



DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

MASS TIMES:

DAILY: Mon - Sat - 8:30am

SAT: 4pm

SUN: 9am, 11am

1pm at Vistancia Elementary
School

Dec 8th Holy Day: See Page 2

CONFESIONS:

SAT: 9:30am - 10:30am

TUES & THURS: 5pm - 6pm,

ADORATION:

THURS: 9am - 6pm, 12pm

Benediction, Transfer to Chapel

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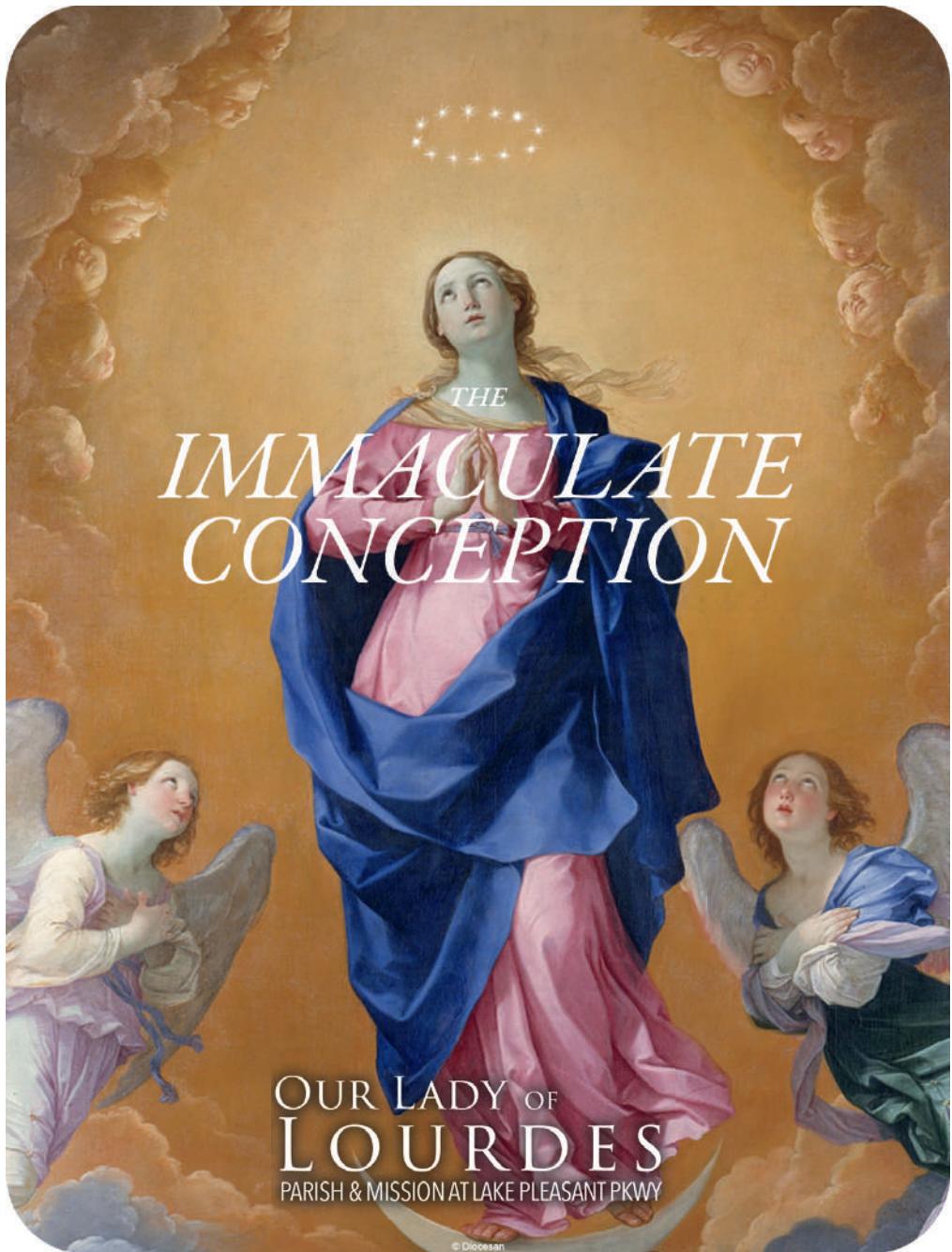
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Instructing all in the Truth of the Catholic Faith
Upholding the dignity of human life by nourishing it from
conception and strengthening it to the end
Following the Way of Jesus in our Worship and Living

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass Times will be: 9am, 11am and 4pm



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, December 7th

9:00am For the Parishioners
 11:00am † For the Souls of Edna & Herb Chew
 1:00pm † For the Soul of Francis McElroy

