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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 10 AM (*ad orientem*)

Daily Mass:

- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8 AM
- Wednesday: 7 PM
- Friday: 8:30 AM (*ad orientem*)

Confessions:

- Tuesday: 8:30-9 AM
- Wednesday: 6-6:45 PM
- Saturday: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

Adoration:

- Tuesday: 7-8 AM
- Wednesday: 6-7 PM
- First Friday: 9 AM-4 PM

STAFF

Pastor: Fr. David Violi

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Admin. Asst. / DRE: Michelle Paxton

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ADVENT PARISH MISSION & 40 HOURS

PARISH MISSION SPEAKER
FR. BEN CAMERON, CPM
TALKS: DEC. 6TH – 9TH AT 7 PM

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
FROM DEC. 7TH AT 7 PM TO DEC. 9TH AT 7 PM

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Saturday, November 21

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Martin & lois Simon +

Sunday, November 22

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

Monday, November 23

No Public Mass

Tuesday, November 24

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Ron Smith +

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

10:30 a.m. *Mass at River Terrace Retirement Center*

Wednesday, November 25

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Donnajeanne Wahman +

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell +

Friday, November 27

8:30 a.m. *No Public Mass*

Saturday, November 28

8:00 a.m. *Special Intention*

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the Larry & JoAnn Dustman Family

Sunday, November 29

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Raymond "Bud" Helm +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 / Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Martyr and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 14:14-19 / Ps 96:10-13 / Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
Rv 15:1-4 / Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 / Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Thanksgiving Day
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a / Ps 100:1b-5 / Lk 21:20-28

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Weekday; 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2 / Ps 84:3-6a, 8a / Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Weekday; 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Rv 22:1-7 / Ps 95:1-7b / Lk 21:34-36

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

CHRIST THE KING - November 22, 2026

Join us on **Thanksgiving Day** (*Thursday, Nov. 26th*) for Mass at 9 AM. What better way to begin this day of thankfulness than by coming together to celebrate the Eucharist (*which, in Greek [eucharisteo], means "to give thanks"*).

This weekend (November 21st/22nd), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. Pope Pius XI originally created this solemnity as a feast day in 1925. Following the horrific loss of life experienced during the Great War, Pius saw how the world was drifting away from Jesus Christ and hoped that this feast day would help reawaken society's recognition of Jesus.

Perhaps prophetically, Pius cautioned that, "*as individuals and states refuse to submit to the rule of our Savior, there will be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.*" Instead, when societies reject Christ, they collapse and war too often follows. It is only when we "*recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace & harmony.*"

Next weekend, we celebrate the start of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent**. This new year will continue our three-year lectionary cycle as we enter into **Year B** and the **Gospel of St. Mark**, with a brief interlude from the **Gospel of St. John** and the *Bread of Life Discourse* in the middle of **Ordinary Time**. This structure places the Eucharist at the very center of our lectionary cycle.

The **Gospel of St. Mark** was written by St. Mark, also known as John Mark, a traveling companion mentioned throughout the New Testament in connection with Sts. Peter, Paul, and Barnabas. Mark stresses Jesus' messages about the kingdom of God now breaking into human life as good news and how Jesus himself is the gospel, or good news, of God. Jesus is Himself the very Son whom God sent into the world to rescue humanity by serving others and by sacrificing His life for us.

Traditionally, the gospel is said to have been written shortly before A.D. 70 in Rome, amid impending persecution and as destruction loomed over Jerusalem. Its audience seems to have been Gentile, unfamiliar with Jewish customs. The Gospel aimed to equip such Christians to stand faithful in the face of persecution while still continuing to proclaim the gospel to others.

ADVENT MISSION AND FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Though Advent is still a week away, we are announcing a **SAVE THE DATE** for our upcoming **Advent Parish Mission and Forty Hours Devotion**. This year, we are combining these two important events to support our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

On the **Second Sunday of Advent**, we welcome **Fr. Ben Cameron** of the ***Fathers of Mercy*** as the homilist at all of our weekend Masses. Fr. Cameron will preach in preparation for our Parish Mission. Then, on **Sunday evening (Dec. 6th) at 7:00 PM**, Fr. Cameron will offer the first of four mission talks. **The four talks will be at 7:00 PM each evening, Sunday through Wednesday (Dec. 9th)**.

