



• SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

**PREPARE THE
WAY OF THE LORD.**

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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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DECEMBER 9-15 9-15 DE DICIEMBRE

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Daily Masses / Misas

Monday—**Immaculate Conception**

Wednesday - † **Evelyn Whittington**

Thursday - **Bob & Corinne Palmer & Family**

Saturday - **Poor Souls in Purgatory**

12:15 pm Daily Mass/ Misas diarias

Monday - **Immaculate Conception**

Tuesday - † **William & Edna Sondag**

Wednesday - **Adeline Cassin**

Thursday - † **Joy Lathrop**

Friday - **Our Seminarians**

Sunday Masses/Misas dominicales

5:30 pm Vigil - † **Adam & Stella Klocek**

8:00 am - † **Patrick & Laurie Moore**

10:00 am - **Catholic Daughters**

12:00 pm - **For Parishioners**

5:30 pm - **Ivanna Tolmach**

SERVERS/LECTORS/GREETERS

Proclaimers of the Word

8:00 am Wed ~ Mary Joan Gordon

8:00 am Thu ~ Jack Pynes

8:00 am Sat ~ Jack Pynes

12:15 pm Mon ~ Rosita Truesdell

12:15 pm Tue ~ Geri Heideman

12:15 pm Wed ~ Kathy Bittner

12:15 pm Thu ~ Ellen Brown

12:15 pm Fri ~ Judy Spearin

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Ralph Wood

8:00 am ~ Anie Helbling, Pat Murphy

10:00 am ~ Don Gordon, Dan Young

5:30 pm ~ Skyla Chamard

Servers

8:00 am Wed ~ Don Gordon

9:00 am Thu ~ Paul Caldwell

8:00 am Sat ~ Leopoldo Gutierrez

12:15 pm Mon - Fri ~ Matt Yeager

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Carolyn C, Grace C

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

10:00 am ~ Abraham N, David N, Emmanuel N

5:30 pm - Eli B, Noah B

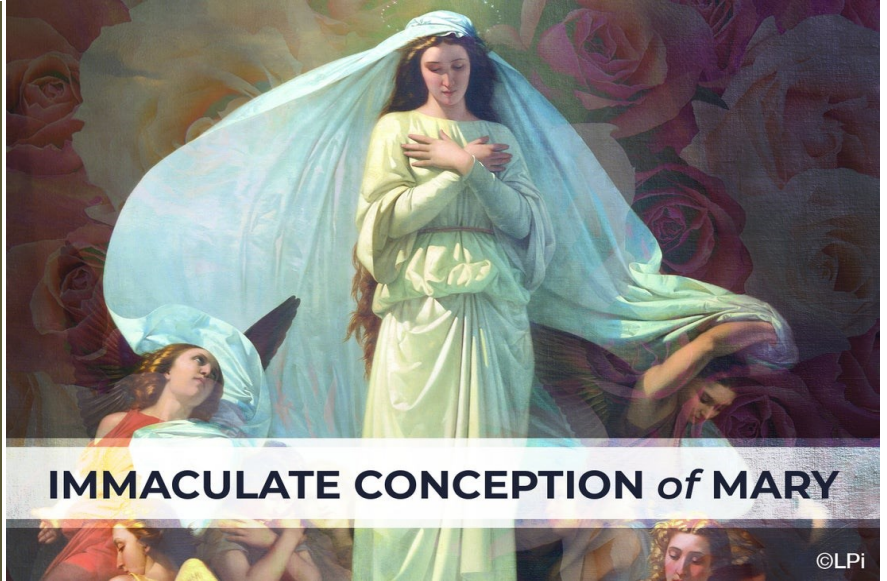
Ushers & Greeters

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Nancy Hathaway, Kelly Power

8:00 am ~ Josh & Diana Ambrosan

10:00 am ~ Marielena & Uvaldo Malagon,
Liz Norene

5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Michael C, Sean Coffey



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses are at 8:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm Bilingual.

Please note:

The evening Mass schedule has been updated.

LUNES 9 DE DICIEMBRE - DIA SANTO DE OBLIGACIÓN

Las Misas a las 8:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm bilingüe

Tenga en cuenta:

Se ha actualizado el horario de la misa vespertina.

FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve. Because of her obedience, God's salvation is made known to the nations.

DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Elegida por Dios, María revierte el pecado de Eva. Por su obediencia, la salvación de Dios se da a conocer a las naciones.

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

Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 (Salmo) Is 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

RECORDANDO CON CARÍO

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

Blanche Morris, Jo Ann Brinkman, Leónides Trujillo

IN OUR PRAYERS

...all those who are ill, in our Book of Intentions

EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

... todos los que están enfermos, en nuestro Libro de Intenciones

Prayer requests are published in the Bulletin for three weeks, and remain in the Book of Intentions for one year.

