



# The Parish of the Good Shepherd

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Welcome To Our Parish Community – Kwe’ aa’qa’tuk aqq na’kmaq aqqi’kik - Bienvenidos a Nuestra Comunidad de la Iglesia – Maligayang Pagdating sa Aming Komunidad ng Simbahan

December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> /2025 – Second Sunday of Advent (Year A - Gospel of Matthew)

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15:4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12)

## Blessing for Bambinelli Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent We invite parishioners to bring Baby Jesus from your crib at home to church for this blessing.

The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudette Sunday), the Holy Father invites children to bring the Baby Jesus (bambinelli) from their family Nativity scene to Mass for this blessing. We also encourage parents and grandparents to join with their grandchildren in this simple but beautiful tradition.

God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that with your blessing of these images of Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your blessing to us too, to our parents, to our families and to our friends. Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks and see him in all those who are in need of our love. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son who comes to give the world peace. He lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

**After the Blessing the children are invited to wrap up their baby Jesus and to place him under their Christmas Tree. On Christmas morning the Bambinelli is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family crib.**

### CHURCH TODAY

For his last event on the first full day in Lebanon, Pope Leo XIV met with young people in Bkerké, Lebanon. The event began with the testimonies of volunteers and young people, before two more of them asked the Holy Father questions. In his speech, the Pope began by addressing those present with the “greeting of the Risen Jesus”, “assalamu alaikum” or peace be with you. The enthusiasm they all feel, the Pope highlighted, “expresses God’s loving closeness, which brings us together as brothers and sisters to share our faith in him and our communion with one another.” Specifically, he welcomed the young people from Syria and Iraq as well as all the Lebanese who have returned from living abroad.

**THERE IS STILL TIME:** Turning back to the testimonies from Anthony, Maria, Elie, and Joelle, whom they heard before the Pope’s address, the Holy Father emphasized that theirs were stories of “courage in the midst of suffering, hope in the face of disappointment, and inner peace during times of war.”

The history of Lebanon is full of both glorious and difficult moments. In this storied past, Pope Leo encouraged the young people not to lose hope. “Perhaps you regret inheriting a world torn apart by wars and disfigured by social injustice. Yet, there is hope within you, a gift that we adults seem to have lost.” “There is still time to plan, dream, and do good”.

He reminded them that they are the present and the future and that they are the ones who can change the course of history. Evil is not the antidote to evil, but rather the answer is love. The witness of the four testimonies “are prophecies of a new future that will be ushered in through reconciliation and mutual help.”

**CHRIST AS A FOUNDATION TO PEACE:** Lebanon, the homeland of these young people, will flourish once gain, Pope Leo stressed. Looking to the example of the cedar tree, the national emblem, he noted how the tree’s strength lies in its roots, as is the same for the people of Lebanon. The Holy Father urged the young people to “draw from the good roots of those dedicated to serving society without using it for their own interests.”

He called them to be the source of hope that the country needs. Pope Leo pointed out that the questions the two young people asked help plot a course for the future. The first question involved finding a solid foundation on which to persevere in the commitment to peace, which Pope emphasized cannot be an idea, contract or moral principle. The risen Christ must be this foundation.

Peace, however, can only be authentic if it is not the result of partisan aims. It is true that “forgiveness leads to justice, which is the foundation of peace.”

## DID YOU KNOW The Legend of the Holly



One dark night Joseph heard King Herod’s soldiers following them. He knew they couldn’t run away because the soldiers had swift military horses, while they had only a little donkey for Mary and the Baby to ride. There wasn’t time to find a hiding place in the rocks or a cave. The hoofbeats were coming too close, too fast. Not far from the road they saw some thick, tall holly bushes. Mary took the baby Jesus and whispered a prayer for his safety. She wrapped him tightly in her dark blue cloak and hid with him beneath the holly branches. Joseph took the little donkey and led him around to the back of the bushes. Standing still and waiting.

It was winter, and in those days the holly always lost their leaves in the fall, but now, miraculously, the tree pushed forth its prickly green leaves, thick enough to hide everyone. It also grew long, sharp thorns to guard the holy family.

Herod’s soldiers rode right past the holly bushes while the holy family held its breath and prayed to God for safety. The soldiers never saw them hiding.

