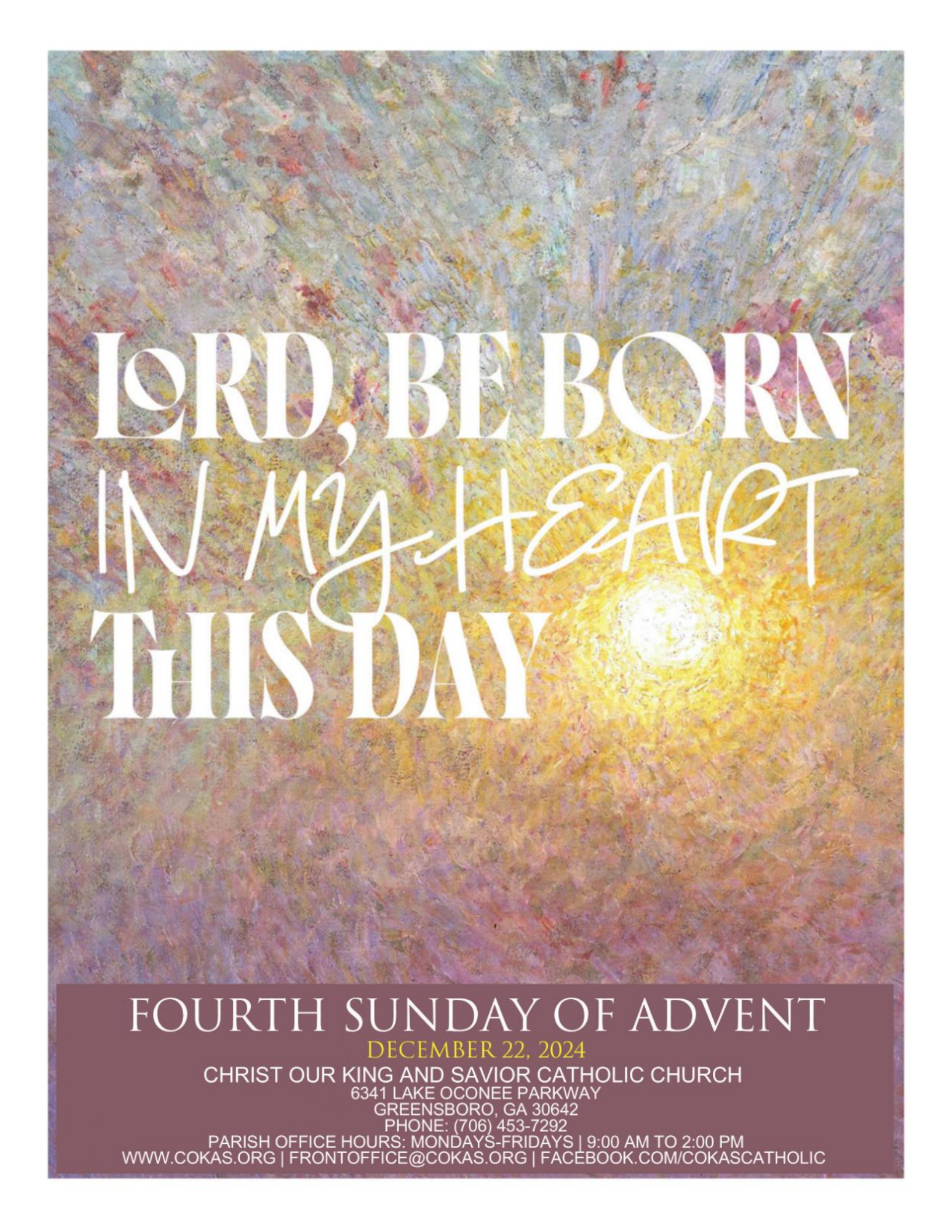




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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5 PM Joann Dublinski † Tom and Mary Burns †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8 AM People of the Parish
10 AM Gillian Switala †
1 PM For the Faith of Our Youth

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

9 AM Kathleen & Michael Cafferty †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4 PM People of the Parish
7 PM People of the Parish
10 PM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9 AM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Mass or Communion Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5 PM Mary Urban †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8 AM People of the Parish
10 AM Michael Steger †
1 PM People of the Parish



REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION

Offering a Mass for a special intention is a valued Catholic tradition, allowing you to honor loved ones—living or deceased—for various occasions like anniversaries, birthdays, or illnesses. During Mass, your loved one's name will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful. To schedule a

Mass intention, visit the parish office and book in advance if you have a specific date or time. While the suggested donation is \$20, anyone can request a Mass. Mass intentions are also published weekly in the church bulletin.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas! Today, we celebrate the most wondrous gift of all—the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the stillness of that holy night in Bethlehem, God's great love for humanity was revealed in the humblest of ways: through the cry of a newborn child lying in a manger. This profound moment changed the course of history and continues to transform hearts today.

Christmas is a time of great joy and reflection, a season that calls us to pause and consider the deep mystery of God's love. The infinite and all-powerful Creator of the universe chose to enter into our world not as a mighty king but as a vulnerable infant, relying on the love and care of His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. This act of humility teaches us that God's ways are not the ways of the world. He comes to us in simplicity and tenderness, inviting us to open our hearts to His presence.

