

NATIVITY *of* OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am

Sunday: 4:30pm Catholic Argos Mass

Daily Mass: Monday ~ Friday 8:30am

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am ~ 5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

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Marianna Arden, Rectory Coordinator



First Sunday of Advent



Deacon Blog

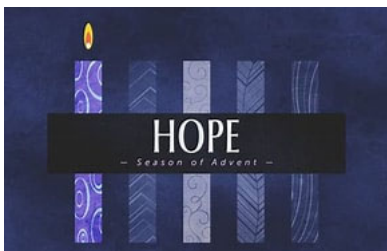
Hope:

"I got up with my child crying this morning at 3:00am. I gave him 4 oz. of milk, but he would not go back to sleep. We stayed up until 5:00am. Another reason to get up at 3:00am is planning for a household of family and friends for a dinner on Christmas day. Who's bringing what dishes, where are my table decorations, etc. Our worries can keep us up late at night. We were not created to be awake 24 hours a day. We need our rest. Many of us lack this basic need. Good sleep fuels us so we can be active and alert. We have hope that everything will go well."

"Hope is one of the theological virtues, and like the other virtues it requires action. To be virtuous first requires building up a sort of habit of doing the good – a state of being which is inclined to do the good. I hope to nurture my child to be a healthy human being. I hope that the Christmas dinner will go off without a hitch. Hope is a desire, a longing, for some future and difficult-to-obtain happiness."

"Advent is a season of hope. In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to be alert, to be ready, and to watch. In short, he tells them to be full of hope. When will the master of the house return from traveling abroad? Jesus' focus is on being ready to welcome the master home at a moment's notice. Let us stay alert and keep watch on our Advent journey."¹

¹ 2024 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays, The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy, Liturgy Training Publications (LTP), pg. 6-7 and Daily Homilies for Sunday and Weekday Masses, Faith Catholic, December 2023, pg. 454-455.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
DECEMBER 8, 2023



MASSES CELEBRATED

8:30AM

12:15PM

6:00PM

Pancakes with Santa December 3rd

For kids of all ages

Join Santa, Mrs. Claus, Emily, Elf and all the
elves in the parish hall
from 9am-1pm

pancakes & sausage
sweet rolls, fruit, orange juice
apple juice, coffee
\$5 ea/\$10 family

hot chocolate bar with all the toppings
write a letter to Santa
make a Christmas craft
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Father Hank's Pick of the Week

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of December 03, 2023



What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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the giving
tree

Please return your wrapped gifts
by December 5th



NATIVITY COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL POTLUCK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
(12:00-2:00p)
PARISH HALL

Bring a covered dish to share.

"Women Ages 18 and Over are Welcomed"

A BIG Thank You from NCCW to our parishioners who donated emergency items for the homeless community at Alfred Washburn Center. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to completely fill a truckload amount of the requested blankets, a tent, tarps, toiletries and winter clothing. Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in need.

"For whatever you do to these, the least of thy brothers and sisters, you do to Me". Matt 25:40

Stewardship of Treasure

November 25/26

Offertory

ACTUAL	\$ 10,602.77
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BUDGETED	\$ 15,032.00
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Building

ACTUAL	\$ 539.42
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BUDGETED	\$ 613.00
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CSA

11/24/23

Goal	\$64,786.00
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Pledged	\$103,370.85
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Given	\$ 99,400.94
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237 parishioners participating

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 4

6:00pm Spanish Rosary

6:30pm Exodus 90 Men's Group

6:30pm Grupo de Hombres en Espanol

6:30-7:30pm Advent Mission

Tuesday, December 5

9:00am Tuesday Morning Craft Group

6:30 - 7:30pm Advent Mission

Wednesday, December 6

5:00pm Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30pm Advent Penance Service with Adoration

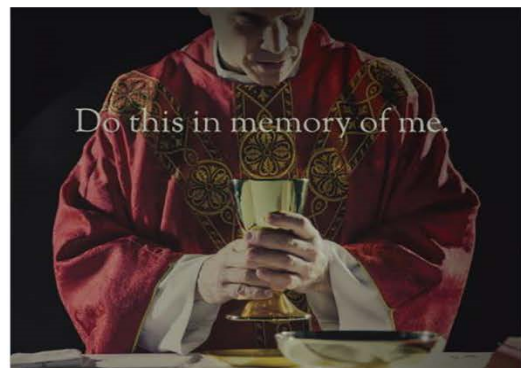
Thursday, December 7

6:45 Prayer Group

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses: 8:30am, 12:15pm, 6:00pm



NATIVITY
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Burse Collection

"For the education of future Priests"

Will take place after Mass

Saturday and Sunday

December 2/3

Thank you in advance for your continued support!



TO PURCHASE A COUPON BOOK, SEE
PETE KAISER OR ANY KNIGHT

Prayer Petitions:

Adriana Ayala, Randy Baxley, Daisy Bayona, Nada Bijelic, Dot Boroden, Deb Bush, Tony Butera, Betty Gilmer, Kathy Goodwin, Ray Goodwin, Isabelle Greehy, Cecilia Guenther, Kay Hazuga, Don Hirth, Jim Hudson, Bill and Sandy Kambic, Frank and Ginny Kelly, Brin Kloster, Akema Kurokawa, Dick Lacasse, Molly Lacasse, Johanna Lae, Dottie Lewis, Rosemary Maher, Waltraud Melzer, Roger Merritt, Fr. Mooney, Ronni Nichol, Kenneth Pace, James Rigney, Christopher Roan, Cheryl Robertson, Linda Seidl, Vete Senkus, Josephine Jean Simpson, Ann Sloan, Bert and Marlene Smith, Anecia Solano, Lee Steffensmeier, Angie Stokes, Thayer Family, Glenda Thompson, Daniel Thrush, Amanda Trippi, Roxanna Watson, Daniel Watz, Bill Webster

Please call the parish office to add someone to the Prayer List.

