



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent (English)

Second Sunday of Advent (Latin)

December 7, 2025

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 English Mass **9:00 am**
Latin Mass **Every 1st Friday of the Month**

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am (English - livestreamed)

Sundays 11:00 am (*Latin - livestreamed*)

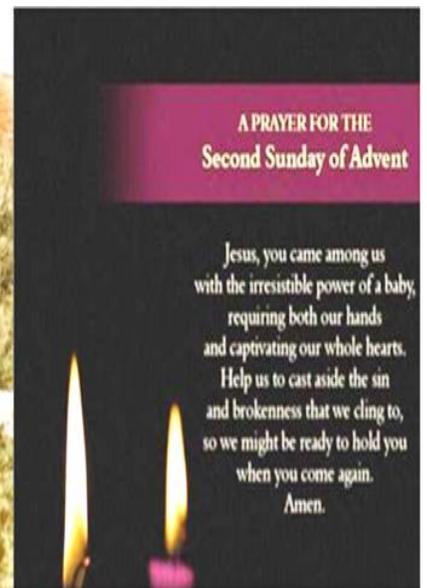
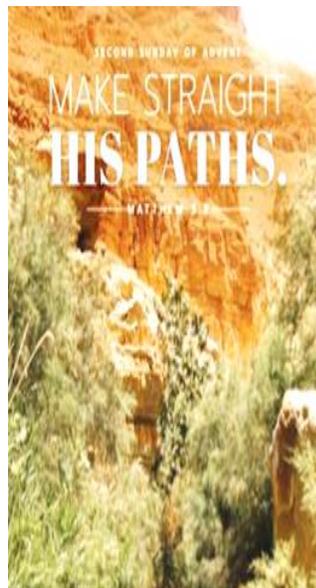
**Mass Intentions for the week. Loving God,
we lift these intentions into your hands.**

Dec 7 9:00 am Kathy Strunc
11:00 am For the People

For these whose anniversary of death
occurs this week.

Dec 8 Alice Hilge
Beverly Rojas

Dec 9 Jacqueline Elis



WELCOME TO ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
If you are visiting or new to our parish community, we are blessed that you are here to worship with us, and we welcome you. Our pastor, associate priest, staff and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you.
If you would like more information about our Parish, please call: 541-935-3933



WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

11/30/2025			
WEEK 22	Income*	Budget**	Difference*
WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORTING			
Offertory+Online Giving	\$5,798	\$3,897	\$1,901
Special Donation			
YEARLY STEWARDSHIP REPORTING			
Total to Date	\$87,598	\$85,734	\$1,864
* BLACK number means: Collected More than Planned			
* RED number means: Did not Collect Enough			
NOTE	Total to Date Income includes Special Donations. * Total Donations does not include Altar Society & Restricted funds.		

Please Pray with Us For . . .
 Our parishioners, family, and friends.
 Those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
 ↔Barb Puryear↔Cayson Livingston↔Paul Tovey↔
 Dave Cramsey Family↔Renee Bake↔Celeste Isaac
 ↔Joel Woods↔Marissa Campbell↔Jim Simpkins
 ↔Paula Greif↔
 Those who have recently died.
 The members of our parish family who are in the military; a hospital; a nursing home; who are first responders; shut-ins; and All who have No One to Pray for them, including the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

First Reading:
 Isaiah foresaw God's future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. *What do you hope for in your future?*

TODAY'S READINGS
 Isaiah 11:1-10;
 Psalm 72;
 Romans 15:4-9;
 Matthew 3:1-12

Second Reading:
 Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. *Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?*

Gospel:
 John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing "good fruit." *What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact?*

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**LIVE THE LITURGY -
 INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**
 The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?
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**CHRISTMAS
 FLOWER OFFERINGS**
 Contributions toward the purchase of flowers for the celebration of our Lord's birth are greatly

appreciated. If you would like to make a donation in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, flower envelopes are available at the end of the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket.

