**DECEMBER 21, 2025** 

Early Submission

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



### A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people, even when we fail to see you.

In each and every moment that we are blessed to recognize you here and now, give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming. Amen.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025 TO SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026. WE WILL RETURN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

WORSHIP WITH US THIS

### CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, Dec. 24: 4:00pm (Church & Howley Hall Gym), 6:00pm and 10:00pm (Church)

(No Mass at 8:30am)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday, Dec. 25: 9:00am and 11:00am. (No Mass at 8:30am and 5:00pm)

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 27 & 28 - Regular Mass Schedule.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation) Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, 8:30am & 7:00pn

**Christmas Greetings on page 3** 



#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday Vigil**: Saturday 5:00pm

**Sunday**: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are **Live Streamed** on our website

stmaryslg .org/live- stream-mass

#### **DAILY MASS**

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (in church)

#### **ADORATION**

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am Thursdays - 7:00-8:00pm

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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#### REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him, Emmanuel ("God is with us"). When have you felt close to God this Advent season?

#### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14: Psalm 24; **Romans 1:1-7**; Matthew 1:18-24

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are "called to be holy." What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?

We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary's pregnancy. How do you discern making difficult decisions?

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As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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#### NATIVITY SCENE PRAYER

God, bless all who gaze upon this nativity scene.

As we look at this Holy Family, let us pray for all families - those we know, and those we do not; those who live on the other side of the world, and those who live on the other side of the street.

Let us recognize and rejoice in the great diversity of the one family of God as we reflect on and give thanks for those diverse gifts present in our own family.

We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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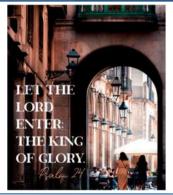
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| READINGS FOR THE WEEK |       |   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------|---|--|--|--|
| Sun                   | 12/21 | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br>Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24  |  |  |  |
| Mon                   | 12/22 | 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d; Lk 1:46-56   |  |  |  |
| Tues                  | 12/23 | St. John of Kanty, Priest<br>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66   |  |  |  |
| Wed                   | 12/24 | Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord<br>Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25   |  |  |  |
| Thu                   | 12/25 | The Nativity of the Lord (holiday of obligation) Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 |  |  |  |
| Fri                   | 12/26 | St. Stephen, First Martyr<br>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc- 17; Mt 10:17-22   |  |  |  |
| Sat                   | 12/27 | St. John, Apostle and Evangelist<br>1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  |  |  |  |
| Sun                   | 12/28 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH<br>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23   |  |  |  |

| Mass Intentions |       |          |                                |  |  |
|-----------------|-------|----------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Mon             | 12/22 | 8:30 am  | Yvonne Jette-Flores (birthday) |  |  |
| Tues            | 12/23 | 8:30 am  | David Dinno †                  |  |  |
| Wed             | 12/24 | 4:00 pm  | Parishioners of St. Mary       |  |  |
|                 |       | 4:00 pm  | Parishioners of St. Mary       |  |  |
|                 |       | 6:00 pm  | Parishioners of St. Mary       |  |  |
|                 |       | 10:00pm  | Parishioners of St. Mary       |  |  |
| Thu             | 12/25 | 9:00 am  | Parishioners of St. Mary       |  |  |
|                 |       | 11:00 am | Parishioners of St. Mary       |  |  |
| Fri             | 12/26 | 8:30 am  | Steven Wilson †                |  |  |
| Sat             | 12/27 | 8:30 am  | Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †    |  |  |
|                 |       | 5:00 pm  | Barbara White †                |  |  |
| Sun             | 12/28 | 9:00 am  | Robert Hapgood Cowden †        |  |  |
|                 |       | 11:00 am | Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †    |  |  |
|                 |       | 5:00 pm  | Baby Clark (special intention) |  |  |



# ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

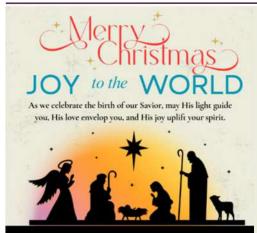
My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.

#### LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise - like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us. © LPi

### POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in
areas of war or conflict, especially in
the Middle East, might be seeds of
peace, reconciliation, and hope.



#### **BLESSED & MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

This Christmas, let us adopt a spirit of simplicity and authenticity, echoing the humble birth of our Savior.

Embrace the joy of giving selflessly, not just material gifts, but the gifts of compassion, forgiveness, and understanding.

Let our acts of kindness be a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love, illuminating the world with hope and healing.

May this Christmas be a time of profound revelation and renewed faith.

- Fr. Angelo David, Fr. Chris & Staff

#### FAITH IN ACTION

## Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Vincent Yee; Arlene Rocchio; Schuyler Garfield; Armon LaMotte; Brenda Lis; Mary Elen Fox; Magdolma O'Brien; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Carla Scudellari; Stella Sabatelle; Cynthia Pearl; Janette Saich; Robert Jette, Jr.; John Melehan; Colette Lackovic; Wesley Hogan; Bill Norquist; Isabel Heil

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



#### **DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

4pm Vigil - Children's Choir *(in church)*- *(in Howley Hall Gym)*6pm Christmas Eve - Cantor & Piano/Organ
10pm Christmas Eve - Adult Choir & Orchestra

#### **DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

9am - Cantor & Piano/Organ 11am - Cantor & Piano/Organ

#### DECEMBER 27 & 28 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 5pm - Cantor & Piano/Organ Sunday 9am -Cantor & Piano/Organ Sunday 11am - Cantor & Piano/Organ Sunday 5pm - Sunday 5pm Ensemble

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



#### Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Tim O'Rorke at <u>tj@timororke.com.</u>

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

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#### HELPFUL YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

As 2025 draws to a close, please consider making your gifts to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish. All contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31st to be credited for the 2025 tax year. Your faithful stewardship is vital to our ministry and is tax -deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERING DEDICATIONS



#### The names listed below were received by December 8

#### Donations for the beautiful Christmas flowers were lovingly made in memory of or in honor of the names listed below:

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From: St. Mary School 5th Grade & the Sisters of the Holy Names

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