



## St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (English)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Latin)

December 10, 2023

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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### RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENT of PENANCE

Tues **after** 6:30 pm Latin Mass  
during Rosary

Thurs **after** All-Day Adoration **10:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
followed by Benediction

### WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Tues **6:30 pm** Latin Mass-Rosary-Benediction  
CONFESSION **after** Mass during Rosary

Thurs Eucharistic Adoration **10:00 am – 6:00 pm**  
**followed by** Exposition and Benediction  
CONFESSION **after** Benediction

Fri 9:00 am Latin Mass **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**  
**of the Month**

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am (English - livestreamed)

Sundays 11:00 am (Latin - livestreamed)

**Mass Intentions for the week. Loving God,  
we lift these intentions into your hands.**

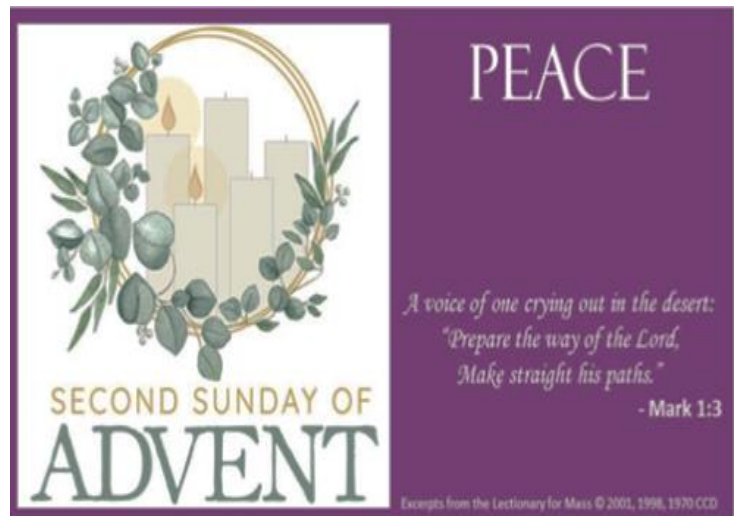
Dec 10 9:00 am Jessica Thomas & Family

11:00 am For the People

Dec 12 Craig Royer

**For these whose anniversary of death  
occurs this week.**

Dec 15 Thelma Brown  
Fr. Nicholas Deis  
Bruce Kelley



Bulletin Items \* Deadline  
12 noon \* Wednesdays

|                                     | Income             | Budget | Difference*  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| <b>WEEKLY</b>                       | <b>STEWARDSHIP</b> |        |              |
| REPORTING                           |                    |        |              |
| Offertory                           |                    |        |              |
| + On Line                           | <b>2,767</b>       | 2,883  | <b>116</b>   |
| <b>YEARLY STEWARDSHIP REPORTING</b> |                    |        |              |
| Total to Date                       | <b>59,006</b>      | 60,543 | <b>1,537</b> |

\*A **black** number means we collected more than planned.  
A **red** number means **we did not collect enough**.

**First Reading:** The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. *Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?*

#### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;  
Psalm 85;  
2 Peter 3:8-14;  
Mark 1:1-8

**Second Reading:** Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of *new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?*

**Gospel:** Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, "one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." *Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?* LPI®



#### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in. LPI®



#### PRAYER FOR ADVENT 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Dear Lord, Open our eyes to the people You have specifically placed in our path so that we can speak healing and comfort to them. Help us to prepare for the coming of Your kingdom, together. Amen

## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

Go to [stcveneta.com](http://stcveneta.com)

Saturday, Dec 9

Sunday, Dec 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection-Religious Retired Fund

Men's Group Meeting 8:00 am

English Mass 9:00 am

Latin Mass 11:00 am

Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm

Monday, Dec 11

Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec 12

Latin Mass 6:30 pm

Followed by Rosary with

Exposition and Benediction

CONFESSIO during Rosary

Wednesday, Dec 13

Thursday, Dec 14

Adoration 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Followed by Benediction