Monday, December 8th

9:00am † For the Soul of Edwin C. Knutson
 11:00am † For the Soul of William "Bill" Carroll
 4:00pm † For the Soul of Bruce Langenbach

Tuesday, December 9th

8:30am † For the Soul of Nicholas Haja

Wednesday, December 10th

8:30am † For the Soul of Erin Pifher Manley

Thursday, December 11th

8:30am † For the Soul of Rick Stoddard

Friday, December 12th

8:30am † For the Soul of Dolores Murphy

Saturday, December 13th

8:30am † For the Soul of Andrew Frison
 4:00pm † For the Soul of Mary Cashin

Sunday, December 14th

9:00am † For the Souls of William A. Smith
 11:00am For the Parishioners
 1:00pm † For the Soul of Jake McCormic

WEEKLY READINGS:



Sunday, December 7th

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 8th

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Tuesday, December 9th

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

Wednesday, December 10th

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

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

Thursday, December 11th

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

Friday, December 12th

Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13th

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

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

Sunday, December 14th

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

WEEKLY GIVINGS:



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\$20,111.30



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Be Prepared

"If the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into, So to you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Derived from the Latin word “adventus,” Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” With great hope, we anticipate the arrival of our Lord and Savior born to us as the light of the world at Christmas; and also at the end of time when he comes again. We pray, we repent, we give of ourselves more faithfully, and we make more room in our hearts for the holy and living presence of Jesus Christ. Advent is a season to practice a greater focus on staying awake to help us be prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ in every moment of our lives.

Petition:

That we may prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our constant and forever hope, we pray....

Stewardship: Grace In Action

This Advent, let's prepare together — not only with candles and prayers, but with lives that reflect the hope we proclaim. Ask yourself:

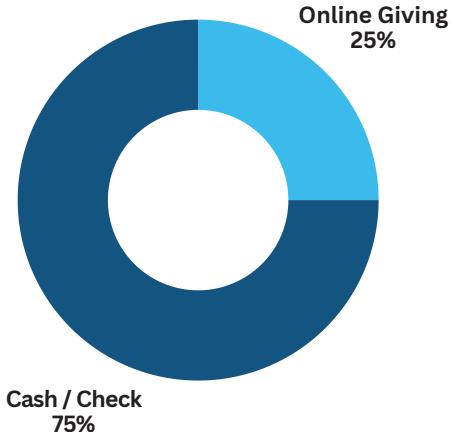
- **Where is God asking me to give more faithfully?**
Not just from surplus, but from trust.
- **Who needs my presence and care right now?**
A neighbor, a ministry, a family in hardship, a lonely soul.
- **What part of my heart have I kept closed?**
Advent is a grace-filled moment to reopen it.

Stewardship isn't only about resources.

It's about readiness. It's how we stay spiritually awake.

Your Sacrificial Giving Totals
November 23, 2025
Thank you for sharing your treasure!

Plate Giving (Cash & Check)	\$12,895.30
Mission Giving	\$690
Electronic Giving	\$6,526
Thanksgiving	\$15
Building Fund	\$20
Respect Life	\$1117
Maintenance Fund	\$0
Operations Fund	\$0
Total Giving	\$20,111.30



How Will You Be A Good Steward?

Advent is short, but it is powerful. Christ is coming — in glory at the end of time, yes, but also in the ordinary hours of our days. Let's not miss Him by being distracted or hesitant.

Stay awake. Prepare your heart.

Live Stewardship boldly.

For any questions on how to give to our Parish, email:

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ST. NICHOLAS, DEFENDER OF TRUTH AND CHARITY

By Joey Langenbach

Saint Nicholas lived in the fourth century. He served as the Bishop of Myra, which is in present day Turkey. Historical accounts show strong leadership, direct action, and deep faith. His life shaped Christian practice for centuries. His name became linked to generosity, protection, and care for the poor.

Nicholas was born into a Christian family. His parents died when he was young. He inherited their wealth and distributed it to those in need. Stories about these gifts spread through Christian communities. Many families remember the account of Nicholas providing dowries for three young women who lacked money for marriage. He did this in secret. He aimed to shield them from harm and protect their dignity. This is why he is known as a patron of children and the poor.

