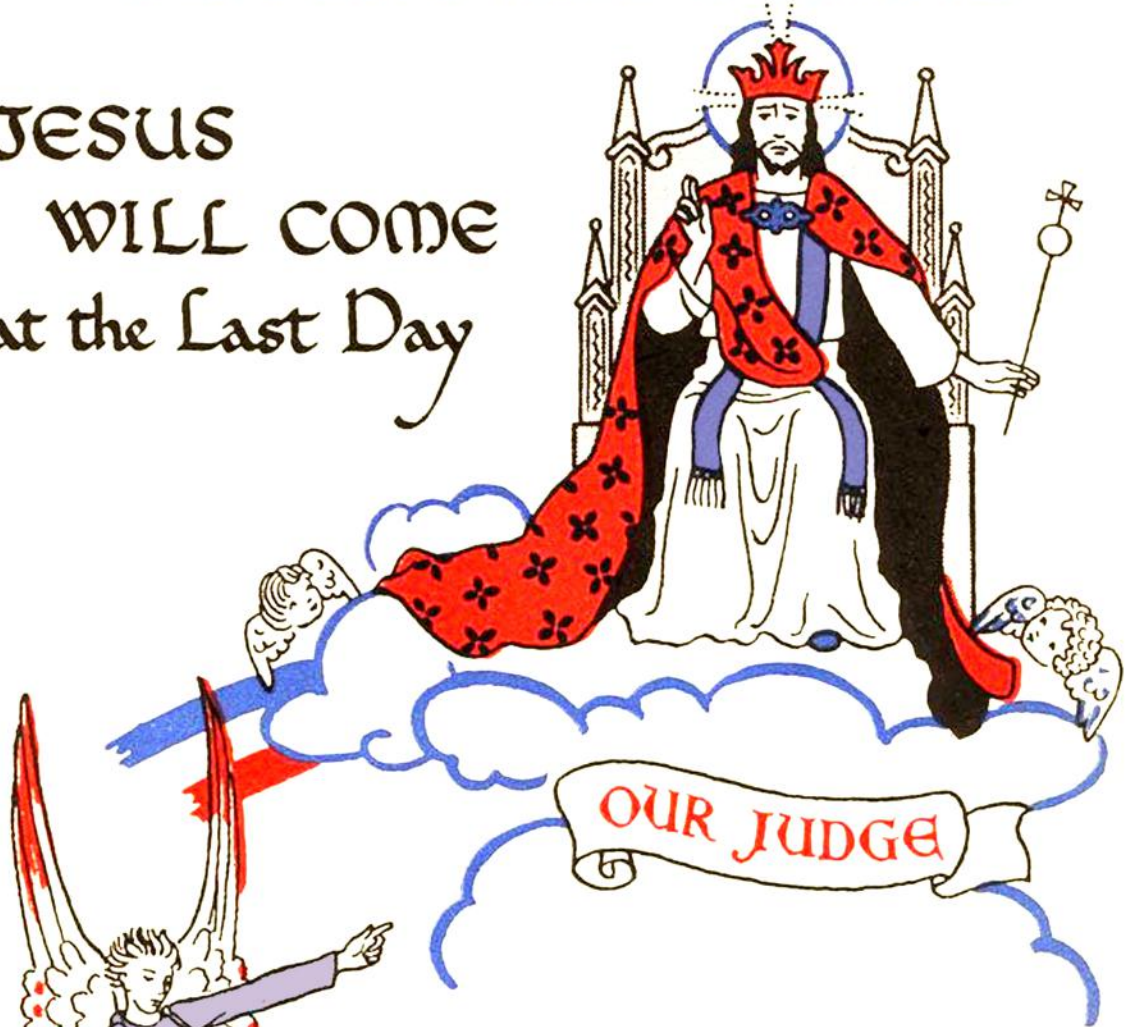




SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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WILL COME
at the Last Day



In Advent we remember
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Bob Butler +

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the
Cletus & Marie Geels Family

Monday, December 5

No Public Mass

Tuesday, December 6

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

8:00 a.m. Alan Jaffe +

8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, December 7

6:00-7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Holy Hour

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

7:00 p.m. June Burns + (Holy Day Vigil Mass)

Thursday, December 8

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation)**

7:00 a.m. Donna Jean Warnimont +

Noon Parish Family

7:00 p.m. Josephine Jackson +

Friday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Gonzalo Riveros +

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. David Black +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 5 - Second Week of Advent - Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra - Is 40:1-11/ Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Is 40:25-31/ Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 9 - San Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatoatzin, Advent Weekday - Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 10 - Advent Weekday - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 4, 2022

This **Thursday, December 8th**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. To help meet our obligation of assisting at Mass on the holy day, a Vigil Mass will be offered on **Wednesday, Dec. 7th, at 7 PM** (as a part of the Parish Mission) and Masses will be offered on **Thursday, Dec. 8th, at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM**.