Confession 6:00 pm

Friday, Dec 15

Saturday, Dec 16

Sunday, Dec 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection-Christmas Flowers

English Mass 9:00 am

Latin Mass 11:00 am

Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm



## CLASS SCHEDULES

### SUNDAYS

DECEMBER 17

(2024 DATES)

January 7

January 21

February 4

February 25

March 3

March 17

April 7

April 21

First Communion TBD

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun. Dec 24 – 9:00 am English Mass  
11:00 am Latin Mass

### Christmas Eve

Sun. Dec 24 – 12:00 am Latin Mass

### Christmas Day

Mon. Dec 25 – 9:00 am English-Mass  
11:00 am Latin-Mass

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

Sun. Dec 31 – 5:30 pm Combination  
of English & Latin Mass

**No Mass** Mon ♦ Jan. 1: NOT a Holy Day of  
Obligation. Carmel at Maria Regina will  
Have a Mon. Jan 1, 7:30 am Mass



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### Firewood \$10 RAFFLE TICKETS

**AVAILABLE** through Dec 17 **after** Sunday Masses

The Fern Ridge Council **will continue to have tickets available in the vestibule.**

The cord of firewood will be seasoned, cut, split, and **delivered in early to mid-January 2024..** The Raffle tickets represent a **high-valued opportunity** to obtain dry, ready-to-burn firewood for mid-winter delivery.

**Please contact** Shawn Church  
**for more information** ◀ ▶ 541-221-1491



**Sunday ♦ Dec 17 ♦ the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is our  
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Offering, for which we are  
GRATEFUL. It goes toward  
Purchasing Flowers for the  
Celebration of our Lord's Birth.**

**To make** this 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection / Offering **personal**, i.e, **in memory or in honor of a loved one.** Please bring your numbered envelope **OR** use envelope provided at end of pews **with names of your loved ones', for us to record their names in the bulletin..**

**Our Christmas Bulletin, printed Dec 24, will include the Names of Those to be Remembered. We appreciate your offerings and presence, maintaining a prayerful and visually beautiful sanctuary for Jesus' birth.**



**Decorate** our Parish for **Christmas!**

**Two ♦ ways you can help.**

**Wed ♦ Dec 20 ♦ 2:00 pm**

**Sort / Refresh Christmas Decorations**

**Fri ♦ Dec 22 ♦ 2:00 pm**

**Decorate the Church**

**Please let Mila know if you can lend a hand.**



**Meeting ♦ Wed ♦ Dec 13 ♦ 1 pm ♦ Parish Hall**

**All are Welcome ♦ Attendance is Appreciated**

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Catholic Life Explained**

**Question:** Why do we Praise God?

**Answer:** Imagine someone who never grew up being told to say Thank You. Such a person would never really be appreciative of anything he received in life because he would simply expect it to be done. He would have no appreciation for the hard work, sacrifices, or generosity of others. And while others might simply shrug off his lack of appreciation, he is missing out on a part of life that comes from appreciating others and being grateful for what we receive.

The **Prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers** speaks well when it states:

**Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right and just.

We give praise first and foremost because it is right to praise God's goodness. After all, God could be less merciful and still be perfectly just. The praise we give to God is partly our just duty to God but also helps to keep us mindful of God's goodness and love.

**As the Preface IV for weekdays states:**

For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness, but profit us for salvation...

If we fail to appreciate God's goodness and mercy and fail to grasp his generosity in our lives, we stunt our spiritual growth. We would risk falling into the sin of presumption and losing our salvation. CA©





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Men of the parish - interested in knowing what the  
 KCs are all about?

Contact:

Grand Knight Antonio Moreno - 505.363.0702

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**St Catherine's SVdP Meetings Schedule**

- 1st Monthly Meeting is on the 1st Monday of the month.
- 2nd Monthly Meeting is on the 3rd Monday of the month.

**Both meetings are held at the  
 Fern Ridge Library Conference Room.**



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