

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday ~ 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday ~ 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.
We will return your call in a timely manner.*

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

*Holy Days as scheduled and may differ than below.
See the inside of the bulletin for details.*

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday.....12:10 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

***As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through
Word, Sacrament, and Service.***

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor 255-4600
Rev. John Paul Gardner, Parochial Vicar..... 975-9802
Rev. Dinoy Rebera, Parochial Vicar 975-9818
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager..... 975-9803

PASTORAL MINISTERS

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation 975-9810
Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care 975-9805
Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806
Cole Jones, Youth Ministry..... 975-9804
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation 975-9809
Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816

DEACONS: Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,
Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall (Retired)

PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician 975-9815
Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc.... 975-9807
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays (typed format
sent to info@corpuschristibismarck.com)



December 14, 2025

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Reconciliation is offered, behind a screen, weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

Marriage - Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

Natural Family Planning Classes are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Bismarck Diocese at 701-222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

OCIA Classes - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member, stop by the Parish Office or scan this QR Code.



CORPUS CHRISTI APP (MyParish APP):

Download the app for any smart device.

Text the word *App* to 55321.

Or scan the QR Code.

From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

Gaudete Sunday - Rejoice; the Lord is near! We kicked off the joyous celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent with "A Night of Carols" with the Corpus Christi Choir on Friday evening; thank you to Sebastian, the choir and musicians, and to everyone for joining us. Gaudete Sunday invites the faithful to rejoice in the hope and joy that the coming Christ brings, therefore, it is an appropriate time to add to the Advent decor as we near Christmas. Thank you to the Environment Committee for their work preparing the Church; the work is done in stages throughout the season and will be complete on December 23 in time for the Nativity of the Lord. Christmas lights are beautiful around town - don't forget to take your dogs/pets to look at the lights as well, as they only have 10-15 memorable Christmases!

This past week I conducted the annual staff evaluations. I believe it is important for the staff to be "active" in the evaluations and every year I have a different process for the staff to prepare for our time together. This year, I asked each full-time staff member to make a list of 10 things they are good at as an opportunity to discern the gifts the Lord has blessed them with. In turn, in the evaluations, we visited how these gifts enhance and strengthen the "team." As I mentioned in my homilies December 6 & 7, the staff members are enthusiastic, and I am grateful for their love and dedication to their work.

Advent is moving along swiftly; are you ready? As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I invite all Liturgical Ministers to sign up to help at one of our liturgies. And there is great need in the Christmas Outreach Program for gifts, gift certificates, and Christmas meal sponsorships - help as you are able. All the information is included in the bulletin. Thank you, in advance!

Finally, Fr. Gardner, Fr. Rebera, and I have been offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent Season for our faith formation students. Our additional opportunities for the public begin this week:

Friday, December 19	11:00 a.m. - Noon (2 priests)
Monday, December 22	11:00 a.m. - Noon (2 priests)
	5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (3 priests)
Tuesday, December 23	11:00 a.m. - Noon (2 priests)
<i>No Confessions on December 24 or December 25.</i>	

~Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE -

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend. If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803

Date: Dec 20-21	December 20, 2025		December 21, 2025		December 21, 2025		December 21, 2025	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
Hospitality	1	Bob Deutsch	1		1		1	Karen Gaydos
	2		2		2		2	
	3		3		3		3	
Ushers	1	Larry Thelen	1	Tim Kuntz	1	Dennis Kelly	1	Mark Gaydos
	2	Rick Kramlich	2	Linda Feist	2	Joel Meyer	2	Joel Streitz
	3	Judith Kopp	3	Charles Jaszkwiaik	3	Maggie Meyer	3	
	4	William Kopp	4	Catherine Williams	4	Brianna Feist	4	
	5		5	Francis Williams	5	Sofia Meyer	5	
Lectors	1	Sandy Wald Clooten	1	Irene Goetz	1	Heather Bullinger	1	Mary Soucie
	2	Steve Huebschwerlen	2	Dale Kasowski	2		2	Bart Brackin
Servers	1		1	Ellie Givan	1	Triston Brossart	1	Kate Masset
	2		2		2	Brady Wheeler	2	
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Helen Berger	R-1	Bill Knudson	R-1	Cec Reetz	R-1	Tim Bohan
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Gisele Thorson	3	Laurie Vanderpan	3	Rose Kruckenberg	3	Margie Schiff
	4	Jane Wolf	4	Teddie Herner	4	Brenda Weisz	4	
	5	Clare Auble	5	Kermit Herner	5	Reyne Richter	5	
	6		6	Brenda Bergan	6	Bob Kudrna	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Judane Ohlhauser	8		8	
	9		11		9		11	
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Livestreaming Schedule:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days & Holidays as Scheduled