This weekend (December 3rd/4th), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday of Advent**. Continuing in the first half of **Advent**, our focus remains on Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Traditionally, this focus has been emphasized, as seen on bulletin cover, through meditation on the four last things: **Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven**.

Far from being morbid, reflecting on what will happen to our souls at the moment of our death can do us much good. When we contemplate the life that awaits us, it will help us to increase our faith, hope, and love for God and our desire to be with Him forever. In the words of St. Alphonsus Liguori: "*The business of eternal salvation is to us the most important of all affairs.*"

Death is that separation of man's mortal body and immortal soul. It comes to all men as a result of original sin. It is a temporary state, for at the end of the world, all men shall rise again to be judged by Christ. At the moment of death itself, each human person is judged by God based on his conduct in this life, and goes immediately to his reward or punishment (*personal judgment*). Moreover, at the end of the world, Jesus Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead (*final judgment*).

Heaven is the eternal state of perfect happiness resulting from the face to face vision of God, which is the reward of those who have served Him in this life. **Hell** is the eternal state of despair and separation from God which awaits those who, in this life, have freely turned away from and rejected Him.

Next Sunday, or **Gaudete Sunday**, I invite you to join me in wearing rose to Mass. Rose, a liturgical color worn twice a year, is a mixture of the penitential violet of Advent with the celebratory gold of Christmas, reminding us to "*Rejoice!*" because we are preparing for Christ. Our penitential seasons are always meant to lead us to a time of celebration. Or, in the sentiment of Ven. Fulton Sheen, Advent and Lent always "*start with a fast to prepare us for the feast that is to come.*"

Included in this weekend's bulletin is a double-sided insert. On one side is our yearly treatment of the Immaculate Conception as revealed in the Sacred Scriptures. It is my hope that this exegesis may be useful to both you and any family and friends who may wonder why the Church has, for the past two thousand years, held our Blessed Mother in such high esteem.

On the other side is a short history of and some interesting facts surrounding the life of St. Nicholas, the 4th Century Bishop of Myra (which is in modern-day Turkey). St. Nicholas' feast day falls this Tuesday, December 6th. The various accounts of generosity attributed to St. Nicholas is believed to be the roots of our own cultural approach to gift-giving on Christmas Day.

THE BELLS OF ST. JOSEPH - NEW CARILLON EDITION

Over our Thanksgiving Holiday, our new carillon system from Chime Master was installed. Our previous system, after 34 faithful years of service, rang the call to Mass one last time before being retired. (*It was able to play about half of the song before giving out.*) The new system, which is digital and has a vast library of hymns, was easily installed.

As a nod to our parish patron, the first hymn the new carillon rang out was "*St. Joseph was a Quiet Man*" (set to Kingsfold, or "*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*"). With a bevy of additional features, the new system should serve our parish well for many years. Thank you again for your continued support of our monthly Rainy Day Fund that made this unexpected but needed repair possible.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Marj Pogue.

Jesus is coming.
PREPARE YOUR HEART. RECEIVE HIS PEACE.

*Advent Parish Mission - Lord, Teach Us To Pray
 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,
 December 5, 6 and 7 - 7:00-8:00 PM
 Please refer to the bulletin board in the narthex for more information*



HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 7
 Praise & Worship Holy Hour -
 6:00-7:00 PM
 (Confession 5-5:45 PM)
 Feast of Immaculate Conception
 Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 8
 Immaculate Conception
 (A Holy Day of Obligation)
 Masses at 7:00 AM, Noon,
 and 7:00 PM

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Dec. 3 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 4 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 4 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Dec. 5 - Advent Parish Mission - 7-8:00 p.m.—
 Speakers: Rob & Vickie Lortie
- Tues., Dec. 6 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Con-
 fessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 6 - Advent Parish Mission - 7-8:00 p.m.—
 Speaker: Jason Garrett
- Wed., Dec. 7 - Praise and Worship Holy Hour 6-7:00 p.m. /
 Confessions 6-6:45 p.m. / Advent Parish Mission Vigil Mass
 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 8 - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30
 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- Thurs., Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary Feast day (A Holy Day of Obligation) -Masses
 7:00 a.m. / Noon and 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 10 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 10- Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 11 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 11 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 13 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Con-
 fessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 13 - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in
 the Conference Room.
- Tues., Dec. 13 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy
 Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the **Confer-
 ence Room** at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 13 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - will meet in the **Parish
 Social Hall** at 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 14 - Shema Culture "Worship Night and Mass" 6-
 7:30 p.m.

