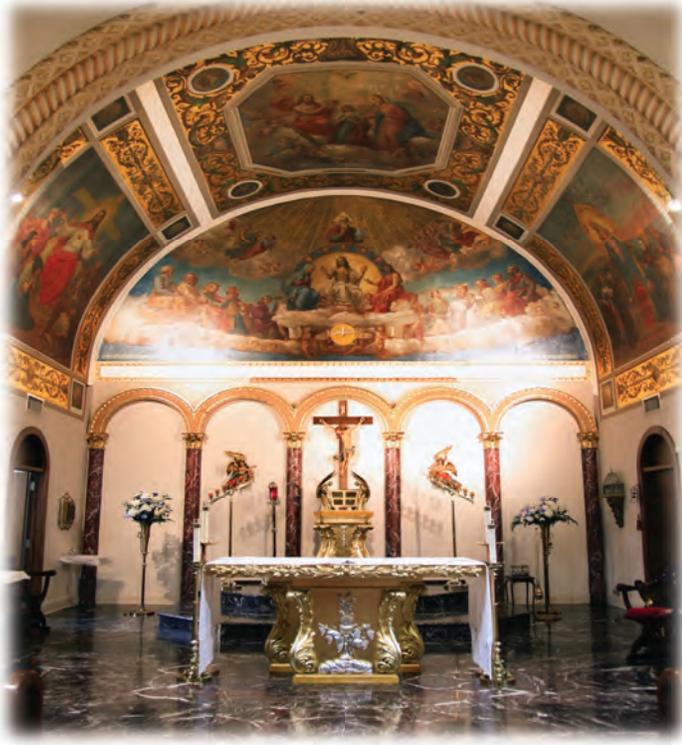


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### Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm St. Joseph Church  
 5:00 pm Holy Trinity

### Sunday:

**7:30 am St. Ann Church**  
 7:30 am St. Joseph Church (Spanish)  
 9:00 am St. Joseph Church (English)  
**10:30 am St. Ann Church**  
 10:30 am Holy Trinity Church  
 10:30 am Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)  
**12:00 pm St. Ann Church**  
 12:00 pm St. Joseph Church (Spanish)  
**5:00 pm St. Ann Church**

## Weekday Mass Schedule

### Monday through Friday

**8:00 am St. Ann Church**  
 12:15 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (English)

### Fridays

7:00 pm Holy Trinity Church

### Saturdays

**9:00 am St. Ann Church**

### First Saturdays

9:00 am Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)

## Holy Day Mass Schedule

7:00 pm Vigil St. Joseph Church (English)  
**8:00 am St. Ann Church**  
 12:15 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament English)  
 12:15 pm Holy Trinity Church  
**7:00 pm St. Ann Church**  
 7:00 pm Shrine of Blessed Sacrament (Latin)  
 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church (Spanish)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday,	after the 9am Mass,	<b>St. Ann</b>
Saturday,	3-3:30pm,	St. Joseph
Wednesday,	11-12noon,	Holy Trinity
Friday,	11-12noon	Shrine of Bl. Sac.
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## Parish Office Staff

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*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 December 21, 2025*



## Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 21, 2025

### Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings

IS 7:10-14, 10; PS 24:1-6; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24

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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### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Vigil Mass, Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm	St. Joseph (English)
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Ann</b>
5:00 pm	Holy Trinity
6:00 pm	St Joseph (Spanish)

#### Christmas Mass in the Night

10:00 pm	Holy Trinity
<b>12:00 am</b> (midnight)	<b>St. Ann</b>
12:00 am	Shrine Bl. Sac. (EF, Latin)

#### Christmas Mass at Dawn, Thursday, December 25

<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>St. Ann</b>
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#### Christmas Mass during the Day

9:00 am	St. Joseph (English)
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>St. Ann</b>
10:30 am	Shrine Bl. Sac. (EF, Latin)
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Ann</b>
12:00 pm	St. Joseph (Spanish)

December 26, 29, & 30

**Mass at 8 am only at St. Ann Church**  
Shrine Chapel Closed, Parish Offices Closed,  
No Bingo at Holy Trinity on Dec. 26

December 27-28

Regular Weekend Schedule

Wednesday, December 31

**Mass at 8 am only at St. Ann Church**  
Shrine Chapel Closed, Parish Offices Closed  
No Confessions at Holy Trinity

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation, Mass Schedule

Dec. 31	4:00pm Vigil	St. Joseph Church (English)
<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Ann Church</b>
	10:30am	Shrine Chapel (EF, Latin)
	12:00 noon	St. Joseph (Spanish)
	12:15pm	Holy Trinity

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Friday, January 2, 2026

Regular Schedule Resumes



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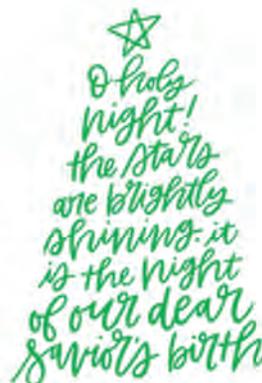
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The cost will be \$75 per adult which will include dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant on the way home.

For additional information call Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 or email [smithbuilders@hotmail.com](mailto:smithbuilders@hotmail.com)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 21, 2025

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 22

8:00 am Antonio & Maria Mattei and Jessie Lawson  
by Bob & Inez Taylor

#### Tuesday, December 23

8:00 am Giovanni & Anna Falzarano & Alberto Falco  
by Antoniette Falco

#### Wednesday, December 24

8:00 am \*For the intentions of Rev. Felipe Martinez  
4:00 pm \*For the Intentions of the Ronca Family  
by The Ronca Family

#### Thursday, December 25 *The Nativity of the Lord*

12:00 am (Midnight Mass) People of the parish  
7:30 am Domenico Natale by wife, Emilia Natale  
10:30 am Mary Hanis  
12:00 pm Jasun Przybylski by family

#### Friday, December 26

8:00 am Gregorio & Caterina Gugliari  
by Caterina Fusca

#### Saturday, December 27

9:00 am Michael D'Angelo by children

#### Sunday, December 28, *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:30 am People of the parish  
10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Holy  
Name Society  
12:00 pm Angelo, Carmela & Angela Casola  
by The Massa Family  
5:00 pm Nicola & Anna DiBetta by James Berger

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

#### Sunday

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7;  
Mt 1:18-24

#### Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

#### Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;  
Lk 1:57-66

#### Wednesday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

#### Thursday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-  
17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14.

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20.

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18

#### Friday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;  
Mt 10:17-22

#### Saturday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Mass, flower and candle intentions  
and memorials are still  
available for the first half of 2026**

### Parishioner Financial Support

The principal means of support for the Catholic Church of St. Ann is your weekly generosity. What is normally donated online and your sacrificial offering at Mass makes up the “**ordinary income**” that is supposed to balance the expense of **ordinary parish operation**, made up of salaries and benefits for the employees of the parish who serve you; all utilities and supplies; ministries and formation programs; resources needed for quality liturgies; snowplowing and landscaping, maintenance and custodial services to the buildings and properties—church, convent, rectory/office and school building. Please keep this in mind when assessing your regular level of financial support to the parish.

Whether by envelope, by mail or by online giving, your contributions are essential and appreciated. THANK YOU to all who help support the operation and ministry of St. Ann parish.

#### Contributions for the weekend of December 14, 2025

Mass Offertory	\$ 4,186
WeShare Online Giving	<u>\$ 2,002</u>
<b>Total for parish operation</b>	<b>\$ 6,188</b>
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