

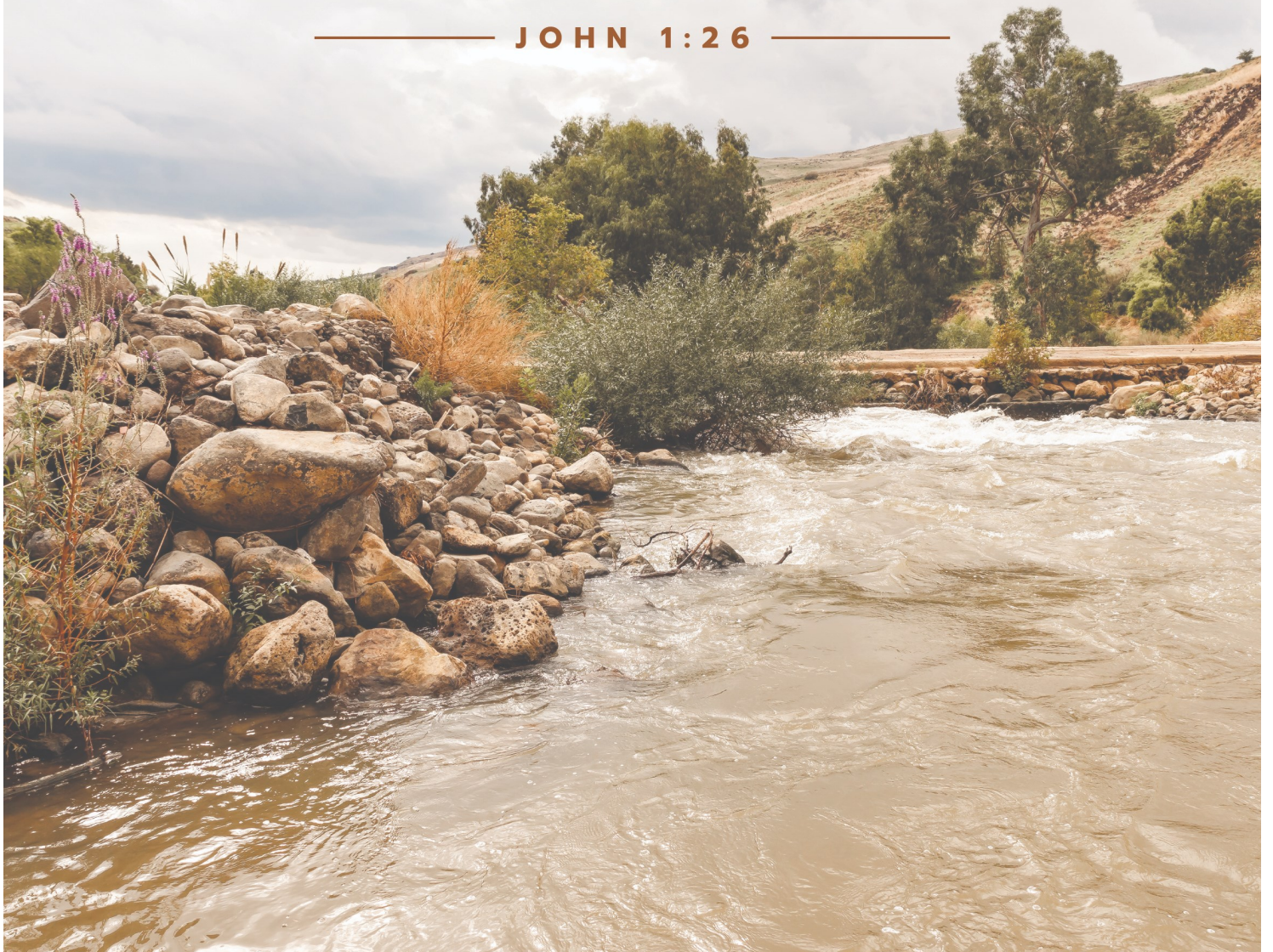
**ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 17, 2023**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