Then the little Christ child smiled and stretched out his hand and touched the holly bush as if to say, “Thank you, little holly.” Since then the holly never loses its leaves in winter because one night “it held the Christ child in its heart!”

We knew another legend that says that the holly is a sacred plant because it stands for the crown of thorns. When the crown of thorns was pressed onto the forehead of the Son of God, the blood trickled down onto the berries. Until that time, holly berries had always been white, but then they turned red and have been red ever since. They remind us of the suffering of Jesus and his love for us.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special Advent Mass celebrations in The Parish of Good Shepherd:

- **St. John Bosco** – Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am with Confession available after mass.
- **St. Gabriel the Archangel** – Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am Healing Mass.
- **St. John Bosco** – Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am Healing Mass.
- **Sacred Heart Cathedral** – Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - 12-noon mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.
- **Sacred Heart Cathedral** – Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 12-noon mass with Anointing of the Sick Sacrament.
- **St. Thomas Aquinas** – Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm Healing Mass with Confession available after mass.

Healing Mass is a special mass where we receive sacrament of the anointing of the sick providing spiritual and physical healing with the forgiveness of sins. Grace to strengthen the soul and peace and courage to help overcome life's difficulties in sickness and old age.

### 2025 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve – Wednesday – December 24<sup>th</sup>

- 4:00 pm - St. Thomas Aquinas – Campbellton
- 4:00 pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral – Bathurst
- 4:00 pm - St. Gabriel the Archangel – Belledune
- 6:00 pm - St. John Bosco – Dalhousie
- 6:00 pm - Holy Family – Bathurst

#### Christmas Day – Thursday – December 25<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 am - St. John the Evangelist – Belledune
- 11:00 am - Holy Family – Bathurst

#### New Year's Eve -Wednesday – December 31<sup>st</sup>

- 4:00 pm - St. Thomas Aquinas – Campbellton
- 4:00 pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral – Bathurst
- 6:00 pm - St. John the Evangelist – Belledune
- 6:00 pm - St. John Bosco – Dalhousie

#### New Year's Day – Thursday – January 1<sup>st</sup>

- 11:00 am - St. Gabriel the Archangel – Belledune
- 11:00 am - Holy Family – Bathurst

### Diocesan Invitation for the 2025 Jubilee Advent:

In these days as we are entering a time of vigil, a time of waiting which is Advent, let the Lord teach us Himself the path, as the prophet Isaiah invites us to do, from the First Sunday of Advent. "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!" Let Him teach us his ways, and we will go by His paths. It is good for us to adopt the attitude of vigilance of Jesus himself to his Father in heaven. Prayer occupies a central place in His life. He was nourished by the psalms from an early age, praying them in the synagogue, during his pilgrimages to Jerusalem and with his disciples. To pray the Psalms today is to engage with the official prayer of the Church: The Liturgy of the Hour, also called the Divine Office, Prayer of the Present Time or Breviary. The daily life of the Church is spread throughout the day. She is the source of spiritual and apostolic life for everyone. Four occasions are offered to us for a Celebration of Advent Vespers. They will take place in the Christian communities in our Diocese and will be presided over by our Bishop, Mgr. Michel Proulx O. Praem. Come and share this experience of a Church in prayer. Join us on each Sunday of Advent at 3:00 pm at the following Churches throughout the season of Advent:

December 7<sup>th</sup> at St. John Bosco Church in Dalhousie (English)  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Isidore's Church in Saint Isidore (French)  
 December 21<sup>st</sup> at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bathurst (French)

• **Influenza (Flu) & Covid Season:** Parish churches are asked to ensure hand sanitizer and masks are available for all parishioners. We ask everyone who is not feeling well with flu-like symptoms such as cold, cough, fever to stay at home until you are better. This way we can help to prevent spreading this very contagious virus.

• **Winter Weather Mass Cancellation:** Due to winter weather, Mass cancellations can happen without much notice. Parishioners are asked to consider before heading out to mass that road conditions may be hazardous and sidewalks and church driveways not yet cleared. Please know who to contact in your parish in case mass is cancelled. Thank you and be safe.

