

# CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

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December 1, 2024



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *Immaculate Conception*

This year, December 8th falls on a Sunday. While we would normally celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of our country, on the 8th, the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence, and **the Immaculate Conception is moved to the Monday.** The Immaculate Conception remains a holy day of obligation. Catholics are asked to attend a Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent on the 8th (or an anticipated Mass on the 7th), and attend a Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 9th (or an anticipated Mass on the 8th).

The following are some of the Masses for the holy day being offered at parishes in our area:

### Sunday, December 8th

- 5:30 p.m., at Holy Spirit

### Sunday, December 9th

- 6:30 a.m., at St John of Rochester
- 7:30 a.m., at St. Jerome
- 8:30 a.m., at Resurrection
- 9:00 a.m., at St. Joseph's
- 11:15 a.m., at Assumption
- 12:10 p.m., at St. Jerome
- 5:30 p.m., at St. Jerome
- 6:00 p.m., at St. John of Rochester



### *Ladies Auxiliary Reminder*

The meeting of the Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary will be this Monday, December 2nd. The Christmas party is December 15th.



### *Second Collection for Catholic University*

This weekend, the diocese takes up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful.

Visit [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu) to learn more.

### Social Ministry **Gift Cards**



### *Christmas Gift Cards*

The season of giving is upon us once again! The social ministry committee would like to ease the stress of those among us who could use a little extra at this time. We are therefore asking for donations of gift cards to stores in our area—Wegmans, Tops, Dollar General, Target and Walmart—to enable the East Rochester Resource Center to help with this project. The suggested amount is \$25, but can be an amount of your choosing. Gift cards can be placed in the basket on the altar, or dropped off at the rectory by Sunday, December 15th.



### *Mass Book for March*

**Intentions for Masses in March 2025 will be available to book starting this Thursday, December 5th!** We will begin booking Masses at 8:00 a.m. downstairs in the church hall, then move back to the rectory to check our phone messages around 9:00 a.m. **Masses through January are all full.**

The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass. We ask that each family limit their requests to five Masses per year, with no more than three being on Saturdays or Sundays. Additional Masses can be requested for the recently deceased. You can also request an unannounced Mass, and one of our priests will offer holy Mass for the intention privately, rather than at St. Jerome.



**Saturday, November 30, 2024**  
**Saint Andrew, Apostle**

**4:30 p.m.** *Dolores DiCesare*, by  
 husband and children  
*Mary Urich*, by the  
 Eaglehead Tureen Group

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 a.m.** *Barbara Seymour*, by Kathy  
 Hanna  
*Teresa Quinzi-Willette*, by  
 Robert Ferraro

**10:00 a.m. For the people of the parish**  
**Monday, December 2, 2024**

**Advent Weekday**

**7:30 a.m.** *Tim Quinn*, by Don Quinn  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**  
**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

**7:30 a.m.** *Honorina De Mara*, by  
 Vicki Galante

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

**Saint John Damascene, Priest and  
 Doctor of the Church**

**7:30 a.m.** *Jillian Renae Branciforte*,  
 by Carole Zornow

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

**Advent Weekday**

**7:30 a.m.** *Carlo & Jenny Arena*, by  
 Andrew Arena

**Friday, December 6, 2024**

**Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

**7:30 a.m.** *Frank Lahr*, by Joe and  
 Mary Ann Perham

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

**Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of  
 the Church**

**8:00 a.m.** *Gene Gianforti, birthday  
 remembrance*, by family

**4:30 p.m. For the people of the parish**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 a.m.** *Jennie DeCiantis*, by  
 daughter, Susan, and Tim  
 Campbell

*Julie Weise*, by Knights of  
 St. John Ladies Auxiliary

**10:00 a.m.** *Mary & William Crysel*, by  
 Wayne and Bea Crysel

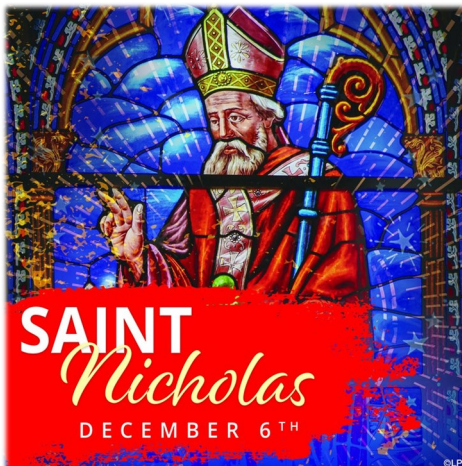
*Mary Christine Perham*, by  
 Joe and Mary Ann Perham

## CMA Update

**Goal:** \$99,000.00  
**Paid to date:** \$33,726.25  
**Number of Donors:** 105  
**Parishioners Participating:** 12.06%  
**Accomplished 38.45% of our goal.**

## Winter Adoration

As we move into the winter months, some of our regulars at Tuesday Adoration are unable to drive in the snow, and others go south for the season. We are asking for volunteers to help cover their scheduled times! **If you would be able to spend an hour or half hour in prayer before Our Lord on a weekly basis, especially between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., please call the office: (585) 586-3231, or email: nicole.fantauzzo@dor.org.**