I BAPTIZE  
WITH  
**WATER.**

— JOHN 1:26 —



# MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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## DECEMBER 18-24

### MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Daily Masses / Misas

Wednesday - † **Alen Bahret**

Thursday - † **Al Kimura**

Saturday - † **John Greig**

12:15 pm Daily Mass / Misas diarias

Monday - **John & Kathy Bittner**

Tuesday - † **Herb & Mae Heideman**

Wednesday - † **Bud & Catherine Parlier**

Thursday - † **Mary Willison Matchett**

Friday - † **Captain Kleal**

Sunday Masses / Misas dominicales

5:30 pm Vigil - **For Parishioners**

8:00 am - **The Carmelite Nuns**

10:00 am - **Our Vicariate Priests**

12:00 pm - **Arzobispo Alexander Sample**

5:30 pm Vigil - **The Nativity of the Lord**

### 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 ~ Liz Norene

12:15 pm Tue ~ John Harshberger

12:15 pm Wed ~ Geri Heideman

12:15 pm Thu ~ Ellen Brown

12:15 pm Fri ~ Liz Norene

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Judy Spearin

8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus

10:00 am ~ Stephen Dignam, Brenda Maddux

5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ On Christmas Schedule

#### Servers

8:00 am Wed ~ Don Gordon

8:00 am Thu ~ Paul Caldwell

8:00 am Sat ~ Victor Nnoli

12:15 pm Mon - Fri ~ Dan Young

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Hallie W, Matt Yeager

8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus

10:00 am ~ Caralyn C, Grace C, Sophia C

5:30 pm Vigil ~ On Christmas Schedule

#### Ushers & Greeters

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Nancy Hathaway, Kelly Power

8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus

10:00 am ~ Robbin Crouch,

Marielena & Uvaldo Malagon

5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ On Christmas Schedule



### FROM TODAY'S READINGS

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

Juan da testimonio de aquel que ha de venir, uno mucho más poderoso que él, uno que proclamará la libertad y la liberación del pecado y de la muerte. Mientras esperamos su venida nuevamente en gloria, unámonos a María para cantar las alabanzas de Dios.

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

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 PS 89:2-5, 27, 29 Salmo 88:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

### 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.

### 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,

"A eucharistic parish united in Christ, proclaiming God's love to our neighbors through evangelization, service to others, liturgy, prayer, & education."

## ST. MARY PARISH STAFF

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Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

**Rev. Bryce McProud**

Retired Assisting Priest - part time

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Director of Music - part time

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Coordinator Sacramental Prep - part time

**Sharon Dunham**

Coordinator Religious Education- part time

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Administrative Assistant

**Margaret Fleming**

Sacramental Registrar

**Nancy Couture**

Receptionist - part time

**Oguilvia Skelton**

Receptionist - part time

**James DuChateau**

Lead Custodian

**Joe Crandall**

Assistant Custodian - part time

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:

### A Constant companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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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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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Testimony

When my grandmother heard the news that my cousin had fallen from a second-story window, she immediately went and washed her hair.

Grandma had been sitting alone in her house, listening to the morning radio when the announcer shared a news bulletin stating that the previous night, a little boy with the same name as her grandson, living in the same community and of the same age, had fallen onto the pavement from a window on the second floor of his house. He had been rushed to the hospital but miraculously survived his injuries.

She thought she was hallucinating and wanted to look pretty when the “men in white coats” came to take her away. Thus, the hair-washing.

As it happens, the whole story was true – it was her grandson, but this was before the age of mobile phones and had happened so late at night that his parents had been unable to notify any family members before the whole thing showed up on the news.

It wasn't until my grandmother received a phone call from another relative corroborating the story that she realized it hadn't been a figment of her imagination. What a waste of styled hair, no hospital committal for her that day.

There are certain truths that we cannot accept unless they are supported by the testimony of others. We find them to be unbelievable without the reassurance of another person whispering, “It's okay. I see it, too.”

This is the value of testimony, and the purpose of John the Baptist and every saint who ever died with the name of Jesus Christ on their lips. And this is the sacred duty of all the baptized, to give testimony with our words and our actions.