• **Donation Envelope Boxes for use in 2026:** When picking up your envelopes for 2026, please ensure your name is on the box as some numbers may have changed. By **completing/returning the information card** found in the front of each box with your name, address and phone number, we will verify and update our files to ensure all your information is up to date. For those who have pre-authorized donations, a separate income tax receipt will be issued.

• **Catechism Class:** Our next class at **Holy Family Church in Bathurst** will be on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

• **Bible Class- Gospel of St. Matthew:** Class will be on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Holy Family Church.

• **Baptisms 2026:** Parents who wish to have their child baptized can complete and submit the online registration form and complete the baptism preparation course; both are found on our webpage at [goodshepherdparish.faith](http://goodshepherdparish.faith).



• **Weddings 2026:** Couples who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Office before making any other arrangements at **506-547-4737**. Please note that only the couple themselves can book their wedding date and make the necessary arrangements.



• **Bulletin Announcements:** Announcements for the upcoming weekly bulletin must be received by Wednesday at 11:00 am by email at [churchesgoodshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:churchesgoodshepherd@gmail.com)

• **Cemetery Notices:** Contact the Administrative Office of The Parish of the Good Shepherd at 506-547-4737 to arrange all burials in the cemeteries allowing us to complete the mandatory paperwork.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #19 Christmas Afternoon Tea:** Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 34 Union Street in Campbellton. Cost is \$25.00. Selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, plain & fruit Scones, Christmas cake, mince pies, sweet treats, tea and coffee. Prosecco is available at \$5.00 glass.

## RECOMMENDED TO YOUR PRAYERS

*May the Lord console their families and lead them safely home*

† Please pray for **Marjorie White** who passed away on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 96. A Chapel Service was held at Elhatton's Funeral Home.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ **Josef Kiss** (St. Anthony's CWL) **SA**
- ✠ **Andrew & Jean Gallant** (Suzanne & Peter Gallant) **SA-Cemetery**
- ✠ **Maurice & Roger Leblanc** (Barb Lee) (Jack & Suzanne O'Brien) **STA**
- ✠ **Sylvie Kerr** (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.) (Lloyd & Florence Kerr) (Anglehart Family) **STA**
- ✠ **Wayne Furlotte** (Florence Duplacey) (Ladies Auxiliary Branch #77) **SG**
- ✠ **Shirley Murphy** (Ladies Auxiliary Branch #77) **SG**
- ✠ **Genevieve Guitar** (Judy Spurrell) **SG**
- ✠ **Joey Lavigne** (Ann Legacy) **SG**
- ✠ **Lorraine Donohoo** (Claudette Gallagher) **HF**
- ✠ **Annette Imhoff** (Art Legacy) **HF**

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**  
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:**

**St. Brother Andre Candle:**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** The Holy Sacrament will be exposed every Thursday, after the English 12:00-noon Mass and on the first Friday of each month after the French Weekday Mass.

**Heating Collection:** Week-end of December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

**HOLY FAMILY**  
430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Garry Imhoff (*Wife*).

**Christmas Flowers:** Donations in memory of a loved one can be placed in the collection in an envelope marked "Christmas flowers". Along with your donation please include your name, envelope number and the name of your loved one. A card with the name of your loved one will be displayed with the flowers. Thank you.

**Holy Family CWL- Children's Gifts for the Volunteer Centre:**

Once again we are asking parishioners and friends to donate a toy, puzzle, game or craft item to be added to the family's Christmas food basket from the Bathurst Volunteer Centre. Choose a tag or two from the Gift Tree at the front of the Church and return it with the tag attached to the outside of an appropriate wrapped gift. Please have the gift back under the tree by **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**Holy Family CWL:** Our annual Christmas luncheon will be at the Atlantic Host on **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon. Members will be contacted to confirm their attendance.

**Holy Family Knights of Columbus:** Meeting will take place in the church hall on **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** commencing with a Christmas Pizza Luncheon at 12:00 noon followed by regular meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for parishioners who are interested in being trained to serve as a Sacristan. The Sacristan prepares the church for mass celebrations. This would require once a month, arriving an hour before mass and remaining half an hour after mass. If interested please call Cathie Boucher at 506-547-5792. Volunteers are also needed for Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers with all training to be provided.