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon., Dec. 15 (12:10 p.m.) - *Special Intention*

Tues., Dec. 16 (12:10 p.m.) - *Paulette Jacobsen*

Wed., Dec. 17 - Collective Intention

(12:10 p.m.) - *✠ Marian Kasowski*

✠ Jody Foy

Dana Rudnick

Thurs., Dec. 18 (12:10 p.m.) - *✠ Veronica Jahmer*

Fri., Dec. 19 (12:10 p.m.) - *✠ Mattie & ✠ Maggie Volk*

Sat., Dec. 20 (4:00 p.m.) - *✠ George Volk*

Sun., Dec. 21 (8:30 a.m.) - *✠ Anselm Ternes*

(10:45 a.m.) - *✠ Kay Sehn*

(5:30 p.m.) - *Pro Populo*

Regular Confessions:

Monday-Friday ~ 11:30 a.m. - Noon

Saturday ~ 3:00-3:45 p.m.

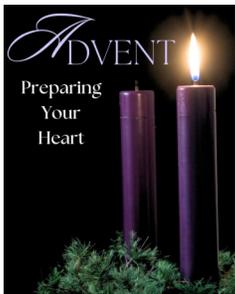
Additional Advent Confessions:

December 19 ~ 11:00 a.m. - Noon

December 22 ~ 11:00 a.m. - Noon

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

December 23 ~ 11:00 a.m. - Noon



O Come, Let us Adore Him!

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

December 24 - 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

* Children's Christmas Program at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve

December 25 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

* Mask Room available at 6:00 p.m.

* Livestream: 4:00 p.m. (including the Children's Program) & 10:45 a.m.

* Confessions will not be available at any time on December 24 or 25.

* There will not be a 12:10 p.m. Mass on December 24 or 25.

Liturgical Ministers, there are sign up sheets in the Usher Room to assist at Christmas Masses.

The Parish Office will be closed

December 24, 25 & 26 and December 31 - January 1 & 2.

The building will be open for Masses.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,470 households)	
Adult Envelopes (222 Envelopes)	\$17,364.85
Youth Envelopes	\$205.00
Total Received (Dec. 7)	\$17,569.85
1 st Sunday Dec. 7	\$17,569.85
Online Giving Week (Dec. 1-7)	\$8,440.00
Immaculate Conception - Holy Day	\$2,889.55
Electronic Contributions (Dec. 5)	\$13,073.68
2 nd Sunday Dec. 14	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Dec. 8-14)	\$0.00
3 rd Sunday Dec. 21	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Dec. 15-21)	\$0.00
Electronic Contributions (Dec. 20)	\$0.00
Nativity of our Lord Jesus - Christmas	\$0.00
4 th Sunday Dec. 28	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Dec. 22-28)	\$0.00

Thank you for your generosity and your stewardship gifts!

Thank you for your support! Christmas Outreach: December 6 - 21

Christmas Dinner Sponsorship



\$15 / Family of 1

\$30 / Family of 2

\$45 / Family of 3

\$60 / Family of 4



\$75 / Family of 5

\$90 / Family of 6

\$120 / Family of 8

\$150 / Family of 10

Sponsorship forms will be in the Upper & Lower Gathering Spaces or scan the QR Code above to donate online.



Gifts for Children (18 & under)

Gift tags will be available in the

Upper & Lower Gathering Space

beginning December 6 - You choose a tag!

- All gifts need to be returned **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, December 21. Gifts may be returned to the Christmas Outreach Table or the Parish Office.
- Gifts are to be new, wrapped, and have the original Christmas Outreach Tag securely taped to the outside of the package.
- If you have more than one gift for the person you selected, please enclose the gifts in one wrapped box/gift bag that is securely closed. Or, if this is difficult, gifts need to be securely attached together. This greatly helps our volunteer team on distribution day!

