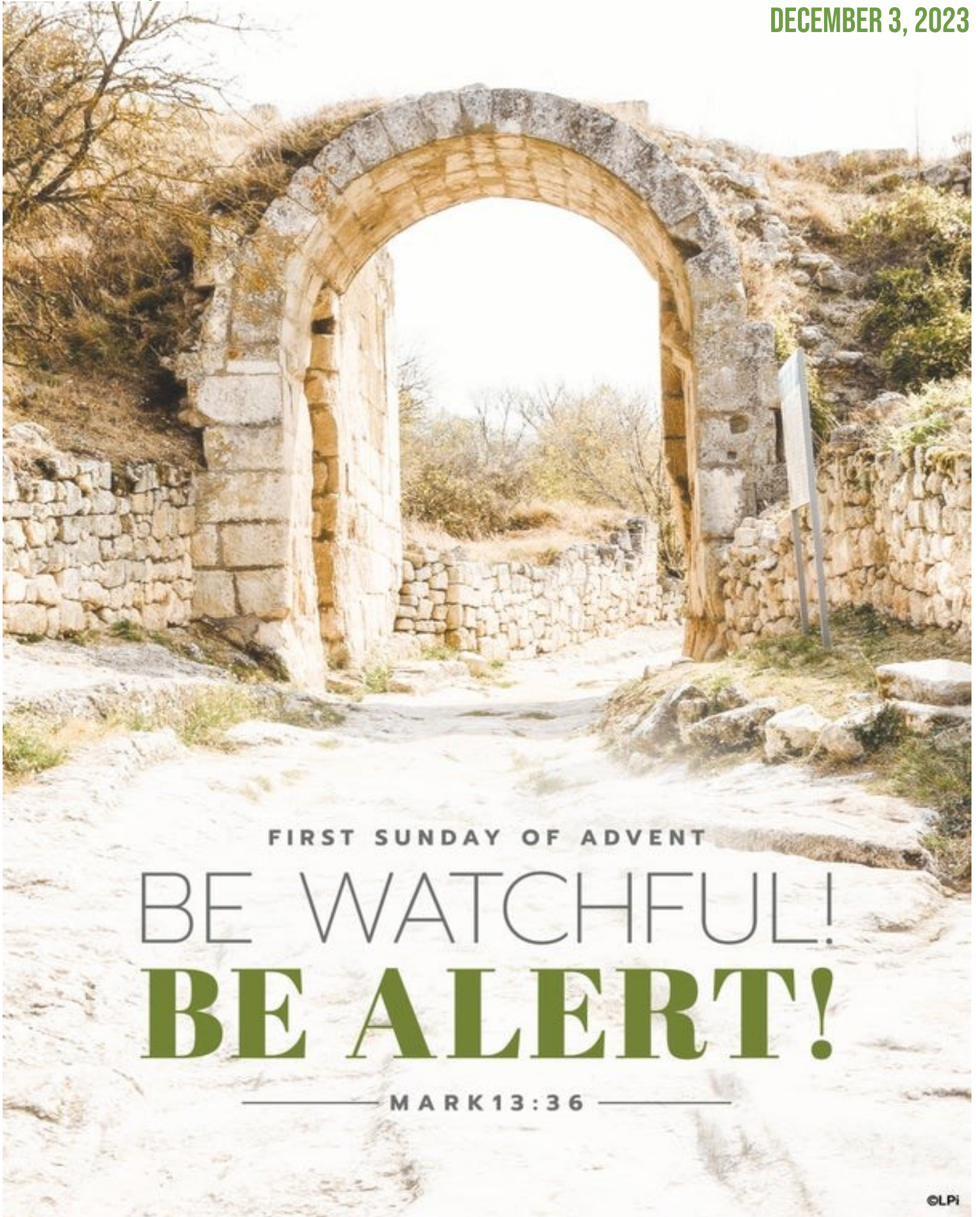


# ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 3, 2023



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BE WATCHFUL!

