

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2023

MESSENGER OF GOD

“

**THE POWER  
OF THE MOST  
HIGH WILL  
OVERSHADOW YOU.**

”

- ST. GABRIEL



# MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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## DECEMBER 25-31

### MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Daily Masses / Misas

Tuesday 9:00 am - † **Mary Hayles**

Wednesday - † **Evelyn Whittington**

Thursday - **Sr. Juana Maria - Carmelite**

Saturday - **Brandon McCluskey**

12:15 pm Daily Mass/ Misas diarias

Monday - **No 12:15 - The Nativity of the Lord**

Tuesday - **No 12:15 - Parish Office Closed**

Wednesday - † **Paul Caldwell**

Thursday - † **John David Ellis**

Friday - **John Corliss**

Sunday Masses/Misas dominicales

5:30 pm Vigil - † **Maureen Geiber**

8:00 am - † **George & Marjory Brennan**

10:00 am - **For Parishioners**

12:00 pm - **Por las Vocaciones Sacerdotales**

5:30 pm Vigil - **Mary, Mother of God**

### SERVERS/LECTORS/GREETERS

#### Lectors

9:00 am Tue - John Harshberger

8:00 am Wed ~ Mary Joan Gordon

8:00 am Thu ~ Jack Pynes

8:00 am Sat ~ Jack Pynes

12:15 pm Mon ~ No 12:15

12:15 pm Tue ~ No 12:15

12:15 pm Wed ~ Marybeth Schombert

12:15 pm Thu ~ Ellen Brown

12:15 pm Fri ~ Kathy Bittner

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Cynthia Fellez

8:00 am ~ John Harshberger, Annie Helbling

10:00 am ~ Brenda Maddux, Liz Norene

5:30 pm ~ Skyla Chamard

#### Servers

9:00 am Tue - Matt Yeager

8:00 am Wed ~ Don Gordon

8:00 am Thu ~ Paul Caldwell

8:00 am Sat ~ Victor Nnoli

12:15 pm Wed - Fri ~ Matt Yeager

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Hallie W, Matt Yeager

8:00 am ~ Gabriel H, Marcus H, Liam H

10:00 am ~ Don Gordon, Rory L, Esme L

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Eli B, Noah B

#### Ushers & Greeters

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Nancy Hathaway, Kelly Power

8:00 am ~ Josh & Diana Ambrosan

10:00 am ~ Junior Arendain, Robbin Crouch,  
Carlos Martinez

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Jason Brown,

Marielena Malagon



## FROM TODAY'S READINGS

David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary. Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

La posteridad de David perdurará para siempre. Su realeza encuentra su cumplimiento en el hijo de María. Jesús el Cristo. A él sea la gloria y la alabanza por siempre.

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

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3

PS 105:1-6, 8-9

Salmo 104:1-6, 8-9

Heb 1:8, 11-12, 17-19

Lk 2:22-40

## 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.

Michele Layne Wenzl

## 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

**Rev. Ron Nelson**

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**Rev. (Raj) Arockiaraj Michael Pandi**

Parochial Vicar

**Rev. Bryce McProud**

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Coordinator Religious Education- part time

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Sacramental Registrar

**Nancy Couture**

Receptionist - part time

**Oguilvia Skelton**

Receptionist - part time

**James DuChateau**

Lead Custodian

**Joe Crandall**

Assistant Custodian - part time

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:

### The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started? I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

—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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## CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATIONS

### How to meet the two distinct obligations:

The Fourth Sunday of Advent can be met by attendance at the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or the morning Masses of Sunday, December 24:

