

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 7, 2025

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH
SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 PM PL

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15
AM, 10:30 (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUESDAY 1 PM to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES

1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

1ST SAT. DEVOTION
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY

1ST WED. 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Caroline Stepnoski
+ J. William and Greg Stelzer and Andy Kohn
Health for Edward Waskoski

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 7, 2025

8:00 am + Balbina Zilnicki
9:15 am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar
Rosary Society
10:30 am Birthday Blessings for Adam Wasilewski
(PL) Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
+ Wiesław Luniewski & Sofia Alicja
+ Czesława Zakrzewska / + Zofia Czaplak
12 Noon + Joseph Austin (A) and Dec'd Family Members

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MON., DEC. 8, 2025

7:00 am + Simone St. Onge / Int. of the Bonocore
Family
12 Noon + Stanley Cichanowicz, Jr.
7:00 pm (PL) The People of the Parish, Liv. & Dec'd.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

7:00 am + Robert Kaelin / + Maureen Fitzsimmons

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

7:00 am + Richard Stueber (A)
+ Caroline Stepnoski (1st A)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

7:00 am + Marguerite Parks

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

7:00 am + Patricia Liebler
In Thanksgiving for Marie Jubiter & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

8:00 am Blessings for Jacob Zaniewski
Blessings and Healing for Barbara Jaeger
5:00 pm + Janet, Steven and Dillon Perry
+ Joseph Ruthinowski (8th A) & Ronald Knorr
+ Caroline Stepnoski
Birthday Blessings for Michael Weber

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 14, 2025

8:00 am + Balbina Zilnicki
9:15 am + William Hulse (8th A)
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) + Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy & Roman Wilinski
+ Jerzy, Irena, Margaret (7th A) & Zbigniew
Aleksandrowicz and Family
Za dusze sw Pamieci Eugeniusz Biedrzycki
+ Czesława Zakrzewska

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes

Jerzy, Irena, Margaret, Zbigniew,
Bernard, Jan & Aleksandra Aleksandrowicz & Family

Sanctuary Lamp

Balbina Zilnicki

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6,
11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt
18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt
11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-
19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is
35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-1

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, Dec. 7: Sunday & Monthly School

Monday, Dec. 8: The Immaculate Conception

Next Week, Dec. 14: Sunday & Religious Retirement

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 7, 2025

"Behold...The Moment"

A Christmas Celebration 4 PM

Monday, December 8, 2025

The Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation—**Office Closed**

Masses 7 AM, 12 Noon, 7 PM (Polish)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM

Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Robert Chester, Dariusz Kalicki
Barbara Ann Drake

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Albert Stepnoski * Dottie Bogdan * James Raffel * Richard Abbott * Beverly Bullock * Joseph O'Shea * Baby John Krepps * Dottie Bugdin * Jadwiga Luniewska * Wanda Tuminska * Etta Jean Otis * Richard Anderson * Eric Frak * Andrew * Chris Bonocore * Ethan Donahue * Irene Monahan * Jodi Ponce * Catherine & Charles Sehy * Ben G. & Elizabeth * Wm. Snyder * Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * Joan Zaleski * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breittfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alpert * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Ernest & Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht and Hunter Bahnke

"Mary Moments During A Martha Season"

Come for tea and sit for a while during this busy season. There will be light and prayerful moments to pause and refresh yourself while enjoying tea and goodies.

Thursday, December 11th
1 pm to 2:30 pm

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.

Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 13, 2025

12 to 3 PM

Desmond's Restaurant at the East Wind

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ADVENT

LIVING IN CHRIST'S LIGHT

As the nights grow longer and the air turns colder, Advent arrives—not only as a season on the calendar, but as a call to our hearts. In a world where darkness can feel overwhelming—through suffering, division, and uncertainty—Advent reminds us that God has already answered with light.

From the beginning, God's light has pierced the shadows. The prophets saw it from afar, speaking of a coming Messiah who would bring justice, peace, and healing. In Bethlehem, that promised light took flesh. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World stepped into our night with the warmth of love and the power of truth.

Each Advent candle, each quiet moment of prayer, becomes a step on the path from darkness to light. As the candles grow in number each week—hope, peace, joy and love—we are invited to let Christ's light grow within us. The flicker of a flame reminds us: He is near. He is coming. He is already here.

But Advent is not just about seeing the light. It is about living in it. Christ doesn't shine so we can remain the same; He shines so we can become radiant with His love. His light transforms our hearts, softens our judgments, strengthens our courage and sends us out as bearers of that same light.

In this sacred season, we are called to reflect His light—to offer hope to the lonely, peace to the anxious, joy to the weary, and love to the forgotten. Whether we light a candle on the wreath or a string of lights on the tree, let each small flame be a prayer.

**COME, LORD JESUS. LIGHT THE WAY.
DWELL IN US. SHRINE THROUGH US.**

This Advent, may we not only watch for Christ's coming but prepare to live as children of the light—joyful, radiant, and ready to welcome Him.

