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PREPARE
THE WAY
FOR THE LORD; MAKE STRAIGHT
IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY
FOR OUR GOD.

THE SEASON OF

Advent
2025



HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE



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A PRAYER FOR MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

For our Family of Parishes, that our four parishes may, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, work in a spirit of collaboration with one another as we together strive for holiness, and embrace the Mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all, let us pray to the Lord...

BECOMING CATHOLIC

We welcome you and your questions about the Catholic Faith. The Journey in Faith to become Catholic is a process known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Please contact Deacon Tim Crooker for inquiries.

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility or moved out of the household.

PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m.	Fr. Rob Jack	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Matt Westover	St. Bernard
10:30 a.m.	Marian Breen	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Jack Schaffer	St. Margaret Mary
7:00 p.m.	Baby Reece Hermann	St. James

Tuesday, December 9 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Joe Bosse	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Elise Milton	St. James
12:00 Noon	Joan Rowe	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, December 10 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Rick Mauer	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, December 11 – Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Esther Borgman	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	James Knight	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m.	Rita Henze	St. James
12:00 Noon	Special Intention of Amy O'Connor	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, December 13 – St. Lucy

3:00 p.m.	Lil Koppmeier	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Henry Werdman	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Joseph Ross	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
8:30 a.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Lois Anderson	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Mark Reichling	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Ryan Schmutte	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Pat Lohbeck	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Rocco DiPuccio	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

**Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of :
Bob Dieckman, Laurie Rheame,**

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before any other planning. Pre-Cana Conference, FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter or Equivalent, programs are required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The Sacrament of Baptism for children age seven and younger is celebrated each month at St. James (4th Sunday, 11:30 a.m.); St. Bernard (2nd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.); and as scheduled at St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary. Parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions on Baptism are held the second Thursday of each month at St. James or by appointment at St. Bernard & St. Margaret Mary. St. Ann has Baptism preparation classes during Mass+ on the third Sunday of the month.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MARY AND ADVENT

Mary is an important figure throughout the season of Advent. We are waiting for a Savior. We are preparing ourselves and our world for His arrival. It is Mary through whom He has come, and as a model for the Church, it is Mary through whom He will come again. Monday, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception. This is not a celebration of Mary conceiving Jesus. It is rather a celebration of Mary being conceived by her parents. Mary is prepared by God Himself to be the mother of our Savior by being kept free from sin from the very beginning of her life in her mother's womb. Her freedom from sin is preparation for the One who will free us all. Tuesday, we celebrate St. Juan Diego who was gifted with witnessing the appearance of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Wednesday, we celebrate Our Lady of Loreto, the home of Mary where she received the Annunciation, transported by angels to Italy. On Friday, we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary appeared as a native princess bringing great conversions among the native peoples and increased unity between Spanish Christians and natives.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we praise You and thank You for Your great love. You bless us always through Your Son Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, born to us through a woman, the Blessed Virgin Mary who continues to give Him to us through many signs and miracles. Lord Jesus, come to us. Give us Your light. May it grow ever brighter within us. Recreate our lives as an inspiration to all who seek peace. Allow us to become the invitation that leads to You.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

As part of the Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish Family, we have established the following protocol for Sacramental Emergencies.

WHAT IS A SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY?

Sacramental Emergencies are if someone is in imminent danger of dying and wishes to receive the sacraments before passing. This also may include those who are under someone's care and are unable to request the sacraments themselves—including but not limited to, emergency infant Baptism or last rites of someone with dementia. If someone either has a chronic illness or is not in imminent danger, please schedule an anointing. It is suggested that the sick person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the beginning of any serious condition—not at the end. **If you are in need of a priest or have a Sacramental Emergency after hours, please call 513-369-9820.**

VOCATION CHALICE

St. Ann

December 7th – Maire Michel at 11:30 a.m.
December 13th – Deb Weaver at 3:00 p.m.
December 21st – Cindy Withrow at 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

December 7th – Tom & Carolyn Doerflein

Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry to pray for Catholics to answer the call to a vocation as priests, or religious such as brothers and sisters.



WEATHER ALERT

When School is delayed or cancelled because of the weather (inclement weather or temperature), **MASS IS CANCELLED!** We follow school closings or delays for Northwest Schools.

LITURGY/CONFESSIONS

St. James

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00/10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m.

St. Ann

Monday 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday No Mass
Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00/ 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Monday &
Thursday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

Monday-Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 12:00 Noon
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Bernard

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tuesday 12:00 Noon
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday No Mass
Friday 12:00 Noon
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30/10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

BEQUESTS

A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements for Mary, Queen of Heaven must be approved by the appropriate director before submitting to Gina Perkins, Director of Communications, at gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com. Announcements must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Monday, two weeks prior to requested publish date. Please plan accordingly.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A GREAT SOLEMNITY OF THE CHURCH AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

There is no Vigil Mass on Sunday evening. Listed below are the Mass times offered within our Family of Parishes.