Gift Certificates (Minimum \$20)

Please donate the following ~

Walmart

Target

Cashwise

Family Fare

Gas Station

Visa Gift Card



This year, due to the increased need, gift requests will be taken for children 18 & under only. These Gift Certificates will be given to adults/households to provide holiday cheer to those over 18.



Monetary Donations (Any amount)

Whether it is \$5 or \$5,000 ~ every dollar helps as we reach out to our neighbors in need.

Corpus Christi Youth Ministry presenting...

IN BETHLEHEM INN

A Dinner Theater, retelling the night Jesus was born, from inside the Inn.

Free Will Offering

All proceeds go to students attending the Mission Trip and Steubenville Conference.



Scan QR to reserve a table!

2nd Annual performance of "In Bethlehem Inn"

Join us for this dinner theater retelling the story of the night Jesus was born, from inside the inn. During your time, you will be served a three-course meal while the inn keeper and his family take you on a journey of the night Jesus is born.

Three showings with limited seating:

Friday, December 19 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20 ~ 12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Scan the QR code to RSVP your entire group of people. There is no cost to attend the event, but a free will offering will be taken up at the end of each show. Proceeds will benefit the Mission Trip and Steubenville Conference. Please join us and invite your friends and family to this truly one-of-a-kind event!

Contact Cole Jones in the parish office at (701) 975-9804 with questions.

**Men's Group Breakfast
Wednesday, December 17**

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast followed by discussion.
All Corpus Christi men are invited!



2026 Calendars ~

Available at the Church entrances.

Thank you, Bismarck Funeral Home
for sponsoring the calendars!



Sitting before Christ in Adoration is LESS about "doing" and MORE about "being". Christ desires your presence & friendship.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 1:00-7:00 p.m.



Christmas Flowers: You are invited to participate in the Christmas Flower Offering to enhance our worship environment while honoring or remembering a loved one. Monetary donations will fund flowers and decorations for the Christmas Season. To donate: fill out your Christmas Flower Envelope that you received in your monthly envelope mailing, pick up an envelope at one of the entrances, or scan the QR Code. All donations received by January 1 will be included in a special insert in a bulletin in the New Year featuring the list of memorials and honorariums. ****Monetary donations only. Do not donate a poinsettia plant.**



What's Going on at Corpus Christi this Week

- Sun. 12/14** Faith Formation Reconciliation, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Faith Formation **Group D**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass
SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140
- Mon. 12/15** Children's Christmas Program Practice, 3:30 p.m.
Family Table, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Faith Formation **Group B**, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
Faith Formation Reconciliation, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Tues. 12/16** Caring Hearts Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church
Dinner Theater Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Wed. 12/17** Men's Group Breakfast, 6:30-7:45 a.m., Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Middle School Youth Ministry (**Oasis**), 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 12/18** Dinner Theater Dress Rehearsal, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Fri. 12/19** Advent Confessions, 11:00 a.m.-Noon (2 priests)
Dinner Theater, 6:00 p.m. (RSVP required)
- Sat. 12/20** Dinner Theater, 12:30 & 5:30 p.m. (RSVP required)
- Sun. 12/21** No SNAC

High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, December 14: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Topic: Men's & Women's Session

Middle School (Grades 6-7-8)

Wednesday, December 17: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Topic: Christmas Party



Children's Liturgy of the Word

December 14 - 10:45 a.m. Mass

Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.

No registration required.



children's program



Children's Christmas Eve Program

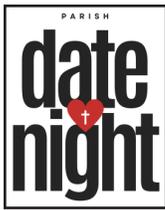
December 24 ~ 3:30 p.m. The program will be livestreamed.

Bring your Baby Jesus to Mass

During the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, children will be invited to come forward to receive a blessing over the baby Jesus from your home Nativity scene.



The **MagnifiKid** is for children ages 6-12 and Corpus Christi offers this free worship aid for children. Every edition of the **MagnifiKid** offers the Sunday Mass readings, prayers, and activities. The **MagnifiKid** copies are located at the back of the church or at the north entrances.