**BE ALERT!**

— MARK 13:36 —

# MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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## DECEMBER 4 - 10:

### MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Daily Masses / Misas  
Wednesday - **Mother Elizabeth—Carmelite**  
Thursday - **For Vocations from St. Mary Parish**  
Friday - 8:00 am **Immaculate Conception**  
Saturday - † **John Greig**

12:15 pm Daily Mass/ Misas diarias  
Monday - **Prayer Service**  
Tuesday - **Joseph Dunham**  
Wednesday - † **Mary Willison Matchett**  
Thursday - † **Henry Zepeda**  
Friday - **Immaculate Conception**

Sunday Masses/Misas dominicales  
5:30 pm Vigil - † **Maria Eloisa Ayala**  
8:00 am - † **Nemecio Cebreros Grajeda**  
10:00 am - **For Parishioners**  
12:00 pm - **Pobres Almas del Purgatorio**  
5:30 pm LifeTeen - † **Orlando & Leticia Riase**

### SERVERS/LECTORS/GREETERS

#### Lectors

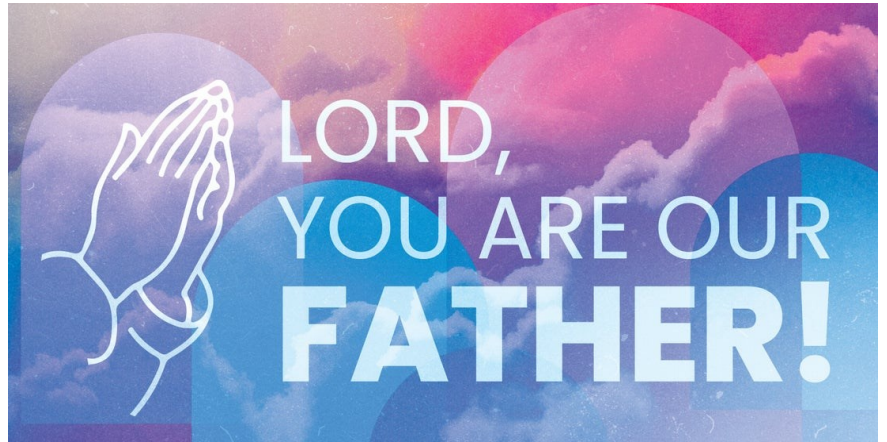
8:00 am Wed ~ Mary Joan Gordon  
8:00 am Thu ~ Jack Pynes  
8:00 am Sat ~ Pat Murphy  
  
12:15 pm Mon ~ Julie Nelson-Theile  
12:15 pm Tue ~ Kathy Bittner  
12:15 pm Wed ~ Marybeth Schombert  
12:15 pm Thu ~ Ellen Brown  
12:15 pm Fri ~ Ellen Brown  
  
5:30 pm Vigil ~ Judy Spearin  
8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus  
10:00 am ~ John Harshberger, Brenda Maddux  
5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Skyla Chamard

#### Servers

8:00 am ~ Don Gordon  
8:00 am Thu ~ Paul Caldwell  
8:00 am Sat ~ Victor Nnoli  
  
12:15 pm Mon ~ Prayer Service  
12:15 Tues - Fri ~ Dan Young  
  
5:30 pm Vigil ~ Caralyn C, Grace C  
8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus  
10:00 am ~ Ailey M, Elian M, Milo M  
5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Noah B, Marcelo G

#### Ushers & Greeters

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Nancy Hathaway, Kelly Power  
8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus  
10:00 am ~ Robbin Crouch, Carlos Martinez,  
Ellynrose Sheehan  
5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Michael C, Sean Coffey



### FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.

Señor, rasga los cielos y desciende. Ven y sávanos de nuestros pecados. Volvamos nuevamente a ti y así seremos hallados irrepreensibles cuando regreses en gloria.

#### Next Week's Readings/Lecturas para la próxima semana:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 Salmo 84:9-14  
2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

### IN LOVING MEMORY

We pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

### RECORDANDO CON CARIÑO

Oramos por el reposo de las almas de nuestros seres queridos.