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**  
43 Andrew St. Campbellton, NB

**The House of Agape Prayer Group:** Our prayer group held every **Tuesday at 10:00 am** in the church basement. For more information call Mike at 506-753-5805.

**Yard Sale for Parishioners:** Thursday, Dec/11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm **parishioners only** are invited to our yard sale in order to benefit from our ½ price sale on all items except furniture. **Please do not bring any guests** as we will be hosting a ½ price yard sale for the general public on Dec/13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Please note** we will not be accepting yard sale donations from Dec/14<sup>th</sup> until Jan/6<sup>th</sup> in order to give us time to reorganize as we are overloaded with merchandise that must be sorted and/or cleaned.

**50/50 Winner:** *Congratulations to Rick Lepage* winner of the November draw in the amount of \$505.00.

**ST. ANTHONY**  
14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Eleanor Kiss (*Georgina*).

**Mass Book:** St. Anthony's mass book is now open and in need of masses.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO**  
470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

**Weekday Mass:** Morning mass every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Holy Hour at 6:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction held every last Thursday (Jan 29<sup>th</sup>) of the month.

**Visits and Communion for the Sick & Shut-Ins:** Please call Deacon Chris at 506-684-2810 to make arrangements.

**50/50 Draw:** *Congratulations to Valerie Firlotte* winner of the November draw in the amount of \$1390.00.

**Christmas Flowers:** Parishioners are invited to share in the cost of Christmas Flowers. You may do this in memory of your loved ones by putting your donation in an envelope with written particulars and drop it in the Sunday collection. Thank You.

**Food Drive:** Once again, throughout Advent, we will collect non-perishable food items as well as cash donations and gift cards for the local food bank. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
2601 Main Street, Belledune, NB

**Advent Food Drive:** We invite all parishioners to bring a non-perishable food item to church during Advent for our local food bank.

**Christmas Flowers:** Anyone wishing to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one can do so by placing your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. Record your name and name of who is being remembered and give your donation to Georgette Boulay by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**50/50 Winner:** *Congratulations to Robert & Bernadette Boulay* winner of the November draw in the amount of \$1400.00.

**Card Play:** Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Entry fee is \$3.00. Please share with all your friends who like to play cards.

**ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
4118 Main St. Belledune NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Ethel, Harry, Alex, Marie & Hector (*Opal Lunday Boudreau*).

**50/50 Winner:** *Congratulations to Jamie Hickey* winner of the November 50/50 draw in the amount of \$2070.00.

**Christmas Flowers:** Anyone wishing to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one can do so by placing your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. Record your name and name of who is being remembered and place in the collection basket.

**CWL- Christmas Tree Lighting:** CWL members will be hosting our annual Christmas Tree Lighting fundraiser "*In Memory of our Loved Ones*" on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Blessing of the tree and reading of names will be during mass followed by fellowship and lunch. Members available before mass to receive names and donations. You may also call in your request to Patsy at 506-237-2751 or Darlene at 506-237-5562.

**Christmas Church Decorating:** We will be decorating our Church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am**. Appreciate anyone who can spare the time to help.

**Special Thank-You:** The family of Jane Divenoorden wish to express our profound gratitude for the tremendous support we received from our Christian community. The outpouring of love for our family through the offerings of food, cards, and Mass cards will stay with us forever. Thank you to Father Keith, Father Anthony and Deacon Chris for making the funeral mass most memorable; to Grace Lawlor for bringing together an exceptional group of people from three parishes and a pianist from Bathurst to form a choir of angels if ever there was one; to Fidele Legacy for doing all of the little things that needed attention but we were unable to find time for, and the Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful lunch. We remain forever indebted to all.  
*The Duivenvoorden Family.*