Parish Date Night

• For couples of all ages

- Dating - Engaged - Married yesterday or 50 years ago!
- 3 Parish Date Night Events (Fall - Winter - Spring) • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Delicious food, great conversation, and quality time together.
 - Registration (\$10/couple) is required for food preparation.
- Questions or want to help? Contact Melanie Konieczka, 975-9809.



Don't miss it!

Friday, January 9 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Register by January 7 - Scan the QR Code.

Kick off 2026 with a great night as a couple!



Emmaus Young Adults

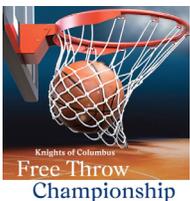
Friday, January 9

Open to anyone ages 21-39.

8:00 p.m. Praise & Adoration

8:45 p.m. Late Night

The Bismarck Diocese has an opening for an **As-Needed Cook** (average 12/month) at Emmaus Place, a priest retirement facility in Bismarck. This position offers a competitive wage and is on an as-needed basis when there are scheduling conflicts with our full-time and part-time cooks. Job duties include grocery shopping, preparing, and serving meals for the residents, and clean-up. Must possess a valid driver's license and be able to lift and carry 20 pounds. Prior cooking knowledge and experience is desirable. All offers of employment are pending a clear background check and reference check. If interested, please contact Kim Kleinknecht, the coordinator of Priest Services for Emmaus Place: kkleinknecht@bismarckdiocese.com or 701-258-2618.



Knights of Columbus Events:

Free Throw Championship

Boys and girls ages 9-14

Saturday, December 20

St. Mary Grade School Gym

Set up begins at 10:30 a.m., open shoot at 11:00 a.m., and competition starts at 11:30 a.m. Contestants compete within their own gender and age group. Please bring a copy of the contestant's birth certificate. If you have questions, contact Mark Gaydos, 701-214-0777 or marksgaydos@midco.net.



Retirement Fund for the Religious

December 13 & 14

Please help those who have given a lifetime to the Catholic Church.



St. Mary's Carnival

January 30 - 31 & February 1, 2026

• Corpus Christi Carnival Parish Representatives Needed!

Parish Representatives work with the Midway Chair and other Parish Reps on setup, volunteer direction, and smooth operation of the Carnival from

Wednesday - Sunday. We encourage multiple reps per parish! Splitting the duties significantly reduces the time needed from any single individual, making the total commitment manageable and enjoyable. Thank you for considering this opportunity to represent our parish! For questions or more details, please contact Tammy Heick: 701.226.7069 or tammyheick@gmail.com.

• **NEW silent and live auction items or gift cards** can now be donated. For more details, contact John Herold, 701-751-8719, or email jherold@lightofchristschools.org.



Update on End of Year gifts -

Per the IRS, if a donor would like to claim a contribution for the calendar year, 2025, all donations must be postmarked or dropped

off at the parish office no later than **December 31**. Thank you for your generosity to Corpus Christi!

Gospel PraiSIng Fiesta

Nourish your soul & body!

Christian music presented by Colleen Reinhardt, Julie Ternes, and guest musicians.

Mayas Mexican Restaurant ~ 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

December 21

Mayas is located at 1601 W. Century Ave, Bismarck.

Lunch is available for purchase off the menu and free-will donations accepted for local charities. Presented by Gospel PraiSIng (GPS) Ministries. For information, call Julie Ternes, 701-226-0356.

Fearless Documentary: The Encounter School of Ministry Bismarck Campus invites you to a free public showing of the documentary *Fearless*, which highlights the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of disciples, on Wednesday, January 8 at the Heritage Center Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the film begins at 7:00 p.m. (Runtime is 1 hour 13 minutes.) All are welcome. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Zw6xeZmpbTLofUkD6>. For more information about the Bismarck Campus, visit www.encounterschool.org/bismarck.