Weekend of December 10/11, 2022



5:00 Marita Crawfis
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Josie Andrews



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Volunteers
10:00 Volunteers



5:00 Angel or Zoe Soto, Isaiah/Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia, Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of November 26/27

Adult Envelopes- \$4,148.00
 Child Envelopes- \$0
 Loose- \$181.00
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,543.00
 All Saints Day- \$500.00
 Christmas Offering- \$5.00

Total- \$6,377.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,064.96 behind our
 budget for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$305.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
 are greatly appreciated.
 Thank you!*

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KARING FOR KIDS BLESSING TREE



All gifts, with their tags, **MUST** be
 returned before **Tuesday, December 6th.**
 Remember the gifts are **NOT** to be wrapped.
 Thank you for your kindness and generosity
 to those less fortunate in our community.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - Recitation of the Holy
 Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the
Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

G.I.R.L.'s night out (*Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving*)

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30
 p.m. in the **Parish Social Hall** for appetizers, games and fellow-
 ship. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!

Please join us for a
 Praise and Worship Holy Hour
 Wednesday, December 7th
 6:00-7:00 p.m.



What is Lectio Divina?



Lectio Divina is a contemplative
 way of reading the Bible.
 Join Fr. David Thursday,
 December 15th at 7:00 PM
 in the Parish Social Hall for
 An Introduction to *Lectio Divina*.

ATTENTION...Trained Lectors and Servers!

A sign up sheet was emailed to you with the December Minister's
 Calendar for the upcoming Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate
 Conception) and for our Christmas Masses. Volunteers are needed,
 please sign up to help where you are able. Thank you!



“HAIL, FULL OF GRACE! THE LORD IS WITH YOU.”

Luke 1:28

In the Gospel of St. Luke, the Archangel St. Gabriel greets the Blessed Virgin Mary by crying out “Hail, full of grace!” (Luke 1:28). This greeting is no ordinary greeting. St. Gabriel does not call the Blessed Virgin by her given name, which, in Hebrew, is מִרְיָם or *Miryam* (Mary). Instead, the archangel refers to her by a new name: Full of grace. In the Greek manuscript of the Gospel, this name is conveyed by the Greek word *κεχαριτωμένη* (*kecharitomene*).

This new name given to Mary by the archangel is found only in this single verse throughout the entirety of the Sacred Scriptures. To be given a new name communicates something that is permanent about the character of the one who is named. This is seen throughout the Old Testament, such as when Abram becomes Abraham (Genesis 17:5), Sarai becomes Sarah (Genesis 17:15), and Jacob becomes Israel (Genesis 32:28). To understand this significance in relation to Mary, we must look to the name itself as it has been given.

The Greek word *κεχαριτωμένη* (*kecharitomene*), meaning “full of grace,” is taken from the Greek verb *χαριτόω* (*charitōō*), meaning “to fill or endow with grace.” *Kecharitomene* is, in Greek, the past perfect tense of this verb. (In English, we refer to this tense as the pluperfect.) The past perfect tense of a verb denotes an action that has taken place in the past and has lasting results throughout time. In relation to Mary, the use of *kecharitomene* in the Gospel denotes an action that has taken place in the past, before the announcement of the angel, and that it continues throughout history.

What is this action? This action is the act of Mary being filled with God’s grace from the very moment of her conception and remaining full of His grace throughout her entire life. Therefore, when Mary is referred to as *kecharitomene*, it means that she is one who is and has always been full of God’s grace. The archangel uses this word as an adjective referring to Mary. For Mary, being full of grace is not simply an action, but expresses her very identity. Before she was the Mother of God [*theotokos*] (Luke 1:43), before she was Mother of the Church [*mater ecclesiae*] (John 19:27), she was, from her very beginning, *kecharitomene*, or “full of grace” (Luke 1:28).

Mary received this great gift as a result of that “singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race.” This understanding, as with all things Marian, points us to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Saint Nicholas

THE STORY of SAINT NICHOLAS

St. Nicholas was born at Patara, a seaside town in southern Turkey, to a Christian family in the third century. Orphaned at a young age, he used his inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the poor, as attested to in various accounts of his life. He was elected the Bishop of Myra and, under the emperor Diocletian, was exiled and imprisoned. After being freed, he attended the Council of Nicea in AD 325. He died in Myra on December 6, 343. He is the patron saint of grooms, brides, children, bakers, travelers, sailors, and merchants.

SYMBOLS of SAINT NICHOLAS



- 1 The MITRE is a symbol of the office of a bishop.
- 2 The CROSIER represents a shepherd's staff and is another symbol of the office of a bishop.
- 3 The BOOK OF THE GOSPEL represents the Word of God proclaimed to the world.



Three golden balls represent the story of a poor man who had three daughters. To avoid starving, he intended to sell his daughters into slavery, but St. Nicholas, having heard of this, came secretly at night and left a bag of gold at the man's house. Humbled by this experience, the grateful father repented and this story began the tradition of gift-giving on St. Nicholas' feast day.



Chains represent the belief that St. Nicholas was tortured during his imprisonment under the Roman emperors.



Grains of Wheat represent both the Most Holy Eucharist and a miracle in which St. Nicholas provided wheat for a city during a time of famine.



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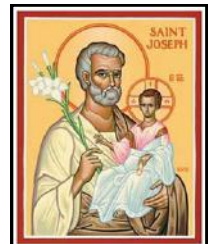
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