Pray, too, for members of our Armed Forces and those in senior living facilities.

Parish Ministries**Altar Servers**

Parish Office, 477-3221

Bereavement Ministry

Jim Guttman, jmguttman2@gmail.com

Burse Club**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Jeff Comeau, 476-9139

Exodus 90 Men's Group

Brad Dale, 850-572-0037

Greeters/Ushers

Parish Office, 477-3221

Homebound Ministry

Deacon John Jacobs, 850-477-3221

Music Ministry

music@nativityofourlordcc.org

Parish Pastoral Council

John Barberi

Charlie Code

Brad Dale, 850-572-0037

Sandra de la Cruz

Raul Gonzalez-Diaz, 787-608-2684

Gary Lee

Chyloe Morgan

Maritza Arancibia

Parish Finance Council

John Willem, Chairperson

Steve Schroll, Secretary

Steve Peranich

Greg Newchurch

Lectors

Parish Office, 477-3221

Parish Organizations**Knights of Columbus**

George Kasztelan, Grand Knight

850-982-2619

Nativity Council of Catholic Women

Barbara Nawrot, President, 210-749-6024

presnativityccw@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul

Helpline, 850-377-9829

Parish Reaching Out**Catholic Argos**

www.catholicargos.com

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month

9:00am ~ 12:00pm in the church

First Monday Confession

5:30pm ~ 6:30pm in the church

First Saturday Bilingual Mass

9:30am followed by rosary

Online Giving

go to: www.nativityofourlordcc.org and click e-giving"

Faith Formation**Religious Education**

faith@nativityofourlordcc.org

Sunday: 9:30-10:45am 1st ~ 9th grade

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9:30 ~ 10:45am

Catholic Campus Ministries (UWF)

Fr. Raymond Herard, 850-477-3221

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Contact the parish office

Sacraments

If you are in need of receiving one of the Sacraments, please call the parish office.

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December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide. I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community.

Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of a religious sister, brother, or priest who made a positive difference in your life. We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

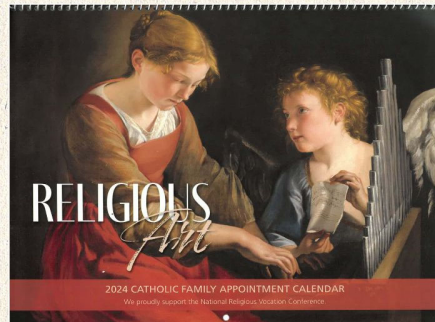
Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members. I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

2024 Calendars

available in the narthex
this weekend

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

Special Intention

Andrew Cross

Requested by Naomi

Tuesday, December 5

† **Tonya Schumer** †

Requested by Nativity Priests and Staff

Wednesday, December 6

Special Intention

Laura and Mike Pistey

Requested by Anonymous

Thursday, December 7

† **Norma Turner** †

Requested by Kathy Chadwick

Friday, December 8, 8:30am

Special Intention

Don Hirth

Requested by Ernde Family

Friday, December 8, 12:15pm

† **Marguerite Whilden** †

Requested by Michael Whilden

Friday, December 8, 6:00pm

† **Arcelina Mendes** †

Requested by Regina Davis

Saturday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 10, 8:00am

Second Sunday of Advent

Special Intention

Deacon John Jacobs

Requested by Linda Seidl

Sunday, December 10, 11:00am

Second Sunday of Advent

† **Ryan Flaherty** †

Requested by Deacon Bob and Pat LeBlanc

Sunday, December 10, 4:30pm

Second Sunday of Advent

† **Peggy Davis** †

Requested by Regina Davis



St. Vincent de Paul, Nativity Conference, delivered 40 turkeys, pies, and food bags for Thanksgiving. This was made possible through the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you so much, Nativity of Our Lord!



A Christmas Gift for the Homeless

This Christmas, the Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting \$10 Whataburger Gift Cards to distribute at the Alfred Washburn Center.

The \$10 gift cards will be given out to the homeless at our monthly Burrito Breakfast on Friday, December 15th. If you would like to participate, please place your gift card in one of the two Poor Boxes located in the church or bring them to the parish office.

Happy the one who is kind to the poor. ~Proverbs 14:21

Pensacola Young Adults Bible Study Every Monday, 7:00 pm

Sponsored by Pensacola Catholic Young Adults

Join the Pensacola Catholic Young Adults at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1212 E. Moreno St.) every Monday for an evening of fellowship and scripture study.

For more information, contact Sr. Margaret Kuntz at 435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

Advent Mission

The pondering of Mary and Joseph

December 4-6

6:30-7:30 PM



Monday: The Pondering of Mary

Tuesday: The Pondering of Joseph

Wednesday: Penance Service with Adoration

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