Nicholas defended the faith during a period of conflict. In the early Church, leaders gathered to address false teaching. One of the most serious errors came from Arius. Arius taught that Christ was not equal to the Father. This teaching denied the full divinity of Jesus. The Council of Nicaea met in the year 325 to resolve the dispute. Tradition holds that Nicholas confronted Arius in person. Reports state that Nicholas struck Arius across the face. His action expressed a firm rejection of the teaching. The council later affirmed the full divinity of Christ in the Nicene Creed, which we profess at Mass. The story of Nicholas and Arius shows a bishop who protected the truth of the Gospel with conviction. Nicholas faced imprisonment during earlier persecutions of Christians. Records show that he suffered for the faith but did not abandon his ministry. His endurance encouraged many believers in his region. He returned to his duties after the persecution ended and continued to guide his flock.

After his death, devotion to Nicholas spread across Europe. Churches were dedicated in his honor. Sailors, families, merchants, and children sought his intercession. Over time, different cultures developed customs connected to his generosity. These traditions shaped popular celebrations in December in many nations.

The Feast of Saint Nicholas invites reflection on two themes. The first is charity. Nicholas shared his wealth and supported the weak. The second is fidelity to truth. Nicholas defended the divinity of Christ even when strong opposition rose around him.

As you prepare for the Advent season, give attention to these two examples. Give to those who lack support. Hold firm to the faith that Nicholas defended. Ask for his intercession for your family and for our parish.

Our Lady of Lourdes

OCIA Announcement

Class Times

Dec. 14th
The Holy Spirit & The Life of Grace:
Gods Divine Life Within Us

Fr. McGivney Room After 9am Mass

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 12-2

Future 2026 Dates

1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/9, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3

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\$4,100 in monetary donations
143 turkeys (totaling more than 2,000 pounds)
Over 1,100 pounds of non-perishable food

Your remarkable generosity will bring real hope and comfort to many local families this Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season. We are humbled and profoundly thankful for your ongoing partnership in this important work.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Knights of Columbus events!

Vivat Jesus!



Volunteer Needed

Our Lady of Lourdes is looking for parishioners to volunteer in the front office

DAYS NEEDED

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Our first Training & Information Session will be held on December 13th at 8:00 AM.

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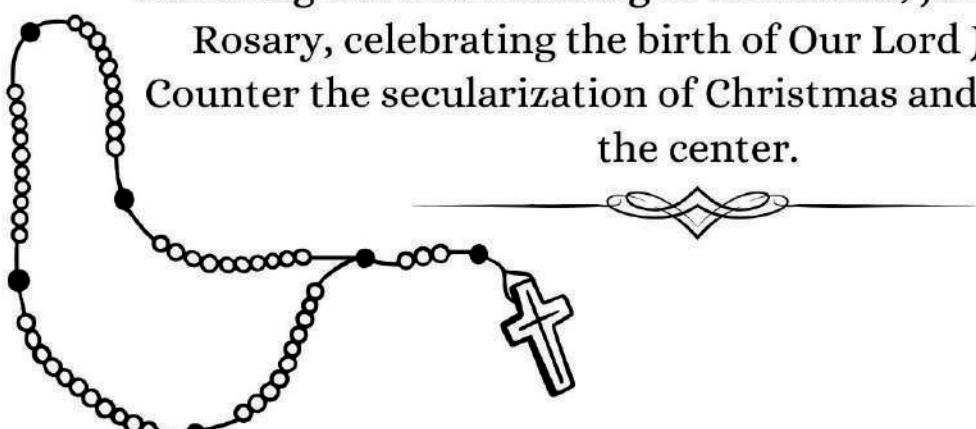
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Keep Christ *In* *Christmas*

Keep Christ in Christmas Rosary Rally
Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 12:00 noon
Portico and Grotto area facing 128th Ave. on Our Lady of
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Honoring the true meaning of Christmas, join us to pray the Rosary, celebrating the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Counter the secularization of Christmas and keep Christ at the center.



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Time & Date: Sunday on Nov 16th, and Dec 14th

- 3:30 PM - Confession
- 4:00 PM - Mass

Location: St Bridget Church,
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Celebrant: Fr. Harold Escarcega



Miraculous Medal Novena

Please join us to pray the Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday after the 8:30am Mass.

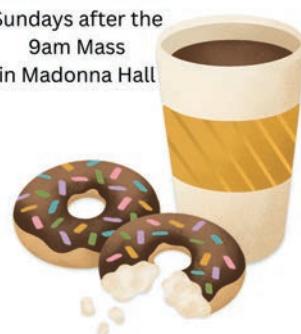
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PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES (Nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, etc.) AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF (December 20 & 21).



Ayman Khair is representing Christian families from the Holy Land. These families have been dependent upon sales of their hand carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East and the War tourism has been stopped completely.

It is very important to support them at this critical time since they have no income and there is no tourism at all. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United States to purchase their articles.

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Sadly enough, the Christian population dropped from 22 % to less than 2% in the last 20 years. Thank you in advance for your support.





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