Monday, December 8:

St. Ann at 10:30 a.m. (school attends)

St. Bernard at 8:30 a.m. (school attends)

St. James at 8:30 a.m. (school attends) and 7:00 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary at 12:00 Noon

Confessions at St. Ann on December 8 are cancelled.



**ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS
WEEK TWO**

Reader 1: The second week of Advent we remember the gift of Peace we have in Christ. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for and must work for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to Him working together in faith.

Reader 2: Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare the way of the Lord, whom the prophet Isaiah calls "the Prince of Peace." As we light this candle today, we look with hope for the day that Christ's peace will reign in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. As we light this candle, we are reminded to work for that peace of Christ to come and take root in us. (*Reader lights the first two purple candles on the Advent Wreath.*)

Family members share how they have experienced peace today.

Reader 3: Let us pray – Loving God, we thank You for the gift of peace You give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by working for Christ's peace to take root in our family. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.



ADVENT

LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 14 at 6:00 p.m.
St. James the Greater Church





It is the mission of the **EVANGELIZATION TEAM** to work with and for the community of Mary, Queen of Heaven to offer studies, speakers, classes and more, to assist the people of God in growing closer to our Lord. We welcome your ideas and participation. Contact Barbara Yoder, Director of Evangelization, at yoder@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.



BIBLE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join others in studying the Gospel of Luke making use of Ascension Press/Jeff Cavin's video and book study series. Barb Yoder will facilitate, and the meetings will take place on Thursday mornings, beginning January 15th, 10:00 a.m. for 8 consecutive Thursdays at St. Bernard. The workbook can be purchased from AscensionPress.com. or by contacting Barb at the email or phone below. Please register for the study by email: yoder@stbernardtc.org or call 513-353-4207, ext. 5.

SAVE THE DATE – MQH SUMMER PSR PROGRAM – JUNE 1 THRU 12, 2026

THE RITE OF WELCOMING AND ACCEPTANCE – OCIA

The Rite of Acceptance is for the unbaptized who are beginning their journey in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), where they formally express their desire to become Christian and are welcomed into the Church. The Rite of Welcoming is for those who were previously baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to join the Catholic Church, as they publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full communion. Both rites mark a person's public commitment and initiate them into the OCIA process, which is punctuated by various stages and rites, leading to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please take a few minutes to offer prayers for our Mary, Queen of Heaven candidates for Confirmation. The children are completing their preparation, will attend a retreat and then will be Confirmed at the end of January.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.
Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.*

*Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment
the good work that You have begun in them.
As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.*

*Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.
Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.
We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*





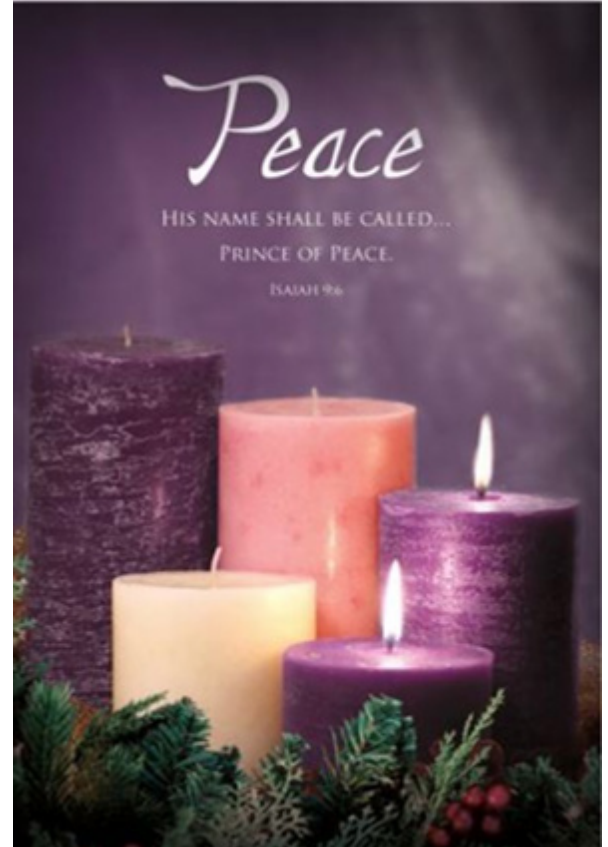
STEWARDSHIP AND THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PEACE

A fundamental emphasis of the Season of Advent each year is to welcome Jesus, who came in time, who will come at the end of time, and who comes to us every day: in Sacred Scripture, in the Sacraments of the Church, and in our encounters with God and one another. The three Scripture readings for this Second Sunday of Advent center around the idea of being reconciled to God and the readings explain the conditions for that reconciliation to take place in a “graceful” manner. The word “graceful” is intentionally used here, to indicate supernatural help that comes from God, what we usually call “grace,” meant to assist us in doing good and growing the likeness of God in whose image we are created.