On Monday, Dec. 7th, Fr. Cameron's second talk will be offered as the homily for our 7:00 PM Vigil Mass for the **Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception**. At the end of this Mass, we will begin our annual Forty Hours Devotion with the start of Adoration. Adoration will continue non-stop (except during Mass times) from Monday evening to the end of the parish mission on Wednesday evening.

One way we express our devotion to the reign of Christ the King is by freely giving Him our time. I would strongly encourage each of us to sign up for an hour of adoration throughout the Forty Hours. If you have never had the opportunity to spend time in adoration, now is the time. You will be amazed at how the Lord will speak to you in the quiet of your heart if you but make this time for Him.

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...

Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Mike Holland, Matt Norris and Michael Abercrombie.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

November 26 - Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am.
Lector- Bruce Holland
Cantor- Volunteer
Server- Volunteer

November 28th 5:00 p.m. Mass
Lector- Ginny Fenstermaker
Cantor- Teresa Smith
EMHC- Laurisa Roper
Servers- Zoe Soto, Sam/Andrew Smith

November 29th 7:30 a.m. Mass
Lector- Kris Call
Cantor-Mike Morrissey
EMHC- Jill Morrissey
Servers- Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner, Liam Harris

November 29th 10:00 a.m. Mass
Lector- Bruce Holland
Cantor- Jay Crisp
EMHC- Joni Cincotta, Rick Singer, Tammi Helm
Servers- Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker



Sign in at FORMED.ORG with our Parish Code: 7N68MY

WEDDING BANNS I

Montana Zent and Dawna Vanhorn

We pray for those preparing for Holy Matrimony

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Nov. 21 -** No *Confession* / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 22** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 22** - Religious Education Class 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 22** - *Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage Breakfast* following both the 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses
- **Mon., Nov. 23 -** *No Public Mass*
- **Mon., Nov. 23** - *Children's Choir Practice* - 5:30 p.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 24** - *Adoration* 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / *Confession* 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Nov. 24 -** *Daily Rosary Podcast* (Rosary and Meditations for the poor souls - 6:00 p.m. in Church
- **Wed., Nov. 25** - *Adoration* 6:00-7:00 p.m. / *Confession* 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Nov. 25** - Parish Office Closing at Noon
- **Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Mass 9:00 a.m.**
- **Thurs., & Fri.,** Nov. 26th & 27th - Parish Office Closed
- **Thurs., Nov. 26** - No *Discover Catholicism*
- **Thurs., Nov. 26** - No *Adult Choir Practice*
- **Fri., Nov. 27** - *No Morning Mass*
- **Sat., Nov. 28** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Nov. 28** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 29** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Nov. 29** - No Religious Education Class - Thanksgiving Break
- **Sun., Nov. 29** - *Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30 & 10:00 Masses hosted by GIRL's Night Out*

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of Nov. 14th & 15th
Adult Envelopes - $2,046.00
Loose - $150.00
Repair / Rainy Day - $275.00
Various Donations- $250.00
NDFCU elevate check- $34.45

Weekend Total - $2,755.45

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - $444.00

Our weekly budget is $5,101.40

We ended **$739.60 behind** our budget for the week.

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Advent Parish Mission & Forty Hours Devotion

40 HOURS

DECEMBER 6-9, 2026

Fr. Ben Cameron • Fathers of Mercy

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fr. Cameron preaches at all weekend Masses.

FOUR MISSION TALKS

Sunday, Dec. 6 - 7 PM - Opening Mission Talk
Monday, Dec. 7 - 7 PM - Vigil Mass & Second Talk
Tuesday, Dec. 8 - 7 PM - Holy Day Mass & Third Talk
Wednesday, Dec. 9 - 7 PM - Mass & Fourth Talk

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass • Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 PM
Holy Day Masses • Tuesday, Dec. 8
7 AM, Noon & 7 PM

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
Adoration begins after Monday's Vigil Mass and continues through the close of Wednesday's mission, pausing during Mass.

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