

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

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The Celebration of the HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 p.m. – Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass: Monday 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.
(No morning Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays)

The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

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*Born as a Mission of Bristol in 1864 and
Established as a Parish in 1881*

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH!

If you are new to the area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to become part of our parish family. To register or to update your address or phone number, please complete this form and mail it to the Parish Office or place in the collection box. *Thank you.*

New Parishioner Address/Phone Number Change

Name: _____

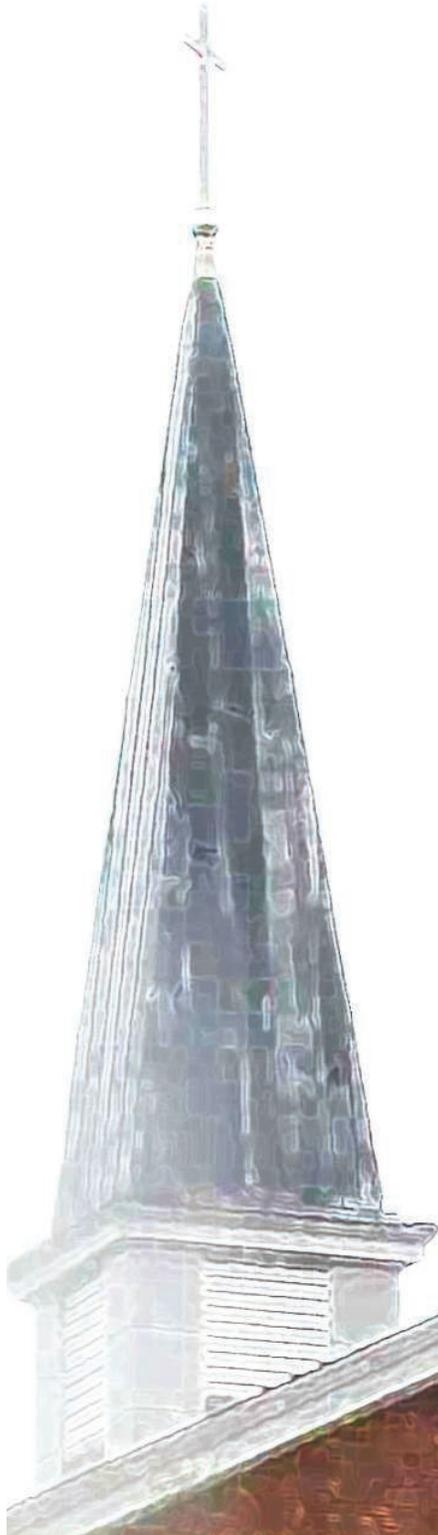
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Would you like to receive weekly envelopes? Yes No

“Do whatever He tells you.”

Mary to the disciples of Jesus (John 2:5)



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, December 6th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Verna Boucher requested
by Leona

12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

4:00 p.m. Rose & Carl Anderson and
Carmella & Anthony Pavio
requested by Judy & Bob Anderson

Sunday, December 7th Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of
Our Lady of Mercy Parish

10:30 a.m. Joseph Wichrowski requested
by Tom Wichrowski

Monday, December 8th Holy Day of Obligation

**8:00 a.m. The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:00 p.m. William Bernie Peters requested
by Peters Family

Tuesday, December 9th Weekday

8:00 a.m. For All The Souls in Purgatory
requested by A. Menoret

Wednesday, December 10th Weekday

No Mass Today

Thursday, December 11th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Peter H. & Florence G. Zaniwski
requested by Family

Friday, December 12th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Sydney Symolon requested
by Daughter Lorraine

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 13th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Ernest Robertson requested
by Son

12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

4:00 p.m. Thomas Papapietro requested
by James Norris

Sunday, December 14th Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. David Walko requested
by Sister Francine

10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of
Our Lady of Mercy Parish



**Hail, Mary, full of grace the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women. Cf. Lk 1:28**

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m.:

Judy & Bob Anderson

Sunday, December 14th at 8:30 a.m.:

Sophia Winiarski, Francine Walko

Sunday, December 14th at 10:30 a.m.:

Brian Roche, Charlene Smith

Monday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m.:

Sarah Cassidy



Lectors

Saturday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m.:

(1) Kathy Roden (2) Carolyn Martin

Sunday, December 14th at 8:30 a.m.:

Jeffrey Boyle

Sunday, December 14th at 10:30 a.m.:

(1) Brennan Hughes (2) Carol Haddad

Monday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m.:

Janice Gauvin



The Tabernacle Lamp:

is lit for the Greater Glory of God in
Recognition of the Real Presence of Christ.

This week the candle is flickering for the

Memory of: **Alice Schulze**

Requested by: **Family**



Recently Deceased

Please remember the recently
Deceased members of our Parish
in your prayers.

Connie Vargas

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, "Lord."



November 23, 2025
Offertory \$5,089.00

Please place your Donations in the offertory
baskets during the Mass. **Thank you!** For
your generous support. May God Bless You!