Due to the Holidays, the bulletin was submitted for publishing on November 27.

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

PARISH STAFF

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Parochial Vicar

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Lead Custodian

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Assistant Custodian - part time

Sunday, December 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT GUADALUPE BREAKFAST

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
10:00 am Children's Liturgy
11:00 am Confirmation
12:00 pm Misa en español
1:30 pm St. V de Paul Conference
3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass
6:30 pm OLG Novena

Monday, December 9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION -

8:00 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
4:00 pm Fundraising Committee
5:30 pm Mass Bilingual
6:30 pm OLG Novena

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 am Mass
11:00 am Reconciliation
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
1:30 pm Staff Meeting office closed
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

5:30 am Las Mananitas
8:00 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass
6:00 pm Misa
7:00 pm Dinner Celebration

Friday, December 13 ST. LUCY

8:30 am Adoration
11:00 am Reconciliation
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
5:30 pm Benediction
6:00 pm Parish Christmas Party
No La Esperanza

Saturday, December 14 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Catholic Daughters
3:00 pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Sunday Vigil
7:00 pm La Posada

Sunday, December 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

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

Monday, December 16

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
7:00 pm La Posada

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 am Mass
11:00 am Reconciliation
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
1:30 pm Staff Meeting office closed
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm La Posada

Thursday, December 19

8:00 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
7:00 pm ECYA
7:00 pm La Posada

Friday, December 20

8:30 am Adoration
11:00 am Reconciliation
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
5:30 pm Benediction
6:00 pm Penance Service
7:00 pm La Posada

Saturday, December 21

8:00 am Mass
3:00 pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Sunday Vigil
7:00 pm La Posada



St. Mary will offer an Advent Penance Service on **Friday, December 20**, at 6:00 pm. There will be additional priests available to hear confessions during this event.

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Suggested song for meditation while lighting two purple advent candles (Choose one):

"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry"

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

"Preparen el camino del Señor," a traditional Spanish hymn

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:7-12

Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare our way:

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

MEDITATION

This Sunday of Advent I invite you to practice prophetic gratitude. To decrease so that he might increase is, among other things, seeing the good in others and giving thanks. It is seeing the needs of others before your own—sacrificing our own likes and wants for the sake of another. I invite you as a family or community to seek out a volunteer opportunity at a food bank, soup kitchen, or other such service. Seek out the place where you can offer some help with joy! See the goodness in the brokenness. Do not go to fix a problem, but go to love those whom the lord is sending you. Let us then decrease so that he may increase.

PRAYER

Almighty and merciful Father, we thank you for the gift of following you. Help us to give of ourselves. Help us to hold back nothing of ourselves, for ourselves. For you who give of yourself completely await us. May no earthly thing or endeavor hinder us. May no love, however good, impede our path. Allow us, Lord, the fire that consumed the heart of your prophet. May our hearts be a small, hot flame. We are aware of our littleness. There is no one who is entitled to this light. We again beg your forgiveness for the sins of our past, and rejoicing in your benevolence, we choose to remain at your side. May our lives, no matter how small, be given over to you and so gain us admittance to your company. Amen.
Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . .

PRAYER CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK

Pray for all those to whom you will send Christmas cards. Endeavor to get those out by the end of the week to better focus on the upcoming events.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Prepare a bed for Jesus in the manger.

Begin to set up your Christmas Nativity scene. Set up at least Joseph and Mary with an empty manger. Fill the floor around the manger with hay cut into small pieces. Each time a member of your family fulfills their Advent resolutions, they put a piece of hay in the manger. The goal is to fill up Jesus's manger before Christmas.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine. Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.

**OPEN
THE DOOR
FOR CHRIST**

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Plus, devotional booklets with daily Advent reflections are available in English and Spanish in the glass vestibule.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION/RECOLECCIÓN DE OFRENDAS

November 3-9 / 3-9 de noviembre

	Actual	Monthly Need:
Offertory/Ofertorio	\$ 13,102.35	\$74,350.00
Online Giving/en línea	\$ 9,623.00	
Other Income/Otros ingresos	\$ 678.42	
Total	\$23,403.77	

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2025 CALENDARS

Each year, St. Mary proudly offers complimentary calendars to our cherished parishioners, and we eagerly anticipate the arrival of these Catholic calendars. The cost is \$900, and we invite sponsors to share in this blessing, helping to cover all or part of the expense. Please contact Claudia in the Parish Office if you feel called to support this meaningful tradition. Thank you for your generosity!