The words of Saint Paul to the Romans, found in the second reading for Mass this Sunday, says very plainly: “Accept one another as Christ accepted you.” In doing that, we can be reconciled, that is, in harmony and unity, with others and with God. The first reading for Mass, from the Prophet Isaiah, expresses the concept of being reconciled in beautiful imagery from nature: “The wolf shall be the guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to lead them.”

It is always important to remember that redemption is God’s work, not ours. Isaiah the Prophet also speaks of the day when “the Spirit of the Lord shall rest” upon us. This gift is perfectly given through the coming of the Messiah Jesus, whereby the Spirit of the Lord will be poured out upon all people. This is called by Isaiah “the spirit of wisdom and understanding,” which makes for the possibility of doing all things correctly, according to God’s will. It is also called a “spirit of counsel and might,” giving people the strength and goodness for doing good. Finally, “a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord” will be given, in order that all may delight in knowing, loving and serving God.

We may at times or often feel that such goodness among peoples is impossible, yet with God, all things are possible, Scripture tells us. Like rain that can bring forth grass and other vegetation to parched land, which we experience here in the desert each Spring and Summer, so too, God’s action can do astonishingly great things! Saint Benedict tells his followers in the Holy Rule, “never to despair of God’s mercy,” and that is still true and an important message in the realm of experiencing the salvation has in store for us. During Advent, we wait in hope for the Spirit of the Lord to rest upon us, to invigorate us and to bring about the transformation that God desires to occur, within us personally, within the Church and within the whole human race.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING – NOVEMBER 23, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 17,822.50
St. Bernard	\$34,873.50
St. James	\$21,779.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,385.34

SUNDAY OFFERING – NOVEMBER 29, 2025

St. Ann	\$10,839.00
St. Bernard	\$ 8,642.85
St. James	\$ 18,385.88
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,381.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2ND COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 29, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 2,727.23
St. Bernard	\$ 2,152.00
St. James	\$ 9,933.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 1,088.00

ONLINE GIVING

Contributions to all of our parishes in the Mary, Queen of Heaven Family (St. Bernard & St. James) are **NOW ALSO available** through our secure “[WeShare Link](#).” St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary are available through “Our Sunday Visitor.” You have the ability to make donations online through the use of a credit card or an electronic fund transfer (EFT) from your checking or savings account. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation to St. James Church by clicking the “Online Giving” Tab on your parish website. It’s an easy, convenient and safe way to make your Sunday offerings. When you have completed your donation, you will be emailed a receipt for our records. Your donation will be recorded and be part of your year-end donation letter.

If you have questions, contact the Parish Offices:

St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary – Jenni Petrey, 513-521-7387

St. Bernard – Scott Dover, 513-353-4207

St. James – Brenda Stier, 513-741-5300

We appreciate your support!



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception

Parish Offices Closed

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
10:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
11:00 a.m. Rosary Shepherds of Christ	St. James
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Margaret Mary
6:00 p.m. OCIA	St. James
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m. Mass	St. James
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann

Tuesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
9:30 a.m. Bible Study	St. James
10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary	St. Ann
12:00 Noon Adoration	St. Bernard
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard
12:00 Noon Ladies & Lunch Prayer, K of C	
3:00 p.m. AHG Meeting, Church Hall	St. James
3:15 p.m. Children's Choir	St. James
5:00 p.m. Benediction	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass	St. Ann
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul	St. James
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul	St. Ann

Wednesday, December 10

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
5:45 p.m. 4th Grade Girl Scout Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal	St. James

Thursday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m. Exposition	St. Ann
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Margaret Mary
5:00 p.m. Confessions	St. Ann
6:45 p.m. Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, December 12

6:00 a.m. Father's Ministry	St. James
8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
9:00 a.m. Confessions	St. James
9:15 a.m. 4th Grade Grandparent Breakfast	St. James
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard

Saturday, December 13

6:45 a.m. That Man Is You! (Marian Hall)	St. Bernard
3:00 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m. Mass	St. James

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
8:00 a.m. Cookie Connection	St. James
8:00 a.m. Rosary	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
Donut Sunday after Masses	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
10:00 a.m. Sunday Preschool, Church Hall	St. James
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. James
10:10 a.m. Mass+, Gospel of Matthew – Part 3	St. Ann
10:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
6:00 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols	St. James



FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

With fall activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed **The Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Archdiocese of Cincinnati Edition**. In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of

Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

Please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator at csajnog@saintannparish.org at St. Ann; sandling@stbernardtc.org at St. Bernard; gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com at St. James; jpetrey@stmargaretmaryparish.org at St. Margaret Mary.