The names of all those to be remembered will be published in the Christmas Bulletin.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

PLEASE double-check the 'CALENDAR' on the WEBSITE for most current schedule: stcveneta.com

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

2nd Collection- Renovation

Rosary 8:30 am

English Mass 9:00 am
 Coffee & Donuts 10:15 am
 Latin Mass 11:00 am
 Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm

Monday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
English Mass 5:30 pm
Latin Mass 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 9

Latin Mass 6:30 pm
Followed by Rosary with Exposition and Benediction
Confession during Rosary

Wednesday, December 10

Thursday, December 11
Adoration 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Followed by Benediction

Confession 6:00 pm

Faith Builders Bible Study 10:00 am

Friday, December 12

English Mass 9:00 am

Office Hours (Fr. Raj) for pastoral needs 10-1 pm

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

2nd Collection- Retirement Fund for the Religious

Rosary 8:30 am

English Mass 9:00 am
 Coffee & Donuts 10:15 am
 Latin Mass 11:00 am
 Coffee & Donuts 12:15 pm



**"FEAST OF THE
 IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION OF THE
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privileged grace granted by God; in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race; was preserved from all stain of original sin..."

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 Mass Times :

English Mass - 5:30 pm

Latin Mass – 7:00 pm

WHY DO WE DO THAT CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: How do we understand what Paul says that there is no one who is without sin in view of the Immaculate Conception? Protestants quote this line to argue against Mary being sinless.

Answer: In Romans 3:10–11, St. Paul says that “as it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God.’”

And in verses 22–23, he says, “For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

These passages are sometimes used to “disprove” Mary’s Immaculate Conception by arguing that this literally means everyone is a sinner. But is Paul really trying to say that there are *no* righteous individuals who have ever lived? This reading does not work.

First, we know Jesus Christ is both fully man and sinless. It’s tempting to say, “Well, obviously, Paul doesn’t mean to include Jesus,” but if your argument is that “no one” literally means *no one*, you can’t make one exception.

Second, we know that there were righteous men and women in the Old Testament. Paul spends time in Romans talking about Abraham (Rom. 4:1–12; see Gen. 15:6), but there are plenty of others. For instance, “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation” (Gen. 6:9).

Third, we know that there were men and women who sought God in the Old and New Testaments alike. 2 Chronicles 15:3–4, for instance, talks about how the Israelites went astray from God, but then sought him again.

So, if Paul isn’t trying to say that no people have ever been without sin, or have ever been righteous, or have ever sought God, what *is* going on here? There are two clues. The first clue is that Paul says, “as it is written.” In other words, if you want to understand what Paul is talking about, you need to understand the reference.

The reference is to Psalm 14, which is clearly using poetic and hyperbolic language. In verses 2–3, the Psalmist says that “the Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any that act wisely, that seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt; there is none that does good, no, not one.” But just two verses later, he says that the godless “shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.” So clearly, the righteous *do* exist since they are being persecuted by the unrighteous.

The second clue is the phrase “for there is no distinction.” Naturally, we should be asking, distinction between *whom*? In context, it’s perfectly clear: Paul is saying that “all men, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin” (Rom. 3:9). In other words, he’s not saying anything for or against the sinlessness of Mary (or of Jesus). He’s instead showing that both Jews and Gentiles need the gospel, which “is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16). So the “no one” in question in Romans 3:11 refers to no tribe or group or class of people. ©CA



*St Catherine of Siena
Altar Society*

The Altar Society invites you to our December meeting on **Wednesday, December 10th at 12:00 p.m.**

We will gather at the home of Sue Hallett,
Located at 25199 Perkins Rd.

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. This is a special time to celebrate the Bazaar and our friendships. We hope you can come! Please call Diane @ 541-868-5546 for more information.



Hope For A Better Marriage

The Oregon Retrouvaille community will be holding its weekend January 30 ▶ February 1, 2026 in Canby, Oregon. **For more information or to register** please contact the community at ▶ 503-225-9191 or ▶ email StevenAndSuzanne@helpourmarriage.org or ▶ register online at ▶ www.helpourmarriage.org

St. Catherine's 1st



We are delighted to announce our very first Parish Christmas Party

■ December 21 ■ 5:00 p.m. ■ in the Parish Hall.

Please join us for a joyful evening filled with Christmas cheer. Our children will be performing a beautiful Nativity play; Fr. Ron will share his musical talent. We will also enjoy many festive carols, a visit with St. Nick, and fun on holiday together.

We will also be having a potluck for side dishes. The parish will provide the meat.

A sign-up sheet is at both entrances. We need an accurate head count for food.

December 19 is the deadline for signing up. **Call the office** if you missed signing up at the Church.

We look forward to celebrating this blessed season with you!

The Altar Society invites you to pick up a copy of the Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas Season. They are located at both entrances.

Let us pray in joyful hope together!



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