Paul Trainer

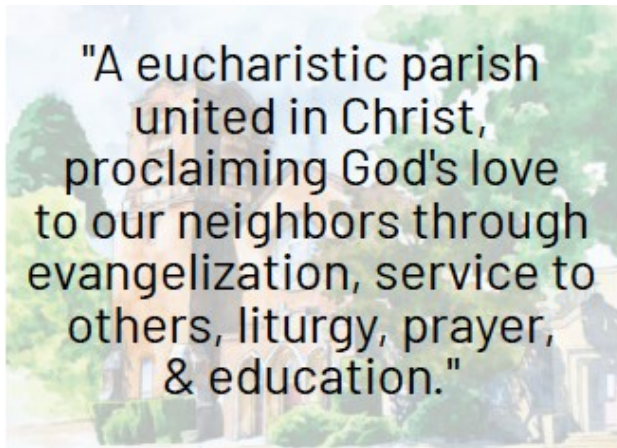
### IN OUR PRAYERS

...all those who are ill, including:

### EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

... todos los que están enfermos, incluidos:

Rosie Andreason, Adam Blumenshine, Ron Blair,  
Jason Brown, Natalie Brown, Marissa Bruns,  
Valorie Cartledge, Jeannie Christensen,  
Miguel & María Cortez, Lionel Reyes Cotto, Joan Coulombe,  
Dolores Cunha, Flor DeLuz Cervantes, Ken & Sylvia Doggett,  
Joseph Dunham, Steve Farley, David Faulkner, Suzelle Feist,  
Barbara Fischer, Ginger Freeman, David Gault, Alex Green,  
Megan Green, Enrique Guzmán, Chris Haley, Maya Henry,  
Erin Higdin, Kathryn Hostetter, Jenny Hubert,  
Walt & Nancy Hunter, Terry Ianora, Christine Kennedy,  
Anne Klaver, Regina Kungys, Lynn LaFleur, Mary Ann MaGee,  
Leslie Marti, Velika Matthews, Patricia McNeil, Sixto Montero,  
Denny O'Donnell, Logan Presnell, Troy Rhodes, Gaye Rittal,  
Elsie Rodriguez, Ava Rosenblum, Sandra Schmitt,  
Ava Schwartz, Jean Sellers, Lisa Shaw, Tom Sotelo,  
Sandra Swenson, Sharon Swenson, Carla Tysor,  
and Randy Wade,



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**James DuChateau**

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord – awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God – that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us – will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

– Father John Muir



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## JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they are automatically registered. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Joining our parish family is easy.

Please stop by the Parish Office or download your registration at [stmaryeugene.com/wpcontent/uploads/2018/07/StMary-Parish-Registration-Form.pdf](http://stmaryeugene.com/wpcontent/uploads/2018/07/StMary-Parish-Registration-Form.pdf). Please return the completed registration form to the Parish Office in person, by mail, or drop the registration in the Offertory basket at Mass.

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

### Holy Day Mass schedule,

**Thursday, December 7,** 5:30 pm Latin Vigil

**Friday, December 8,** 8:00 am & 12:15 pm, English, 5:30 pm Spanish



## JOB OPPORTUNITY

The parishes of St. Rose & St. Helen are looking to hire a new office person to perform secretary and receptionist duties. Expertise in using QuickBooks, Word, Publisher, and Google are required. Being bi-lingual is preferred. If you would like to apply or know anyone who would like to apply, please contact the office at 541-998-8053. This is a part time position and duties are performed in the office in Junction City, OR.

## FR. RAJ RETURNS

Please keep Fr. Raj in your prayers as he travels to Eugene from his home in India this week. He will be traveling on Tuesday and Wednesday, arriving home in time to celebrate Our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

## ROOF FUNDRAISER GOAL \$138,737 RECAUDACIÓN DE TEJADO META \$138,737

Thank you to all who have generously contributed to the cost of replacing of the Parish Center roof. We have raised \$119,857, or 86% as of Sunday, November 26. We are only **\$18,940** away from "covering" the total roof expense.

## COLD WEATHER SHELTER DRIVE

Catholic Community Services is holding a drive to collect tents, tarps, blankets, and sleeping bags to make the winter months easier for the unhoused. If you can help, there is a donation barrel outside the Parish Office. All monetary donations to this drive will fund the Cold Weather Motel Program for unhoused families with children. For more information or to donate online, visit [ccsl.org/cwsd](https://ccsl.org/cwsd).