Remember - Stay Vigilant! Our priests/clergy will never personally email, text, or call to solicit gift cards or gift certificates. **This is a SCAM! If you get a message: delete it - do not respond!** ** Our Food Pantry Christmas Outreach is asking for Gift Certificates but these requests come via the app, bulletin, or website. **



Corpus Christi Women's Group

No meeting in December

Next meeting: January 28, 2026

Sunday, Dec 14, 2025

Examine the evidence

When John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus to ask if he is the Messiah, Jesus doesn't give them a direct answer but suggests they look at what they see and evaluate for themselves: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. If someone as close to Jesus as John had to ask, we can forgive ourselves if at times we wonder about Jesus' saving power in our own lives. Like the disciples of John, we're challenged to figure out for ourselves by examining the evidence—in scripture, in prayer, and in our lives and the lives of loved ones. Jesus doesn't force himself on us; he trusts we have the smarts to see for ourselves.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 (7). *“Go and tell John what you hear and see.”*

Monday, Dec 15, 2025

A vision of hope

Children and prophets see things others don't. The prophet Balaam saw beyond the injustice of his own generation to a time when the nation would be led by a great king who would arise in Israel. We too are called to see with that same prophetic clarity—the clear-eyed wonder of a child who perceives hope where others see only hardship. Consider the hope that comes with a little baby born in a manger as Saint Alphonsus describes it: “Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn Son. Go in, then, all ye devout souls; go and see the Creator of heaven and earth on a little hay, under the form of a little Infant; but so beautiful that he sheds all around rays of light. Now that he is born and is lying on the straw, the cave is no longer horrible, but is become a paradise.”

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). *“I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near.”*

Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025

Permission to enter

Today begins the traditional Mexican festival of Las Posadas, a commemoration of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Customarily neighbors gather together in a procession led by a child in angel's garb and statues of the Holy Family. Together they seek out shelter at three local houses, only to be accepted at the last, where the family hosts a celebration. Seeking to share the path of the Holy Family places one in the vulnerable position of begging entrance into another's home. Remember that vulnerability when you seek to enter the shelter of God's kingdom. For quick reference, think of Saint Augustine's answer to the question of the most essential elements of Christ's teaching: “The first is humility, the second is humility, and the third is humility.”

ADVENT WEEKDAY; LAS POSADAS BEGINS

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). *“Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before you.’”*

Wednesday, Dec 17, 2025

Give me an O!

These days before Christmas are a time of final preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. To mark this time the church prays the “O Antiphons.” An antiphon, from the Greek word for “responsively,” is a short prayer after psalms or biblical songs. They come up in the Liturgy of the Hours, but you also pray a kind of antiphon every Sunday: the psalm response between the first and

second readings. We add the O Antiphons—so called because they all begin with “O”—to evening prayer to make this time before Christmas special. Drawn from Hebrew scripture, each of them helps us to understand Jesus. Time to get to know your Os.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). *“O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love; come to teach us the path of knowledge!”*

Thursday, Dec 18, 2025

Power to the people

The word *righteousness* may sound a little quaint these days, but the concept behind the word is central to an understanding of what God asks of us. The Hebrew word it corresponds to appears more than 500 times in the Old Testament, and the Greek word it corresponds to more than 200 times in the New Testament. Righteousness is chiefly concerned with ethical conduct: It implies faithfully keeping promises, treating people justly, and adhering to a high moral code. With justice of righteousness, “faith, hope, and charity are poured into our hearts,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “and obedience to the divine will is granted us.” We have the power to be obedient to God's will; why not use it?

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). *“O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!”*

Friday, Dec 19, 2025

Where to find true royalty

When it came time for the prophet Samuel to anoint a new king to replace Saul, God instructed Samuel to invite Jesse and his many sons to a sacrifice. When Jesse paraded his boys in review before the prophet, God told Samuel that not the oldest, the tallest, nor the most kingly looking were the leader God sought; the next king was to be David, the youngest and lowliest, whom Jesse left tending the flocks and did not even bother to bring along. “The Lord,” God says, “does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” If you look past appearances to the hearts of others, you're likely to find true royalty, namely the Prince of Peace.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). *“O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!”*

Saturday, Dec 20, 2025

What's inside?

Some years ago, Saint Teresa of Calcutta visited the neonatal intensive care unit of a Boston hospital. As she walked through the doors of the unit, the machines that usually hum and buzz and beep somehow stopped making noise, and every single baby fell silent. Mother Teresa stopped at each crib, spoke with the nurses and parents, had her picture taken holding a premature infant in the palm of her hand, and left. As the doors closed behind her, the usual cacophony of the unit resumed unabated. The calm that surrounded Mother Teresa was a reflection of the peace in her heart. Advent is a good time to notice our own interior state and how it's reflected in the world around us.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). *“O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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