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: November 30, 2025 – Bill & Monica (Ticket # 0350)



ST. JAMES SCHOOL INFORMATION

WELCOME!

This week, we are welcoming grandparents and special visitors for our 4th grade class! They will begin at Mass together with light refreshments to follow. Thank you to our PTO for organizing this event!

REGISTER NOW!

Enrollment for St. James School is now open. If you are a new family to our school, please do not delay in applying; Kindergarten fills up quickly. Go to <https://forms.rediker.com/stjameschool> to apply now!

ST. JAMES COOKIE CONNECTION

Please don't forget that the monthly collection of cookies and juice will be held next weekend at St. James. We are now providing cookies and juice along with sandwiches donated by other local parishes to St. Anthony Ministries in Over the Rhine. Cookies do not need to be homemade. Cookies should be packaged 2 to a bag. Please drop off in the St. James Church Hall before all Masses. If you wish to volunteer, or need more information about this project, please contact Alice Haffner at 923-4721, Linda Creelman at 513-484-5725 or Lois Schaefer at 720-3049.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION DECEMBER 13/14

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. They have spent decades caring for those in need, but years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift can help ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.



ST. JAMES HOLIDAY BONANZA WINNERS 2025

Grand Prize Winner—Patti Deters

5- Runner Up Winners

1. Carol Schwetschman
2. Lynn Weishaupt
3. Robert Vorherr
4. Pam Evers
5. Tracy Schwede

10- 2nd Runner Up Prize

1. Jenny Duncan
2. Melissa Berling
3. Ruth Ravenna
4. Joseph Grome
5. Philip Engel
6. Sonja Wilson
7. Jennifer Cecil
8. Ken Jostworth
9. Jerome Doerger
10. Mary Kramer

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED A TICKET!!!!!!

Giving Trees Programs

St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary

Christian Outreach Ministry invites you to take a tag from the St. Ann Advent Giving Tree and a tag from the Christmas Card Tree for our homebound or elderly parishioners. Please do not wrap the gift but return it with the tag attached to the Gathering Space on December 13-14. We will distribute the gifts to families in need at Community Matters, St. Boniface Church, St. Joseph Church, Healthy Moms and Babies and Elizabeth's New Life Center. Thank you for your generosity in this Corporal Work of Mercy.

St. Bernard

St. Bernard SVDLP Larry Burdick Christmas Gift Program*

To ensure delivery, it is imperative to receive all gifts by Noon on Dec. 14! Please return gifts inside the main vestibule or side entrance of the church.

*In honor of Vincentian Larry Burdick (1938-2024), who served neighbors in need with joy and kindness.

St. James

The Giving Tree supports eight agencies including the St. James St. Vincent de Paul conference. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Monday, December 8, 2025

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Advent Weekday
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Advent Weekday
Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Advent Weekday
Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalm 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 12, 2025

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zechariah 2:14-17
Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Saint of the Day: December 12

Patron Saint of the Americas and Mexico

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

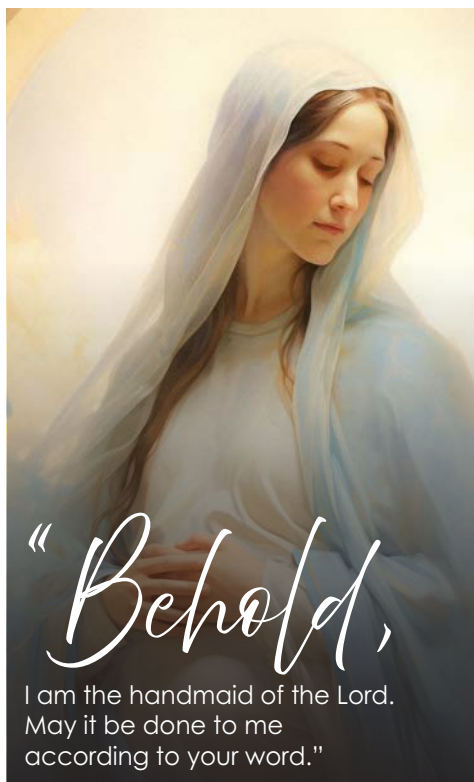
A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually, the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time, Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Read the full article: "Our Lady of Guadalupe" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
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