50/50 SNOWBALL

Watch the St. Nicholas 50/50 Snowball grow each week, building to the Grand Prize Drawing at the St. Nicholas Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 8. For this event, tickets are \$5 each or 6/\$25. Tickets can be purchased during the week in the Office, and at Higher Grounds coffee cart on Sunday.

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS

We invite parishioners to sponsor the weekly flowers for our altar in honor of loved ones or special intentions, at a suggested donation of \$40 or more. While this sponsorship is distinct from and should not be confused with a Mass intention, your support helps our flower team create a beautiful arrangement for the front of the altar each week. Please note that major celebrations, including Advent, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost will continue to depend on the generosity of our entire parish community. Special intentions for flowers will be listed in the Bulletin each week from **January 11 through March 1**. Please sign up and make your donation in the office.

People in Mexico and in the United States celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Mary is the Patron Saint of Mexico and Patroness of the Americas. Every year, thousands of people from all over the country make a pilgrimage to the Basilica in Mexico City. The day commemorates her apparition to St. Juan Diego in the hills of Tepeyac in 1531. She asked him to go to the bishop and tell him that the Ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, sent him to ask for a church to be built atop Tepeyac hill.

Today, as a sign of their devotion to Mary, many pilgrims travel to this site on their knees for many miles. They do this as a sign of their devotion to Mary and to show gratitude for favors received from her. Outside of the shrine there are groups of mariachis, folk musicians, and ethnic dancers who have come to celebrate. Inside, various priests and bishops from all over Mexico gather to celebrate Mass. In the evening, the entrance of the basilica is filled with pilgrims from different regions of the country. Many other fiestas or popular celebrations take place in honor of La Virgen Morena, or the dark-skinned Madonna, all over Mexico. Almost every household erects an altar to the Virgin Mary for the day and the faithful demonstrate their joy by lighting fireworks throughout their cities.

Mary's apparition in Mexico to Saint Juan Diego aided the Catholic Church's effort to bring the Gospel to the Americas. This is why the bishops of the United States affirm: "Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation."

Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day, **Thursday, December 12**.

Las Mananitas, morning prayer, begins at 5:30 am, The Evening events begin with a procession into Mass at 6:00 pm, and will be followed by a traditional dinner and celebration.

II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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Canto sugerido para meditar mientras se enciende una vela morada de adviento: "Preparen el camino del Señor"

ESCRITURA: Mateo 11:7-12

*He aquí, yo envío mi mensajero delante de tu rostro, el cual preparará nuestro camino:
Voz del que clama en el desierto:
Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas.*

MEDITACIÓN

Este domingo de Adviento los invito a practicar la gratitud profética. Disminuir para que Él pueda aumentar es, entre otras cosas, ver lo bueno en los demás y dar gracias. Es ver las necesidades de los demás antes que las propias, sacrificando nuestros propios gustos y deseos por el bien de otro. Los invito como familia o comunidad a buscar una oportunidad de voluntariado en un banco de alimentos, comedor de beneficencia u otro servicio similar. ¡Busquen el lugar donde puedan ofrecer algo de ayuda con alegría! Vean la bondad en lo quebrantado. No vayas a arreglar un problema, ve a amar a los que el Señor te envía. Haz que disminuyamos para que Él crezca.

ORACIÓN

Padre todopoderoso y misericordioso, te damos gracias por el don de seguirte. Ayúdanos a darnos a nosotros mismos. Ayúdanos a no reservar nada de nosotros mismos, para nosotros mismos. Porque Tú que te das por completo nos esperas. Que ninguna cosa ni ningún esfuerzo terreno nos impida. Que ningún amor, por bueno que sea, impida nuestro camino. Concédenos, Señor, el fuego que consumió el corazón de tu profeta. Que nuestro corazón sea una pequeña llama ardiente. Somos conscientes de nuestra pequeñez. No hay nadie que tenga derecho a esta luz. Nuevamente imploramos tu perdón por los pecados de nuestro pasado y, gozosos por tu benevolencia, elegimos permanecer a tu lado. Que nuestra vida, por pequeña que sea, se entregue a ti y así podamos entrar en tu compañía. Amén.

Credo de los Apóstoles, Padrenuestro, Avemaría, Gloria...

DESAFÍO DE ORACIÓN PARA LA SEMANA

Ora por todos aquellos a quienes les enviarás tarjetas navideñas. Esfuérzate por enviarlas antes de fin de semana para poder enfocarte mejor en los eventos que se avecinan.

ACTIVIDAD FAMILIAR:

Prepara una cama para Jesús en el pesebre.