The Bulletin Board

Saturday, December 6th
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*
Sunday, December 7th
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103*
 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Reunion
 in the Parish Center Gym
Monday, December 8th
 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, *Rm. 102*
 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102*
Tuesday, December 9th
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102*
 6:30 p.m. Prayer/Worship/Liturgy Meeting. *Rm. 101*
Wednesday, December 10th No Activities
Thursday, December 11th No Activities
Friday, December 12th No Activities
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Knights of Columbus

Breakfast With Santa:

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a special **“Breakfast with Santa”** which will take place on **Sunday, December 14th** at **8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the **Parish Center Gym**, kids 12 and under are **FREE!** So, sit back, enjoy, and let us do the cooking.



Show us, Lord your love and grant us your salvation. *Ps 85:8*

Christmas Decorating

December 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
We will be decorating the Church for Christmas. If you would like to help please join us.



The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space beginning Nov. 22nd. By setting up the tree now, it gives you time to purchase your gift. Please take a tag, purchase a gift and place it under the tree. The tag will state not wrapped if the gift is not to be wrapped. Otherwise, please wrap the gift. The gift collection will run from Nov. 22nd and gifts are due back no later than Dec. 8th so they can be distributed to the organizations prior to Christmas. This year, we are again giving to the Catholic Worker, Apple Rehab, St. Mary’s Church, St. Vincent de Paul, Veterans Home, Birthright and the Plainville Senior Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Winter Is Coming!

Whether you love it or loathe it, it is a fact. This always leads to questions like: “If there is bad weather do I still need to go to Mass?” That is a fair question. Here are some things to consider when reaching a decision.:

- Can I confidently get to Mass and back home safely?
- Would I be willing to go to the Superbowl or anywhere else in this weather?
- Christ is more important than even Superbowl tickets!

With my health is it prudent to go to Mass in these conditions?

A related question: Will there still be Mass when there is bad weather? I live across the street from the Church. By God’s holy grace; I do not have another church to get to, so its pretty easy for me to be here. If the weather were so very bad, that I cannot get there, you probably should not be considering it.

A special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held on December 14th. This collection helps the senior sisters, brothers, religious order priests. Please consider giving and thank you for your donation to this cause. God Bless!

OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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Tuesday,
December 16th: Extra
Confessions: 6 p.m.

Fourth Week of Advent:

December 20th: Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

December 21st: Sunday Masses at
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Nativity of the LORD

Christmas Masses:

December 24th: **Christmas Eve** at 4 p.m.

December 25th: **Christmas Day** beginning
at Midnight Mass (12 a.m.)
and 9 a.m.

January 1st: **Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God Mass** at 9 a.m.

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A Spiritual Communion With The Virgin Mary

O Immaculate Queen of Heaven and earth, Mother of God and Mediatrix of every grace, I believe that your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, is truly, really and substantially contained in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Him above all things and I long to receive Him into my heart. Since I cannot now receive Him sacramentally, be so good as to place Him spiritually in my soul. O my Jesus I embrace You as the One who has already come, and I united myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

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Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy. Ps 132 (131) 9

Blessed Pope Pius IX on the 8th of December 1854 proclaimed the Dogma of the faith revealed by God that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin" (Denz.-Schonm, 2083). If the official proclamation of the dogma is relatively recent, the profession of faith by Christians and the liturgy is very ancient in this regard. Furthermore, four years later the same Virgin Mary, appearing in Lourdes to St Bernadette, confirmed the truth of the doctrine by presenting herself with the title "I am the Immaculate Conception."

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2021-12-08>



Christmas is about JESUS (If it is done well.)

Here are a few things you can do to make CHRISTMAS,
more CHRIST and less about stuff mixed with business.

- ◆ Nativity set for your home
- ◆ Yes, they can be pricy but if you have little ones they can be as simple as draw them and tape the drawings to paper clips so they stand upright.
- ◆ Read the Nativity story as a family (beginning of the gospel of Luke).
- ◆ Do something as a family for the needy, perhaps when you come up with a Christmas budget a lot a portion for the poor.
- ◆ Spend a little time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, to truly be with Christ.
- ◆ Christmas is 12 days even if the gifts are just one. Focus on the spiritual aspect.
- ◆ June of this year the entire country is going to be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, perhaps something relating to it.
- ◆ Ideas for faith based CHRISTmas gifts.
- ◆ A catechism, learn the heart of what the Church teaches.
- ◆ A good Catholic bible.
- ◆ The biography of a saint.
- ◆ Perhaps a missal, that has the daily Mass readings.
- ◆ A blessed wall crucifix.
- ◆ A blessed sacred image (ie. Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart, favorite saint).

Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever
Rev. M. David Dawson

**Oplatki - The Christmas Wafer has five wafers per pack available for \$3.00
at the Parish Center Office. First come, first served.**



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;

all flesh shall see the salvation of Christ. Luke 3,4,6



The Feast of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Patron Saint of Blind & Visually Impaired

Saint Lucy, whose beautiful name signifies light, increase and preserve His light in my soul so that I may avoid evil and be zealous in the performance of good works, and detest nothing so much as the blindness and the darkness of evil and sin. Obtain for me, by your intercession with God perfect vision for my bodily eyes and the grace to use them for God's greater honor and glory and the salvation of souls. St. Lucy, virgin and martyr hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. Amen.

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