As we celebrate this holy season, let us remember that the gift of Christmas is not something confined to a single day. The message of Christ's birth is eternal—a message of hope, peace, and salvation. It reminds us that no matter how dark the world may seem, the light of Christ shines brightly, offering us the promise of new life and the strength to persevere.

This time of year is also an invitation to embody the love of Christ in our own lives. Just as the shepherds and wise men responded to the call to seek the Christ Child, we, too, are called to action. Perhaps we can extend a hand to those in need, offer forgiveness to someone who has hurt us, or spend time with those who are lonely. Each small act of kindness and love reflects the light of Christ and brings His peace to the world.

As a parish family, we are blessed to share this journey of faith together. Whether you are celebrating with us in person or joining us in spirit, know that you are a vital part of our community. Let us lift one another up in prayer, especially those who are grieving, struggling, or facing challenges this season. May our shared faith remind us that in Christ, we are never alone.

May this Christmas season fill your heart and home with the warmth of God's love. May you find peace in the quiet moments, joy in the company of loved ones, and hope in the promise of our Savior. And may the light of Christ's birth inspire us to carry His love into the New Year, letting His presence guide us in all that we do.

On behalf of the clergy and staff here at COKAS, I wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas!

In the peace and love of Christ,
Fr. Adam



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE...

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Eve

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM - Family Mass (English)
(Children's Program at 3:30 PM)

7:00 PM - Bilingual

10:00 PM - English

Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM - English

PARISH NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO Scriptural Rosary
NO Mass at 9:00 am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO Morning Prayers
NO Adoration

The St. Michael Prayer Group
will not meet next Sunday.
Join us at our next meeting on
Wednesday, January 29

*Office Closed
for the Holidays*
The Parish Office will be closed
from December 23 through
January 3.
The Office will reopen on Monday,
January 6.



Join us to pray the rosary next
Sunday, December 29, at 9:30 AM
in the Sanctuary. The rosary will be
led by the Knights of Columbus and
will conclude by 9:50 AM. Our 5th
Sunday Rosary offers a beautiful
opportunity to unite as a parish
community in prayer and devotion to
Mary. All are welcome—let's grow in
faith together!

Military Personnel

Nellie DiMartini

Laura Kearney

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 AM—Prayer & Life Workshop—PLC 112/113
9:00 AM—AA Meeting—PLC 110
3:30 PM—Confessions
5:00 PM—Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 AM—Mass (Eng)
10:00 AM—Mass (Eng)
11:00 AM—RCIA (Spn)—Meeting Rm # 1
11:30 AM—RCIA (Eng)—PLC 213
1:00 PM—Mass (Spn)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Parish Office Closed
8:20 AM—Scriptural Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Parish Office Closed
3:30 PM—Christmas Children's Program
4:00 PM—Christmas Eve Mass (English)
7:00 PM—Christmas Eve Mass (Bilingual)
10:00 PM—Christmas Eve Mass (English)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Parish Office Closed
9:00 AM—Christmas Day Mass (English)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Parish Office Closed
NO Scriptural Rosary
NO Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Parish Office Closed
NO Friday Morning Prayer
NO Adoration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

3:30 PM—Confessions
5:00 PM—Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM—Mass (Eng)
9:30 AM—Fifth Sunday Rosary—Sanctuary
10:00 AM—Mass (Eng)
11:00 AM—RCIA (Spn)—Meeting Rm # 1
11:30 AM—RCIA (Eng)—PLC 213
1:00 PM—Mass (Spn)

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

JAN 5 - Family Formation: K-12
JAN 12 - Sacramental Preparation

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS JUVENILES

5 de ENE - Formación familiar: K-12
12 de ENE—Preparación sacramental

The Nativity of the Lord

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Angels Heaven Shepherds Mary Joseph
Infant Manger Message Amazed Glorify

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



The Catholic Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, is a special year of grace and spiritual renewal celebrated by the Catholic Church. A Jubilee Year is traditionally held every 25 years, offering Catholics around the world a unique opportunity to deepen their faith, seek reconciliation, and participate in pilgrimage.

Key Aspects of the 2025 Jubilee Year:

1. Theme: *Pilgrims of Hope* - The theme emphasizes the journey of faith, rooted in hope, as individuals and communities strive to draw closer to God and renew their trust in His promises. It invites Catholics to reflect on their role as "pilgrims" in life, moving toward deeper communion with God and one another.

2. Spiritual Significance - A Jubilee Year is a time to focus on repentance, spiritual growth, and reconciliation. Traditionally, it includes:

- Plenary indulgences for pilgrims who fulfill specific spiritual practices, such as visiting designated churches and performing acts of mercy or penance.
- Special events, liturgies, and celebrations to inspire unity and faith renewal.

3. Pilgrimage to Rome - Pilgrims are encouraged to journey to Rome, where significant events, including Masses, prayers, and gatherings, will be held. Major basilicas like St. Peter's Basilica will serve as focal points for prayer and reflection.