## Lector Workbook

Lectors at St. Jerome are given a workbook that includes the Sunday readings with a pronunciation guide and some suggestions about interpretation. We are considering ordering some extras for parishioners. Please email Nicole if you would be interested, [nicole.fantauzzo@dor.org](mailto:nicole.fantauzzo@dor.org), or you can order your own at LTP.org

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

1:30 p.m.—Legion of Mary

7:00 p.m.—Knights of St. John

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

6-7:00 p.m.—Faith Formation K-5

7:15-8:15 p.m.—Faith Formation 6-7

7:15-8:30 p.m.—Confirmation Prep

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

6:00-7:30 p.m.—Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

10:30 a.m.—Advent Reflection Group

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Brandon Beauchamp USAF  
 1st LT Matthew Blejwas  
 Specialist Aaron Brochu  
 Airman Rachel Brock  
 BM3 Mary Carr USN  
 Captain Craig Carlisle  
 Captain Todd Cimicata USN  
 SPC3 Matthew Clancy USSF  
 Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army  
 1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC  
 AO2 Timothy Fennell USN  
 Captain Brian Findlay  
 Lt. Kurt Findlay  
 CW5 Thomas C. Grove  
 CPT Michael X. Hansen 1-182 IN  
 Cpl. Kevin Harte  
 CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army  
 Sgt. Ryan Jackson  
 HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN  
 Corporal Jaden H. Kuhn, USMC  
 Ryan LaFountain  
 HM3 Marcella Levato USN  
 Bryan McAuliff USN  
 PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army  
 HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN  
 SFC. Nathaniel McAvooy  
 Staff Sgt. Joseph Meritt Jr.  
 CPT James Reveant, USMC  
 Brady Schroeder, USN  
 CPT. AJ Spacher US Army  
 Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan  
 Tech. Sgt. Christopher Whelehan  
 SR Darroch Zingg USN

## Pray for the Sick

Joseph F. Amoroso, Charlotte  
 Barlak, Larry Barlak, Robert  
 Beauchamp, JoAnn Caiola, Barb  
 Cancillieri, Linda and Michael  
 Clancy, Jacob Clark, Michael  
 Cosco, Ann Curtin-Knight, Nina  
 Dezio, Milt & Dee Dries, Fr.  
 William Endres, Josie Galante,  
 Sandy Hughes, Kevin Kassman,  
 Gail Kaul, Leo Kesselring, Barb  
 Kristan, Daniel Labbate, Anna  
 LaFarciola, Brandon Martin,  
 Elizabeth McCarthy, Rick  
 Monczynski, Diane DeMare  
 Nardecchia, Alice Olsefski, Josette  
 Padulo, Jack Palvino, Patricia  
 Beauchamp Pierce, Phyllis Scofero,  
 Steven Sutera, Frank Taverite,  
 Austin Tordai, Joan White

## PRAY FOR THE DEAD

In your Christian charity, please pray for those who have died.



## Good News!

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent (C)

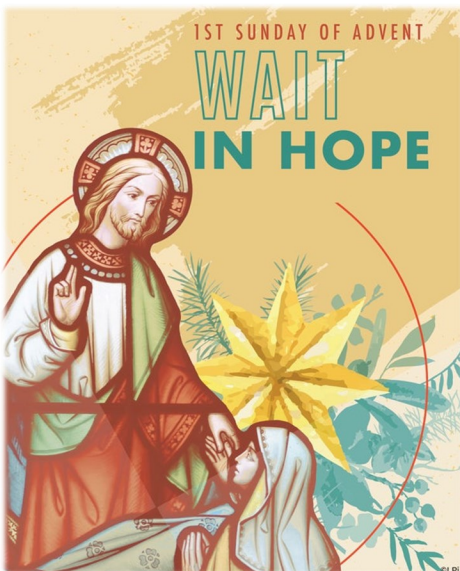
Jeremiah 33:14–16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2 / Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need.

—FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS



## Dear Padre

December 1, 2024

**I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.**

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the "holidays," beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine's Day.

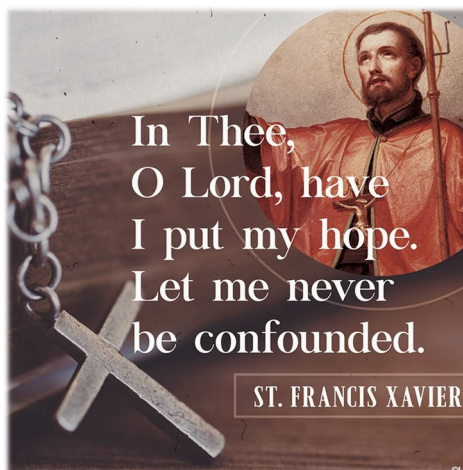
For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God's life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular.

—Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

## HOLY DAYS

Please consult bulletin

## DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.

Consult bulletin for changes

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory Office (585) 586-3231

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

(or by appointment)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## PARISH STAFF

Judy Joslin, Faith Formation Coordinator

Nicole Eklund, Secretary

Patrick Vogt, Business Manager

Alessio Giacobone, Music Director

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Martin D'Ambrose - Grand Knight, 585-754-4413, more info: [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)

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## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.

## Collection for November 17, 2024

Total Collection Sunday	\$5,358.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$4,047.00
Sunday Loose	\$1,123.00
Candle Money	\$143.00
All Saints	\$20.00
All Souls	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$15.00
Total Attendance	487

Collection figures for the weekend of November 24th will be published in a future bulletin.