

Dec. 16 & 17, 2023 The Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Week of Dec 16 & 17

Saturday	6:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Mary’s and St. Thomas
Sunday	10:30 am	For the repose of the soul of Cecilia Cross
Monday	6:30 pm	No Mass
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 am	For fallen away Catholics
Thursday	*****	
Friday	8:00 am	Mass at St. Thomas

Week of Dec 23

Saturday	6:30 pm	For holy priests and religious vocations (for Sunday obligation)
Sunday*	10:30 am	No morning Mass (10 am Mass at St. Thomas for Sunday obligation)
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass - For the repose of the soul of Ed and Jean Danaher
Monday	11:00 am	Christmas Day Mass - For the repose of the soul of Cecilia Cross

Join us as we recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday evening at 6 pm
and Sunday morning at 10 am

† PRAYER CONCERNS †

For all our sick and shut-ins as well as our troops. For all who have died
and all members of St. Mary’s & St. Thomas. For Prayer Chain requests please call Cathy Kennedy.

† Eucharistic Adoration †

Wednesday mornings after 8:00 am Mass
Reconciliation Wednesday’s after Mass/Saturday’s 6-6:20 pm

2024 Envelope Sets: Envelope sets for next year are now available in the back of church. Please contact the office if you would like to begin using envelopes.

Christmas Gift Baskets: Thank you to all who generously donated items for the gift baskets. A total of 10 families from St. Mary’s and St. Thomas received them this year and they were extremely grateful to know their parish was thinking of them.

Our restroom is now located in the Parish Hall-Office and will be available during all Masses

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The Last Eight Days of Advent

During the last eight days of Advent, it is useful to reflect on the different titles given to the Lord showing he is the promised Messiah.

Wisdom

This title of God reminds us especially of the Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament - a beautiful hymn in which wisdom is personified, and is active in the world.

Adonai (LORD)

A name for the Most High God, whose true name could not be uttered, and of whom it was said that no-one could gaze on the face of God and live. Adonai is the Lord of armies, who will march out to save the people in battle.

Stock of Jesse

Jesse was the father of King David, and Jesus is a descendent of David. From David comes the association of Jesus as royal, of David's line. Jesus inherits the throne of David, re-defining his role as King of the Jews.

Key of David

Jesus is not simply a ruler descended from David, but a liberator, a redeemer. This name echoes the mission of Jesus to bind and to loose, a mission Jesus passes on to his disciples.

Rising Sun

The sun is a sign of God's creation, God's endurance, and a sign of God's glory. God's glory outshines the sun, and will endure after the sun and moon have failed.

King

God is the king above all kings, and the prophet Samuel is reluctant to anoint a king for the Israelites as this will seem like a rejection of God's rule. Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king; Jesus answers indirectly, because his kingship does not accord with the expectations of the Romans, the Jewish authorities, or even his followers.

Emmanuel

The prophecy of Isaiah foretells a sign to be given by God: a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel: a name which means God is with us. Jesus is the Word made flesh, God in the midst of the people.

Knights of Columbus BINGO: Thursday, Dec 21, at St John Vianney Church in So. Burlington 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Held on the third Thursday of each month. The jackpot is \$1,000. Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the “winner take all” game.

Father Calapan will be taking a few days off after Christmas from Dec 26 through 29. No daily Masses.

Second collection this weekend for our Christmas Flowers

Pray the Holy Rosary every day!

Offertory Receipts for 12/9 & 10
FY24 Weekly Goal: \$1,061
Last Week = \$ 864.00
YTD Actual = \$20998.83
YTD Budget = \$25464.00
Over (Under) = \$(4465.17)