How will you testify today?

“He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.”

– John 1:8

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION & PENANCE SERVICE

In addition to the regular schedule, the following opportunities for Reconciliation have been added to the calendar:

**Monday, December 18,** Reconciliation will be available, in English, from 11:00–noon.

**Friday, December 22,** an Advent Penance Service will be offered at 6:00 pm. There will be at least 3 priests to hear confessions, available in English and Spanish.

**Saturday, December 23,** Reconciliation will be available in English and Spanish from 3:00–5:00 pm. This is the last opportunity for Reconciliation, before Christmas.

### ADVENT RESOURCES FROM MATER DEI RADIO



Library of Advent **prayers and novenas**

Customizable **daily prayer reminders**

**Prepare Your Heart** audio and video series with Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, in English & Spanish

Advent **episodes, interviews, music, and reflections** from our locally-produced shows

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## THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to many generous parishioners who have purchased gifts from the Giving Tree. Your kindness is appreciated and will make this Christmas brighter for the recipients of the Giving Tree.



## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude.** A sister shares, “I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them.” Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Would you like to have some seasonal fun and support your parish this December? Join us for this fun and exciting opportunity:

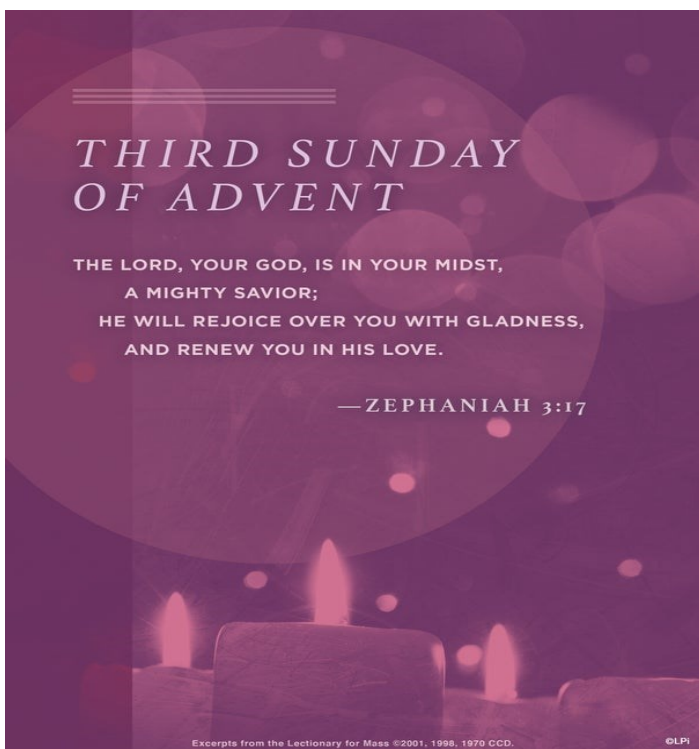
**Saturday, December 23**, at 9:00 am, volunteers are needed to prepare the church for the season of Christmas. Help is needed with hanging the wreaths, arranging the poinsettias and trees, and all the other touches that create the festive atmosphere.

## CHRISTMAS MASS OPENINGS

Lectors, Servers, Thurifers, and Greeters are needed for the Christmas Masses on **Sunday, December 24**, and **Monday, December 25**. Serving at these Masses is a great honor. If you are interested in volunteering, please select an open shift in Ministry Scheduler or contact Brenda in the Parish Office for assistance.

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS 2023 MASS OBLIGATIONS

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)

## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is Monday, **January 1**, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses will be offered:

**Sunday, December 31**

Vigil Masses at 5:30 pm English

**Monday, January 1**

Mass at 9:00 am English

## HOST THE VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

St. Mary's Vocations Crucifix will be moving to the Sunday Mass at 10:00 am, beginning **Sunday, January 7**. Can you and your family host the Vocations Cross? This is an easy one-week commitment, and the daily prayers are included. Please plan on committing to a week in the new year to pray for vocations to the Archdiocese and St. Mary.