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

<u>November 29th</u> & <u>November 30th</u>	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>	<b>Saint Gabriel the Archangel</b>	<b>Saint John the Evangelist</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>Saint John Bosco</b>	<b>Saint Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>Saint Anthony</b>
<b>Collection</b>	1926.00	1971.40	490.75	515.00		1158.05	1385.00	210.00
<b>Toonie Collection</b>	206.80		78.45	50.75		85.00	77.00	
<b>Christmas</b>			10.00					
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	200.00					50.00		
<b>Fundraising</b>			2070.00 (50/50 Draw)	1400.00 (50/50 Draw)		1390.00 (50/50 Draw)	505.00 (50/50 Draw) 4202.00 (Yard Sale)	
<b>Dues/Donations</b>		25.00	20.00/			/275.00 (Food /Bank)		
<b>Cemetery/Memorial</b>	/25.00	65.00/	20.00/40.00				/65.00	
<b>Heating</b>	25.00	50.00	40.00			50.00	25.00	20.00
<b>Candles</b>	69.80	295.45	10.00	70.00		67.90		10.00
<b>Living Christ/Missal</b>	70.00	87.15					35.00	

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (DECEMBER 6TH- DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>)**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Regina Boudreau ( <i>Jeannine DeGrace</i> )	<b>Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Evelyn Kennah ( <i>Nancy &amp; Barbara Brown</i> )
<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>	<b>Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Deceased Relative ( <i>Lynn Bialy-Neville</i> ) + Leona White ( <i>Brother, John &amp; Marie Josée Gray</i> ) + Deceased Family Members ( <i>Claudette LaCroix</i> ) + Mother, Rita (28 <sup>th</sup> ) & Son Mike(1 <sup>st</sup> ) ( <i>Claudette &amp; Darlene</i> )	<b>Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00</b> + Arthur Thibodeau ( <i>Ralph &amp; Emmanuel</i> ) + Clara Savoy ( <i>Annette &amp; Rodney Boucher</i> ) + Claudia ( <i>Roger &amp; Patricia</i> )
<b>Weekly Masses</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-Noon</b> ( <i>English</i> ) + Robert Couture ( <i>Sister, Betty</i> )	<b>Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-Noon</b> ( <i>English</i> ) + For All Parishioners ( <i>The Pastor</i> )
	<b>Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> ( <i>French</i> ) + Thanksgiving to St. Jude ( <i>R. Breau</i> )	<b>Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> ( <i>French</i> ) + Nicole Soucy ( <i>Charles Wait</i> )
	<b>Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + +	<b>Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + +
<b>St. Gabriel the Archangel</b>	<b>Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm</b> + Sanford & Lillian Firlotte ( <i>Edna Copp</i> )	<b>Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + For All Parishioners ( <i>The Pastor</i> )
<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	<b>Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm</b> + Betty Ann Doyle (Honey) <i>Son conjoint, Marc Guitard</i>	<b>Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm</b> + Emily Winton ( <i>Her Nephew's</i> )
<b>St. John Bosco</b>	<b>Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Deceased Family ( <i>Valerie Firlotte</i> ) <b>Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am</b> + Helmut Bitto ( <i>Armel Audit</i> )	<b>Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Mom & Dad ( <i>Debbie, Susie, Peggy</i> ) <b>Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am</b> + Alice George (Friend)
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + For All Parishioners ( <i>The Pastor</i> )	<b>Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Armand & Rose Dion ( <i>Claudette Redstone</i> )
<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm</b> + Eleanor Kiss ( <i>John &amp; Antoinette Boudreau</i> )	<b>Sunday, Decmeber 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm</b> +George Adams ( <i>Adeline Adams</i> )

**Blessing the Advent Wreath at Home**



**Prayer for Second Week for Advent Candle Lighting:**

All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

**AMEN**

**Weekly Readings  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
• Genesis 3:9-15,20 / Luke 1:26-38  
**Tuesday – St. Juan Diego**  
• Isaiah 40:1-11/ Matthew 18:12-14  
**Wednesday – Our Lady of Loreto**  
• Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30  
**Thursday – St. Damasus I**  
• Isaiah 41:13-20/ Matthew 11:11-15  
**Friday – Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
• Zechariah 2:10-13/ Luke 1:39-47  
**Saturday – St. Lucy**  
• Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 / Matthew 17:10-13

**Quote of the Week**

**EVERY TIME A HAND REACHES OUT TO HELP, THAT IS CHRISTMAS**

**EVERY TIME A PERSON CHOOSES PEACE, THAT IS CHRISTMAS**

**EVERY TIME WE FORGET OUR DIFFERENCES AND REMEMBER THE LOVE THAT CONNECTS US, THAT IS CHRISTMAS**