

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.”



MISSION STATEMENT

“The historic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes is rooted in the Catholic faith and tradition. We strive to be a welcoming parish, committed to nurturing a spirit of prayer and service. Guided by the Holy Spirit we embrace all who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Together we will build a strong, loving community where faith is lived, celebrated and shared.”



December 21, 2025 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

**Please see the back of the bulletin for
our Christmas Liturgy Schedule**

Tuesday 12:05pm

Wednesday 12:05pm

Thursday 12:05pm

Friday 12:05pm

CONFESSiON

Saturday 3:30-4:15pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

**The Parish Office will be closed at
1pm on 12/24 and closed 12/25 &
12/26.**

To contact the Parish Office call:
612-379-2259

For information on the parish
and its programs and events,
please visit lourdesmpls.org

REMINDEr:

**Parking in the ramp while attending liturgies at Lourdes is FREE!
Bring a copy of your license plate # and see personnel in the back of church
for validation.**



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FROM FR. LEO



Fourth Sunday Advent

The Lord asked Ahaz to request a sign of the coming of the messiah. He refuses to tempt the Lord for what he wants. Therefore the Lord gave him a sign “the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel”.

Our Gospel quotes these words to Joseph so he may understand the virgin birth as a blessing for him and all humanity. With all the years between the time of Isaiah and Joseph's time, we get the sense that God's plan is unfolding slowly over time. What is key for me in this gospel is Joseph's experience of coming to embrace God's will. Something which changes his life forever. Let us look at Joseph's experience.

First, he is trying to wrap his head around the fact that his betrothed is pregnant and he is not the father. Think how torn he must have been. We can not minimize his experience. His heart must have been broken with turmoil. The one he loves is pregnant with someone else's baby.

Joseph's love and humility is revealed when he decides to divorce Mary quietly. Rather than anger and revenge, he chooses to simply walk away and not make a scene. Fair. But then, Joseph has a dream; God's angel Gabriel comes to him. The angel invited Joseph to embrace the incarnation of God as Mary did by understanding the work of the Holy Spirit. In deep faith, he responds by taking Mary into his home.

Putting himself aside, he creates a home for Mary and the child to be by providing and sacrificing for his family. That is the center of God's coming into the world in the flesh and blood of man.

Reflecting on Joseph's experience can help us in our search for the will and presence of God in our lives. All of us, young and old, have moments when we are bewildered and broken hearted, not knowing what we should do in certain situations. We may be deciding on a career path, discerning a relationship or asking ourselves how to serve God best.

As we all know, those moments don't necessarily resolve themselves quickly. We may need to sit with our dilemma, ponder it and pray. After a while something will come to us. God will reveal an option that would be good for us to take. Yes, we share the journey with others and may have input from others, but only in our prayer will something give and we will surrender and take the path that we know at that moment is right and will lead us into the light.

This is an Advent-Christmas experience. The blessing we are seeking in this season so the Lord may birth himself in our hearts! St. Joseph, pray for us!

As you consider your year-end charitable contributions, we hope that Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be at the top of your list. Your contributions directly support the various ministries and liturgical life at our parish. A reminder that all **2025 contributions** must be postmarked by December 31, 2025, received in the collection on December 29th or received at the parish office prior to December 31, 2025.

Any donations post-marked or received January 1, 2026 or thereafter will be considered 2026

Please remember to turn in your Stewardship Pledge card



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOURDES

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	12/21	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
		10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Mon	12/22	12:05 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Tues	12/23	12:05 pm	+ The Moe Family
Wed	12/24	4:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Wed	12/24	10:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Thurs	12/25	8:30 am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
		10:30 am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Fri	12/26	12:05 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Sat	12/27	4:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Sun	12/28	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
		10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

FRENCH MEAT PIES AVAILABLE WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!

Cost is \$30.00 per pie ~ checks, cash, credit card welcome!

Meat Pies can be purchased at the Parish Office
Tues thru Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm



BUSY BAGS FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Located at the entrance of the church. **All we ask is that you return them at the end of Mass.**



The Archdiocesan 175th Anniversary Books are available in the Parish Office while quantities last.

The large book is \$36.00 and the smaller, graphic novel is \$16.00.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 21

Sunday	Is: 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1: 18-24
Monday	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1: 57-66
Wednesday	2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Lk 1: 67-79
	Is 62:1-5; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25; Lk 2:1-14
Thursday	Is 9: 1-6; Ti 2: 11-14; Lk 2: 15-20 Is 52: 7-10; Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Friday	Acts 6: 8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday	1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

Baby Items Drive

Celebrate the Advent season by donating baby items to support the mission of Abria.

Drop off your items in the Church Vestibule or downstairs in Hofstede Hall between November 30 and January 6.

Registry



Use the QR code or link to see the Amazon registry.
bit.ly/48dDRYu

Suggested Items

wipes & diapers	baby gates
clothing	blankets
toys & books	baby care items
sippy cups	car seats
breast pumps	strollers
potty chair	

Cash and gift cards are also appreciated.
Pack N Plays cannot be donated.



Abria Pregnancy Resources provides safe, non-judgmental and supportive environment for Twin Cities women and couples facing an unexpected pregnancy as well as material assistance through the Earn While You Learn program - participants earn credits to use towards needed services and supplies by taking advantage of individualized assistance and attending classes.
Abria is a Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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**During Advent our Reconciliation times
are all Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm**

May the Peace of Christ be
with you and your family this
Blessed Christmas and through the
New Year.



*From the Staff
of Our Lady of Lourdes*

**Please join us in celebrating the
Nativity of Our Lord**

Christmas Eve Masses:
Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Lessons and Carols 9:30 pm

Christmas Day Masses:
Thursday, December 25th
8:30 am and 10:30 am

New Years Day Mass:
Thursday, January 1st
10:00 am

Giving at Our Lady of Lourdes

Your support enhances our programs and supports new initiatives, helping to ensure we continue to welcome parishioners for years to come.

- **Cash/Check:** Cash gifts are the simplest and easiest way to make a gift. This can be done during the offering at mass or via the mail.
- **Online Gifts:** Visit our website to create a secure account to give online. If you already have an account, you can login to easily make a one-time gift or adjust current giving.



Use your cell phone to scan
this QR code to be taken to
our website, or visit us directly
at www.lourdesmpls.org/giving

- **Text to Give:** Text the amount you would like to give, starting with a "\$" to: (612) 888-8406.
- **Planned Giving:** If you include Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate plans, please reach out to the parish office to let us know.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to give via weekly envelopes or if you have any questions about how to give, including legacy and planned giving. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Our Parish History

Our Lady of Lourdes is the oldest continuously used church in the city of Minneapolis. In 1877, the growing French-Canadian community bought the church from the First Universalist Society. Constructed in 1854 in what was the Town of St. Anthony, our parish is the first parish in the United States to be named in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