# III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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## DECORACIÓN NAVIDEÑA

¿Le gustaría divertirse esta temporada y apoyar a su parroquia este diciembre? Únase a nosotros para estas emocionantes oportunidades:

El **sábado 23 de diciembre** a las 9:00 am, se necesitan voluntarios para preparar a la Iglesia para la temporada navideña. Se necesita ayuda para colgar las coronas, organizar las flores de pascua y los árboles, y todos los demás toques que crean el ambiente festivo.

## RECONCILIACIÓN DEL ADVIENTO Y SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA

Además del horario regular, se han agregado al calendario las siguientes oportunidades de Reconciliación:

**El lunes 18 de diciembre**, Reconciliación estará disponible, en inglés, de 11:00 al mediodía.

**El viernes 22 de diciembre**, se ofrecerá un Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento a las 6:00 pm. Habrá al menos 3 sacerdotes para escuchar confesiones, disponibles en inglés y español.

**El sábado 23 de diciembre**, Reconciliación estará disponible en inglés y español de 3:00 a 5:00 p. m. Esta es la última oportunidad de Reconciliación, antes de Navidad.

## 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.

## OBLIGACIONES MISAS NAVIDEÑAS

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 Cuatro Domingo de Adviento.

Hay dos obligaciones distintas: la del Cuatro 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 cuatro 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)

## MARIA, LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS

La Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios es el lunes 1 de enero y no es un Día Santo de Obligación este año.

Se ofrecerán misas:

**Domingo 31 de diciembre**

Misas de Vigilia a las 5:30 pm en inglés

**Lunes 1 de enero**

Misa a las 9:00 am en inglés

## ACTUALIZACIONES DEL CALENDARIO:

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada o cerrada al público desde el **lunes 25 de diciembre** hasta el **lunes 1 de enero**. La Oficina Parroquial reabrirá a las 9:00 am el martes 2 de enero. En caso de una emergencia que requiera los últimos ritos, Llame a la Oficina Parroquial y presione 7 para conectarse al servicio de contestador automático.

## 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)  
 6:00 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  
 9:00 am Church Decorating  
 3:00 pm Reconciliation  
 5:30 pm 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil

## Sunday, December 24

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**NO COFFEE & DONUTS**  
**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**NO GROUPS MEETING**

8:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass  
 10:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass  
 12:00 pm Misa del cuatro Domingo

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
 6:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
 10:30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass

## Monday, December 25

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**NO GROUPS MEETING**  
 9:00 am Christmas Mass  
 11:00 am Misa de navidad (streamed)

## Tuesday, December 26

### ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
 9:00 am Mass

## Wednesday, December 27

### ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**  
 8:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Reconciliation  
 12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, December 28

### THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**  
 8:00 am Mass  
 12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Friday, December 29

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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

## Saturday, December 30

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

## Sunday, December 31

### THE HOLY FAMILY

**NO COFFEE & DONUTS**  
**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**NO GROUPS MEETING**

8:00 am Mass  
 10:00 am Mass (streamed)  
 12:00 pm Misa en español (streamed)  
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

## Monday, January 1

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
 9:00 am Mass

## Tuesday, January 2

### STs. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

11:00 am First Way Van  
 12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
 No Rosary, Prayer & Discernment  
 7:00 pm OCIA

## Wednesday, January 3

8:00 am Mass  
 11:00 am Reconciliation  
 12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, January 4

### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

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

## Friday, January 5

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 11:00 am Reconciliation  
 12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Saturday, January 6

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/OFICINA 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

## CALENDAR UPDATES:

**Monday, December 25**, through **Monday, January 1**, the Parish Office will be closed to the public. The Parish Office will reopen at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 2. In the event of an emergency requiring last rites, call the Parish Office and press 7 to be connected to the answering service.

**Tuesday, December 26**, and **Tuesday, January 2**, the Rosary, Prayer & Discernment group will not meet.

**Wednesday, January 3**, the Parish Office will be closed at 1:00 pm for a staff meeting.