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This Christmas, the church will again be adorned with beautiful fresh Christmas flowers and wreaths. If you would like to donate, in memory or in honor of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the Church. Return the envelope in the collection basket or to the Parish Office before **December 22**. All names will be listed in the Bulletin at the end of the month.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Monday, December 11** - The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of the Americas with a procession, Vigil Mass & Dinner beginning at 6:00 pm.

**Friday, December 15** - St. Mary Christmas Party! An evening of live music & caroling, a festive holiday movie, and Fr. Ron's ugly Christmas sweater contest. The fun begins at 6:00 pm.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: THE COLLECTION IS DECEMBER 9 & 10

You can help! "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,00 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS 2023

Christmas Day is on Monday, December 25, which follows the Fourth Sunday of Advent on December 24. When Sunday and Christmas Eve coincide, there are often questions about how to fulfill Holy Day obligations.

The Archdiocese has determined that each obligation must be met by attendance at one of the Masses of the Sunday and one of the Holy Day. That is, a Christmas Mass on the evening of Sunday, December 24, will not satisfy the obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

There are two distinct obligations: that of the Fourth Sunday of Advent which can be met by attendance at the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or the morning Masses of Sunday, December 24: and that of Christmas which can be met by attendance at Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and those on Christmas Day.

The Mass schedule is:

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

**Saturday, December 23**, Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm

**Sunday, December 24**, Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am (English), and 12:00 pm (Spanish)

### Christmas Masses

**Sunday, December 24**, Christmas Vigil Masses at 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, and 10:30 pm (English)

**Monday, December 25**, Christmas Masses at 9:00 am (English), and 11:00 am (Spanish)

## RECONCILIATION/PENANCE UPDATES

Additional Reconciliation will be available, in English, on **Monday December 11** and **Monday, December 18**. The last opportunity for Reconciliation, prior to Christmas, is **Saturday, December 23**.

A Penance Service will be offered at St. Mary on **Friday, December 22**, at 6:00 pm. Three priests will be available. As additional Vicariate Penance Services are announced, they will be included in the Bulletin.

## CATHOLIC Q & A

### WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THE ADVENT WREATH?

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



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## PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

**Lunes 11 de diciembre** - ¡La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! Únase a nosotros mientras celebramos a Nuestra Señora de las Américas con una procesión, Misa de Vigilia y Cena a partir de las 6:00 p.m.

**Viernes 15 de diciembre** - ¡Fiesta de Navidad de Santa María! Una noche de música en vivo y villancicos, una película festiva y el p. El feo concurso de suéteres navideños de Ron. La diversión comienza a las 6:00 pm.



## FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Esta Navidad, la iglesia volverá a estar adornada con hermosas flores y coronas navideñas frescas. Si desea hacer una donación, en memoria o en honor de un ser querido, recoja un sobre en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Devuelva el sobre en la canasta de colecta o a la Oficina Parroquial antes del 22 de diciembre. Todos los nombres aparecerán en el Boletín al final del mes.

## ACTUALIZACIONES DE RECONCILIACIÓN/PENITENCIA

Reconciliación adicional estará disponible, en inglés, el lunes 11 de diciembre y el lunes 18 de diciembre. La última oportunidad para la Reconciliación, antes de Navidad, es el sábado 23 de diciembre.

Se ofrecerá un servicio de penitencia en St. Mary el viernes 22 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm. Estarán disponibles tres sacerdotes. A medida que se anuncien servicios adicionales de Penitencia del Vicariato, se incluirán en el Boletín.

## INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

"¡María Inmaculada, tus alabanzas cantamos!" El 8 de diciembre es una de nuestras fiestas que celebran a María, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. Desde los inicios de la Iglesia, los escritores espirituales y teólogos han reconocido la inocencia y santidad de María. San Ireneo la llamó la "nueva Eva". Ante la pura libertad de aceptar o rechazar a Dios, María comenzó la obra de redención con su isí a Cristo! La Iglesia comenzó a celebrar la fiesta de la concepción de María en la Alta Edad Media. En 1854, el Papa Pío IX declaró infaliblemente que María estaba libre de pecado original desde el primer momento de su concepción. ¡En este día festivo celebramos la belleza y la bondad de Nuestra Señora!