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

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

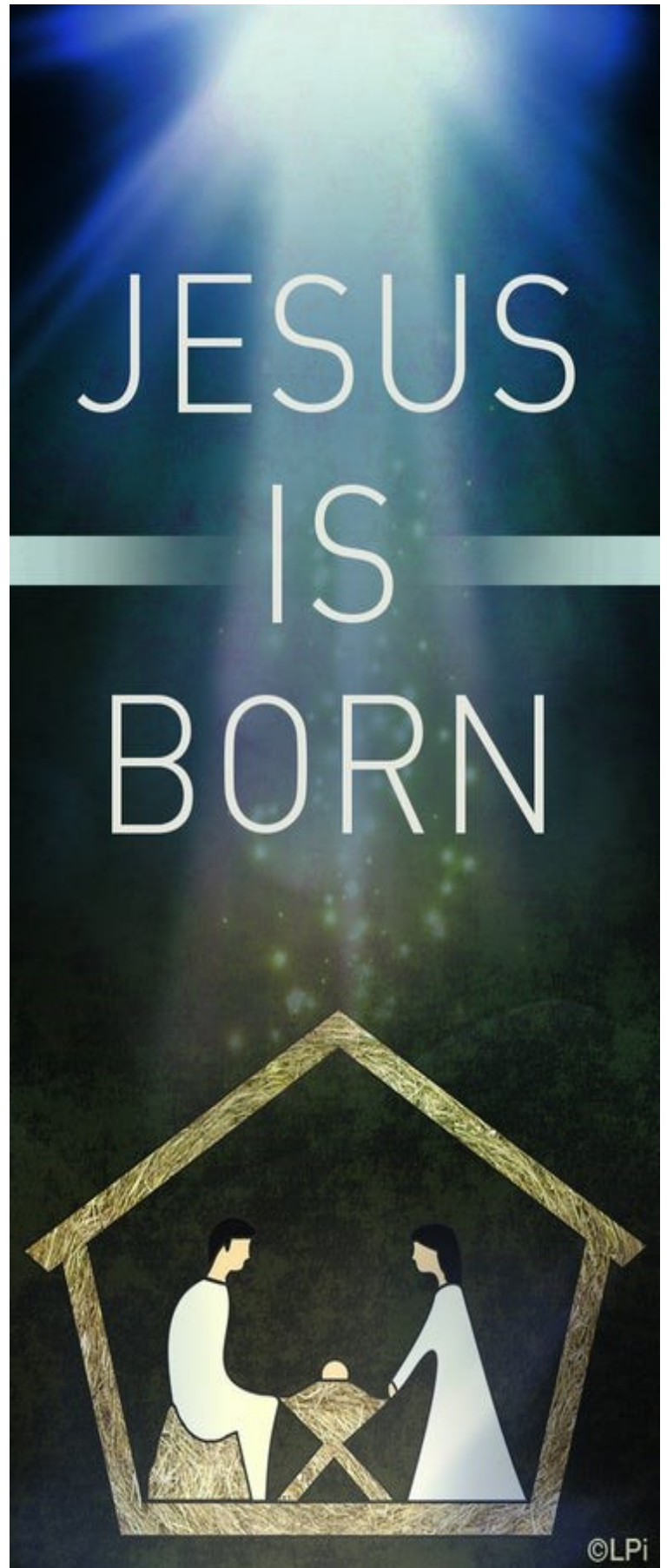
**Sunday, December 24**, Mass at  
8:00 am, 10:00 am (English), and 12:00 pm (Spanish)

The Christmas obligation can be met by attendance at the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and those on Christmas Day:

### 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)



**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

HYMN TO JOY—Ludwig van Beethoven, Henry van Dyke

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### News of Great Joy

I am not going to wish you a Merry Christmas. I have no problem with merriness, and I certainly hope you have your share of it today. May the frosting on your cookies be extra thick. May the lights of your tree be particularly twinkly. May the crackling of your fire be especially pleasant, and the places around your table filled by smiling loved ones. No, there is nothing wrong with being merry, especially on such a day.

But the angels did not bring news of great merriment. They brought news of great joy, and though our world often confuses the two, they are not the same thing.

Joy is harder to achieve than merriness, but it's easier to keep because it is far, far more durable. Joy can withstand the roughness of this earthly life in a way that merriness never could. Merriness cannot live in the hearts of people whose plans have been upended, whose futures have been rearranged and whose very lives are in danger. But joy certainly can.

Merriness doesn't follow from a long and uncertain journey, with no reassurances except the steadfast belief that you are doing the will of God. But joy does.

Merriness does not shiver in a stable or hang on a cross. But joy can, and it has.

May you have a truly joyful Christmas.

*"You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing..." — Isaiah 9:2*

## KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE!

Archbishop Sample is launching a new video series on YouTube titled *Know What You Believe!*

"My Brothers and Sisters, Please join me for an exploration of what we believe as Catholics. Let's learn our Holy Faith together! Because JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!"