Comienza a armar tu pesebre navideño. Arma al menos el pesebre vacío para José y María. Llena el piso alrededor del pesebre con heno cortado en pedazos pequeños. Cada vez que un miembro de tu familia cumple con sus resoluciones de Adviento, coloca un pedazo de heno en el pesebre. El objetivo es llenar el pesebre de Jesús antes de Navidad.

¡VIVA BIEN EL ADVIENTO!

¡Regístrese para recibir Flocknotes semanales que lo ayudarán a usted y a su familia a vivir bien el Adviento! Para ver actividades familiares y divertidas semanales, haga clic en <https://stmaryeugene.flocknote.com/signup/189126> y Para meditaciones semanales de Adviento de Ascension Press, haga clic en <https://stmaryeugene.flocknote.com/signup/189124>. Hay un recurso de Adviento en español en <https://stmaryeugene.flocknote.com/signup/189129>.

Además, en el vestíbulo de cristal están disponibles folletos devocionales con reflexiones diarias de Adviento en inglés y español.



Únase a nosotros para celebrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en su festividad, **el jueves 12 de diciembre**.

Las Mañanitas, la oración de la mañana, comienza a las 5:30 a. m. Los eventos de la tarde comienzan con una procesión hacia la misa a las 6:00 p. m. y serán seguidos por una cena y celebración tradicionales.

BOLA DE NIEVE 50/50

Observa cómo la bola de nieve 50/50 de San Nicolás crece cada semana hasta llegar al sorteo del gran premio en la Feria navideña de San Nicolás el domingo 8 de diciembre. Para este evento, las entradas cuestan \$5 cada una o 6 por \$25. Las entradas se pueden comprar durante la semana en la oficina y en el carrito de café de Higher Grounds el domingo.



Religious Education: Helps to build a strong foundation



St. Mary offers three programs for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Contact: Sharon Dunham.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Age-appropriate lessons based on the day's Gospel readings are offered during the 10:00 am Mass for children from kindergarten to fourth grade. No registration is required.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes are offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for kindergarten to sixth-grade children during the school year. Thanks to a generous donor, there is currently no fee and registration is now open.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is offered one week each summer for children entering first through fifth grades in the fall. Registration is required. Dates are announced in spring.

La educación religiosa: ayuda a formar una base sólida



Sta. Maria ofrece tres programas para niños desde jardín de infantes hasta quinto grado. Contacto: Sharon Dunham.

LITURGIA INFANTIL

Se ofrecen lecciones apropiadas para la edad basadas en las lecturas del Evangelio del día durante la misa de las 10:00 am para niños desde jardín de infantes hasta cuarto grado. No se requiere inscripción.

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Las clases se ofrecen los domingos por la mañana a las 9:00 a. m. para niños desde el jardín de infantes hasta el sexto grado durante el año escolar. Gracias a un generoso donante, actualmente no hay costo y la inscripción ya está abierta.

LA ESCUELA BÍBLICA DE VACACIONES

La EBV se ofrece una semana cada verano para los niños que ingresan del primero al quinto grado en el otoño. Es necesario registrarse. Las fechas se anuncian en primavera.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

St. Mary offers multiple programs for children and adults preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Classes for children grades 2 and above preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are offered beginning in the fall. Registration is required. Contact: Julie Rutledge

CONFIRMATION

Classes for children grades 7 to 12, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are offered beginning in the fall. Registration is required. Contact: Chrysten Copley

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Classes for adults preparing for Confirmation are offered each spring. Registration is required. Contact: Marybeth Schombert.

ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Classes for adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church are offered on Tuesday evenings. Registration is required. Contact: Marybeth Schombert.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you engaged, or civilly married but desire the blessing of the church? Are you divorced but want to marry again? Contact Julie Rutledge.

PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Sta. Maria ofrece múltiples programas para niños y adultos que se preparan para los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Reconciliación, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación.

PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

A partir del otoño se ofrecen clases para niños de 2.º grado y mayores que se preparan para los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión. Es necesario inscribirse. Contacto: Julie Rutledge

CONFIRMACIÓN

Se ofrecen clases para niños de 7.º a 12.º grado, preparándose para el Sacramento de la Confirmación, a partir del otoño. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Chrysten Copley

CONFIRMACIÓN DE ADULTO

Cada primavera se ofrecen clases para adultos que se preparan para la Confirmación. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Marybeth Schombert.

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (OCIA)

A partir del otoño se ofrecen clases para adultos que se preparan para ingresar a la Iglesia Católica. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Marybeth Schombert.

PREPARACIÓN DE LA MATRIMONIO

¿Está comprometido o casado por lo civil pero desea la bendición de la iglesia? ¿Está divorciado pero desea casarse nuevamente? Contacto: Julie Rutledge.