### Horario de Misas del Día Santo

Jueves 7 de diciembre

5:30 Latin Vigilia

viernes 8 de diciembre

8:00 am y 12:15 pm, inglés, 5:30 pm español

## LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR NAVIDAD 2023

El día de Navidad es el lunes 25 de diciembre, que sigue al cuarto domingo de Adviento el 24 de diciembre. Cuando el domingo y la víspera de Navidad coinciden, a menudo surgen preguntas sobre cómo cumplir con las obligaciones de los días santos. La Arquidiócesis ha determinado que cada obligación debe cumplirse asistiendo a una de las Misas del domingo y a una del Día Santo. Es decir, una Misa de Navidad la tarde del domingo 24 de diciembre no satisfará la obligación del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento.

Hay dos obligaciones distintas: la del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, que se puede cumplir asistiendo a la Misa de la Vigilia Dominical del sábado 23 de diciembre o a las Misas de la mañana del domingo 24 de diciembre; y la de Navidad, que se puede cumplir asistiendo a Misas de Vigilia en Nochebuena y las del día de Navidad.

El horario de misas es:

### Misas del cuarto domingo de Adviento

Sábado 23 de diciembre,

Misa de Vigilia a las 5:30 pm

Domingo 24 de diciembre,

Misa a las 8:00 am, 10:00 am (inglés) y 12:00 pm (español)

### Misas de Navidad

**Domingo 24 de diciembre,**

Misas de Vigilia de Navidad a las 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm y 10:30 pm (inglés)

**Lunes 25 de diciembre,**

Misas de Navidad a las 9:00 am (inglés) y 11:00 am (español)

# PARISH CALENDAR

## Sunday, December 3

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COFFEE & DONUTS

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass (streamed)  
10:00 am Children's Liturgy  
12:00 pm Misa en español (streamed)  
3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group  
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

## Monday, December 4

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

12:15 pm Prayer Service  
1:00 pm The Chosen

## Tuesday, December 5

11:00 am First Way Van  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
1:30 pm Rosary, Prayer & Discernment  
7:00 pm OCIA

## Wednesday, December 6

8:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Reconciliation  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
5:30 pm Choir practice

## Thursday, December 7

ST. AMBROSE

8:00 am Mass  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
5:30 pm Holy Day Latin Vigil Mass

## Friday, December 8

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 am Holy Day Mass  
11:00 am Reconciliation  
12:15 pm Holy Day Mass (streamed)  
5:30 pm Holy Day Mass - Spanish

## Saturday, December 9

8:00 am Mass  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

## Sunday, December 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COFFEE & DONUTS

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass (streamed)  
10:00 am Children's Liturgy  
12:00 pm Misa en español (streamed)  
3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group  
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

## Monday, December 11

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

11:00 am Reconciliation—English Only  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
1:00 pm The Chosen  
6:00 pm OLG Procession, Misa, Dinner

## Tuesday, December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

11:00 am First Way Van  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
1:30 pm Rosary, Prayer & Discernment  
7:00 pm OCIA

## Wednesday, December 13

ST. LUCY

8:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Reconciliation  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
5:30 pm Choir practice

## Thursday, December 14

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 am Mass  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
5:30 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

## Friday, December 15

11:00 am Reconciliation  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
6:00 pm Parish Christmas Party

## Saturday, December 16

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Catholic Daughters  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

## Sunday, December 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KC BREAKFAST

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass (streamed)  
10:00 am Children's Liturgy  
12:00 pm Misa en español (streamed)  
3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group  
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

## Monday, December 18

11:00 am Reconciliation—English Only  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
1:00 pm The Chosen

## Tuesday, December 19

11:00 am First Way Van  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
1:30 pm Rosary, Prayer & Discernment  
7:00 pm OCIA

## Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Reconciliation  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
5:30 pm Choir practice

## Thursday, December 21

8:00 am Mass  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Friday, December 22

11:00 am Reconciliation  
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
6:00 pm Penance Service

## Saturday, December 23

8:00 am Mass  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

## ADORATION CHAPEL/CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN

Daily/Diariamente 6:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Friday Exposition/Exposición viernes 8:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Friday Benediction/Bendición viernes 5:30 pm

## PARISH OFFICE/OFOCINA PARROQUIAL

Monday/lunes 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Tuesday/martes 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday/miércoles 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Thursday/ jueves 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday/viernes 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

