

# Second Sunday of Advent

*“Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.”*



## 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 7, 2025**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

**Monday 12:05 pm**  
**Immaculate Conception**

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

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

For information on the parish  
and its programs and events,  
please visit [lourdesmpls.org](http://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.*

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

One Lourdes Place, Minneapolis, MN 55414



[www.lourdesmpls.org](http://www.lourdesmpls.org)



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## FROM FR. LEO



### Second Sunday Advent

There is a wonderful moment in the movie *The Mission* when after killing his younger brother in a duel over a woman, the elder brother joins the missionaries as a way to repent for his sin. As he is carrying a lot of baggage on his back up a very steep mountain side, making two steps losing three, he finally gets near the top where the priests are waiting. When he gets near them, one of the priest cuts the rope holding all the extra weight to his body. Everything rolls down the hill in a symbolic gesture that his repentance has been accepted by God. Free of the load, he continues with them to bring faith to the Indians in South America.

This great moment teaches us what it means to repent as St. John the Baptist urges in the gospel. We need to sincerely regret, or have remorse for, our wrongdoing or sin, but there is a moment when forgiveness becomes real and the grace of God makes us whole after our fall. When our faith in Christ is strong we learn to forgive ourselves because of our love for Christ and the inner experience of his deep love for us.

In that experience we are changed for ever. We will think different, act different and love deeply. Repentance is a gift and blesses us with grace to live freely, without fear, in the presence of God at all times.

This week is a good time for each of us to think of something that would be good for us to change. Maybe a resentment, or a emotional wound that keeps us from living in peace. We can all acknowledge something and ask God to guide us with his grace to heal. This is where our faith in Christ comes alive. He loves us, does not condemn us, but is always for us bringing us to share more deeply in his divine life now and for ever.

### Special request from Fr. Leo:

Dear people of Our Lady of Lourdes,

*Advent begins this Sunday. A time to solemnly reflect on the incarnation of Christ. I would like to invite couples with new born babies to reflect on what it was like to prepare for a birth and all the thought and work that went into that. Then share what the birth was like and how life changed in the weeks following. Things like less sleep, but also the joy at sustains such an experience.*

*I ask you to share with me because I think your experience is what the season of Advent is all about. A time of anticipation, change, birth, hope, joy and new life. As I reflect on what you share, I may find ways to weave your thoughts into homilies in this season.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

Fr. Leo [lschneider@ourladyoflourdesmn.com](mailto:lschneider@ourladyoflourdesmn.com)



**Please remember to turn in your Stewardship Pledge card**



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOURDES

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 7

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	12/7	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
		10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Mon	12/8	12:05 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Tues	12/9	12:05 pm	
Wed	12/10	12:05 pm	+ Tom Klimek
Thurs	12/11	12:05 pm	
Fri	12/12	12:05 pm	
Sat	12/13	4:30 pm	+ Gust Klimek
Sun	12/14	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
		10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

<b>Sunday</b>	Is: 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3: 1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18: 12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 40: 13-20; Mt 11: 28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 41: 13-20; Mt 11: 11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Zec 2: 14-17; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11; Mt 17: 9a, 10-13



**Rejoice in the Lord  
always...  
...AND EAT  
PANCAKES!**

**Sunday,  
December 14th**

#### **GAUDETE PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE**

**December 14, 8:00am-Noon, Hofstede Hall**

Plan to join us for our annual parish  
pancake breakfast and **bake sale**  
before and after our Sunday Masses.

Cost is \$10 per person for all you can eat  
pancakes,  
children under 5 eat free.

**Join us for great food & even better  
company!**



### **HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!**

**Show off your holiday  
baking skills!**

During the Pancake Breakfast on December  
14th we will be holding a Bake Sale.  
Bring your favorite goodies to the **Church** on  
the weekend of **Dec 5 & 6** or to Parish Office  
during the week of **Dec. 8th through Dec.  
12th** between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to  
donate to the bake sale.

**We are looking for your:**

**Cookies Bars Candies Muffins**  
**Breads Cakes Pies Cupcakes**

We ask that everything be packaged and  
wrapped (cookies, bars, etc.  
should be in quantities of one dozen).  
Please do not bring in containers that you are  
not willing to part with!

**Special Note: If you make something that has  
nuts or is gluten free - please put a label on the  
item indicating that... most helpful!**



## PARISH LEADERSHIP

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## 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](http://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!**



## Safe Environment

We are happy to report that Our Lady of Lourdes remains in compliance with Safe Environment Standards in the Archdiocese.

Please visit <https://safe-environment.archspm.org/> to find out more on the Safe Environment Protocols in the Archdiocese.



### 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.**

### 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**



**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.**

## 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.