4. Preparation for the Jubilee Year - Pope Francis has called for a time of spiritual preparation leading up to 2025, focusing on:

- 2023: Emphasizing the importance of prayer.
- 2024: Fostering a renewed spirit of charity.

5. Focus on Hope - Amid global challenges and uncertainties, the theme of hope resonates as a call to remain steadfast in faith and trust in God's providence.

The 2025 Jubilee Year begins at 1pm on Christmas Eve. It is expected to attract millions of pilgrims worldwide, creating a vibrant and transformative experience for all Catholics.

WEEKLY AT COKAS

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Join in praying the mysteries of the Scriptural Rosary each **Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning at 8:20 am before daily Mass and before the first Saturday of the month 9 am Mass.**

Come for the recitation of this powerful and important prayer and experience the transformative combination of Bible verses and traditional Rosary devotion.



ST. TERESE CIRCLE

St. Therese Circle meets on **Wednesdays at 12:00 pm in PLC (110A/110B).** All ladies of the parish are invited. For more information, contact Pat Hurd at ministryinfo@cokas.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets on **Thursdays at 9:45 am in the Conference Room.** All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, contact Deacon Steve Pond at ministryinfo@cokas.org.



LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Join us **every Friday at 9:30 am** for Morning Prayers (Lauds) in the Sanctuary before Adoration. Bring your phone! For more information, contact Chris Petrone at ministryinfo@cokas.org.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us **every Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.** Come pray the Psalms, the Rosary, or the Liturgy of the Hours, read about the life of a saint, ask for forgiveness and intercede for others, meditate using scripture, or just sit quietly. The Adoration committee is always looking for new Guardians. Contact Marietta Dubus at ministryinfo@cokas.org for more information.

PARISH FINANCES...

OFFERTORY TOTALS

December 14 & 15: \$32,328

A most sincere thank you to all families who choose to support the parish through your giving. Your support is crucial and heartfelt. Words fall short in expressing our gratitude. May God bless you for your generosity.

Thank You!

NO SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 25—Catholic Charities
January 5—COKAS' St. Vincent de Paul
January 12—Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries
February 5—COKAS' St. Vincent de Paul
February 9—Black and Indian Missions

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LA SEMANA QUE VIENE EN BREVE

SÁBADO, 21 DE DICIEMBRE

3:30 PM—Confesiones

DOMINGO, 22 DE DICIEMBRE

11:00 AM—RICA—Sala de reuniones # 1

1:00 PM—Misa

LUNES, 23 DE DICIEMBRE

Oficina parroquial cerrada

MARTES, 24 DE DICIEMBRE

Oficina parroquial cerrada

3:30 PM—Programa de Navidad para niños

4:00 PM—Misa de Nochebuena (Inglés)

7:00 PM—Misa de Nochebuena (Bilingüe)

10:00 PM—Misa de Nochebuena (Inglés)

MIÉRCOLES, 25 DE DICIEMBRE

Oficina parroquial cerrada

9:00 AM—Misa del día de Navidad (Inglés)

JUEVES, 26 DE DICIEMBRE

Oficina parroquial cerrada

VIERNES, 27 DE DICIEMBRE

Oficina parroquial cerrada

NO habrá Adoración

SÁBADO, 28 DE DICIEMBRE

3:30 PM—Confesiones

DOMINGO, 29 DE DICIEMBRE

11:00 AM—RICA—Sala de reuniones # 1

1:00 PM—Misa

UN MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

Hoy celebramos el regalo más maravilloso: el nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo. En la quietud de esa santa noche en Belén, Dios reveló su gran amor de la manera más humilde: a través de un niño recién nacido acostado en un pesebre.

La Navidad es un momento para reflexionar sobre este profundo acto de humildad. El Creador infinito entró en nuestro mundo como un bebé vulnerable, enseñándonos que los caminos de Dios están marcados por la simplicidad y la ternura. Su nacimiento nos ofrece esperanza, paz y salvación, recordándonos que incluso en los momentos más oscuros, la luz de Cristo brilla intensamente.

Esta temporada nos llama a encarnar el amor de Cristo, ofreciendo bondad a los necesitados, perdón a los demás y compasión a los solitarios. Cada pequeño acto de amor refleja su luz y trae paz al mundo.

Como familia parroquial, tenemos la bendición de compartir juntos este viaje de fe. Ya sea que celebre con nosotros en persona o en espíritu, sepa que es una parte preciada de nuestra comunidad.

Que esta Navidad llene tu corazón con el amor, la paz y la alegría de Dios. Que la luz del nacimiento de Cristo nos inspire a llevar su amor al Año Nuevo y más allá.

Padre Adam



HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD...

LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR



Nochebuena

MARTES, 24 DE DICIEMBRE

A las 4:00 PM - Misa familiar (Inglés)

(Programa para niños a las 3:30 PM)

A las 7:00 PM (Bilingüe)

A las 10:00 PM - (Inglés)

Día de Navidad

MIÉRCOLES, 25 DE DICIEMBRE

A las 9:00 AM (Inglés)

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