FROM CANDLES TO CHRISTMAS LIGHT

ILLUMINATING THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Candles have long symbolized Advent, representing the light of Christ coming into a world darkened by sin. The tradition dates back to early Christian customs in Europe, where people lit candles during the darkest days of winter as a sign of hope and expectation. Over time, this merged with Christian liturgical practices—especially in medieval Germany—giving rise to the Advent wreath.

The wreath usually holds four candles—three purple and one pink—lit one by one on each Sunday of Advent. Some include a fifth white candle, the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Day. Each flame represents a theme: hope, peace, joy and love. As more candles are lit, the growing light reflects the increasing anticipation of Christ's birth.

More than seasonal decoration, candles serve as a visual spiritual countdown to Christmas. Their soft glow invites stillness, prayer, and reflection in a season often marked by hurry. They help focus our hearts on the mystery and joy of the Incarnation.

Christmas lights continue this tradition in a broader, more public way. Like Advent candles, they symbolize Christ as the Light of the World—a promise kindled in Advent and fulfilled on Christmas Day. The practice of lighting homes and trees began when Christians placed candles in windows as a sign of welcome and hope. When electric lights introduced in the late 19th century, the traditions expanded to homes, trees, and city streets.

Each light we see—whether candle or bulb—echoes the same message: light overcomes the darkness. Jesus, the true Light, has come to bring warmth, joy, and peace. As candles call us to quiet reflection, Christmas lights proclaim in celebration that the Light has arrived.

Advent Adventure: Hope, Peace & Love

Advent is a season of waiting, watching and preparing marking the beginning of the Christian liturgical year and spanning the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The word “Advent” comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” It is a time when we reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ—both His first coming in Bethlehem and His promised return in glory.

WEEK 1—HOPE *Awaiting the Light*

As Advent begins, we are reminded that hope is more than wishful thinking—it is a confident expectation rooted in God’s faithfulness. In a world that often feels dark and uncertain, the light of Christ breaks through, promising a future that is secure in Him. This week, let us pause to remember that God’s promises are true. The long-awaited Messiah has come, and He will come again. We wait in hope, not passively, but with hearts prepared and eyes lifted toward the horizon.

Lord, help me to live with hopeful anticipation. Even when the world feels uncertain, remind me that You are always at work, bringing light into darkness.

WEEK 2—PEACE *Calm in the Chaos*

The peace Christ offers is unlike the temporary calm the world gives. It is a deep, abiding peace that anchors us amid life’s storms. This week, as the pace of the season quickens, we are invited to slow down and dwell in the stillness of God’s presence. Advent peace isn’t the absence of conflict, but the presence of Christ. He is our Prince of Peace, reconciling us to God and one another.

Jesus, during holiday noise and personal unrest, be my peace. Quiet my anxious thoughts and remind me that Your presence is enough.

WEEK 3—JOY *A Lightness of Being*

This third week, known as Gaudete Sunday, invites us to rejoice. Joy is more than a fleeting emotion—it is a response to God’s goodness, even in difficulty. The coming of Jesus is the ultimate cause for joy. The shepherds, the angels, and even Mary sang for joy at the news of His arrival. Let us, too, lift our hearts and voices in celebration. The Lord is near!

God of joy, teach me to rejoice in You, regardless of my circumstances. Fill me with the joy that comes from knowing You and anticipating Your coming.

WEEK 4—LOVE *God with Us*

Love is the heart of Advent. In sending His Son, God wrapped Himself in humanity and moved into our neighborhood. Christ’s coming is the ultimate act of love—sacrificial, unearned, and everlasting. As we light the final candle, we are reminded that love is not just something we receive; it’s something we’re called to live out. In this final stretch toward Christmas, let us embody that love in our relationships, generosity, and compassion.

Lord, thank You for loving me first. Help me to share that love with others, not just in words, but in action and truth. May my life reflect the love of Christ this Advent.

Heralds of the King

(by Fr. Carter Griffin)

You can hear the heartbeat in Jesus's voice. *Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him.* The disciples realized that Jesus was speaking of John the Baptist, the forerunner sent by God to prepare the way for the Messiah.

God continues to send forerunners to prepare hearts for his Son, people who follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist. Like him, they are often unrecognized. There is a story about Saint Francis of Assisi singing through the forests of Umbria near Gubbio a pair of robbers jumped from the trees and, startled by his appearance, demanded to know who he was. Francis responded, "I am the Herald of a great King!"

The King’s herald in our lives, humbler than these mighty Saints, are often just as hidden and unrecognized. One “forerunner” in my life was a Felician Sister named Sister Maria, my second- grade teacher. In my young life, she was the kindest and most loving person I knew outside my family. Fifteen years later, I converted to Catholicism and eventually became a Catholic priest. It was only in hindsight that I realized how quietly and beautifully she prepared the way for the Lord in my heart.

Today we can give thanks for all whom the King has sent into our lives, heralds perhaps hidden and unrecognized, who prepared our hearts to receive him.