In Christ,  
Archbishop Alexander K. Sample

The first episode is available now at [youtube.com/watch?v=XcgkMaYGdPO](https://youtube.com/watch?v=XcgkMaYGdPO)

## 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? Please plan on committing to a week in the new year to pray for vocations to the Archdiocese and St. Mary.

## 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

## END-OF-YEAR-THE-YEAR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you would like donations to be included in your 2023 Contribution Statement for tax purposes, they need to be **postmarked by December 31**.

The Parish Office will be closed **December 26 through January 1**, but feel free to drop your donations in the mail slot of the office door.

Donations of common stock and mutual funds are also a great way to give and enable donors to reduce their tax liability. Gifts of stock are processed through the Archdiocese, and then a check is mailed to the parish.

There are several options available to donors. For more information visit the Archdiocese website [archdpx.org/stock-gifts](https://archdpx.org/stock-gifts).

We offer online giving through WeShare, at [stmaryeugene.com](https://stmaryeugene.com). This is an easy way to complete a one-time donation for end-of-year giving, as well as scheduling recurring offertory contributions.

Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Mary Catholic Church.

# IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO/NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

06 | 24 Y 25 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023



## (PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Noticias de Gran Gozo

No voy a desearte una Feliz Navidad.

No tengo ningún problema con la felicidad, y ciertamente espero que tengas tu parte de ella hoy. Que el glaseado de tus galletas sea extra espeso. Que las luces de tu árbol sean particularmente centelleantes. Que el crepitar de tu fuego sea especialmente agradable, y que los lugares alrededor de tu mesa se llenen de seres queridos sonrientes. No, no hay nada de malo en estar felices, especialmente en un día así.

Pero los ángeles no trajeron noticias de gran felicidad. Trajeron noticias de gran gozo, y aunque nuestro mundo a menudo los confunde, no son lo mismo.

El gozo es más difícil de lograr que la felicidad, pero es más fácil de mantener porque es mucho, mucho más duradera. El gozo puede soportar la aspereza de esta vida terrenal de una manera que la felicidad nunca podría. La felicidad no puede vivir en los corazones de las personas cuyos planes se han visto alterados, cuyo futuro se ha reorganizado y cuyas vidas mismas están en peligro. Pero el gozo ciertamente puede.

La felicidad no se deriva de un viaje largo e incierto, sin garantías excepto la firme creencia de que estás haciendo la voluntad de Dios. Pero el gozo sí.

La felicidad no se estremece en un establo ni cuelga de una cruz. Pero el gozo puede, y lo ha hecho.

Que tengas una Navidad verdaderamente gozosa.

*"Les has traído abundante alegría y gran regocijo..." — Isaías 9:2*

## OBLIGACIONES MISAS NAVIDEÑAS

### Cómo cumplir con las dos obligaciones distintas:

El Cuarto Domingo de Adviento se puede cumplir asistiendo a la Misa de Vigilia Dominical del sábado 23 de diciembre o a las Misas de la mañana del domingo 24 de diciembre:

#### Misas del cuatro domingo de Adviento

**Sábado 23 de diciembre,**

Misa de Vigilia a las 5:30 pm (inglés)

**Domingo 24 de diciembre,**

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

La Natividad del Señor (Navidad) se puede celebrar asistiendo a las Misas de Vigilia en Nochebuena y las del día de Navidad. El horario de misas es:

#### 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 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.

## INSPIRACIÓN PARA LA SEMANA

Los planes de Dios no siempre son los que imaginamos. A veces nos hacen dudar. Sé como María. Di "Sí, Señor" y Dios te mostrará que Su imaginación es mejor que la tuya.

## 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

## 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

## 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  
NO GROUPS MEETING

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT 1:00 PM

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

## Sunday, January 7

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

COFFEE & KINGS CAKE

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, January 8

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)  
1:00 pm The Chosen

## Tuesday, January 9

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

## Wednesday, January 10

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

## Thursday, January 11

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

## Friday, January 12

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

## Saturday, January 13

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

## 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 or death***, call the Parish Office and press 7 to be connected to the answering service.

**Tuesday, December 26 & 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.