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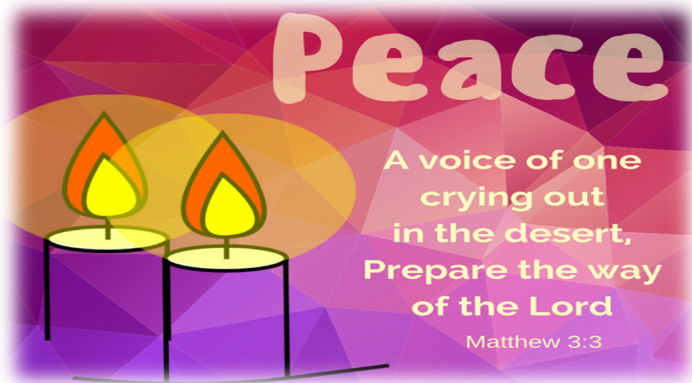
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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

On the HORIZON

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| December 7 | 9:30 AM First Sunday Breakfast |
| | Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| December 7 | 7:00 PM Mass in Santa Clara (Spa) |
| December 8 | 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) 7:00PM Spanish Mass - Wallace |
| December 9 | 9:00 – 11:30 AM Mass/Advent Retreat Fr. Brian, Legionnaire of Christ |
| December 16 | 11:30 AM WOTC Advent Prayer Service Christmas tea |

Background of the Gospel

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

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Our Mission

To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.

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New Office Hours

Mon. 9-6 PM (Wallace)

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

Wed. 2-6 PM (Magnolia)

Thur. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

3-6 PM (Wallace)

Fri. 9-12 PM (Wallace)

Call to make an appointment

Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Wallace)

Wed. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Magnolia)

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM (Wallace)

Reconciliation

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

Weekend Mass Schedule

Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Spanish

Santa Clara Mission

Sunday 1:00 PM Spanish

Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.)

Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.)

Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

The Pope's Monthly Intention (December):

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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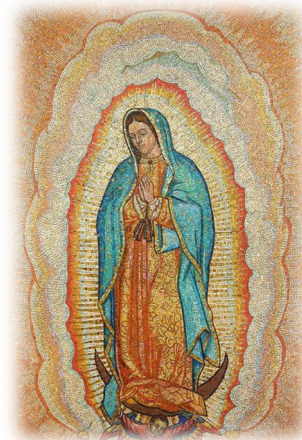
Blair Davis, James Callahan, Kaye Foster, Cheryl Crismore Coughlin, Kelly Parish, James Keeney, Jim Scott, Norm Green, Tom Tworkowski, Tom Stracuzzi, Robert Czachor, Anna White, Sandra Parker, Stan Lavis, Richard Mulliner, Angie Staub, Sandy Reed, Addie DePersiis, Atticus Davis, Jen Matera, Jay D Hunter, Bev Plattner.

Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

Hospitality

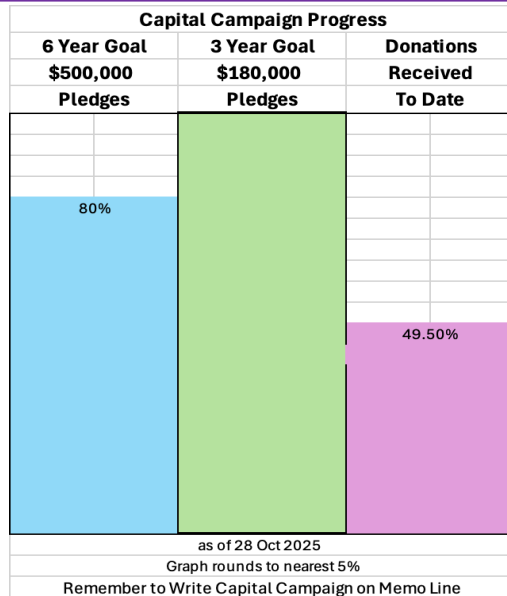
First Sunday Breakfast December 7, 2025

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer offered with deepfelt confidence to beg this favor.... O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" the virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate heart was pierced by seven wounds of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns thrown across my pathway. Queen of Apostles aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Parish Ministries & Committees

Capital Campaign Progress Report



Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

| | Oct Budget | Oct Actuals | Oct Expense |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Offertory | \$14,675 | \$15,672 | |
| Maintenance | \$2,485 | \$4,224 | |
| Others | | \$ | |
| Total | \$17,160 | \$19,896 | \$26,503 |
| Net Revenue | | | (\$6,607) |

*Includes the Rectory Loan Payment of \$333.00

Liturgy Committee

Catholics observe **Holy Days of Obligation**—such as the Immaculate Conception—not mainly out of fear of sin, but as an expression of **mature, responsible faith**. Mature believers understand that faith grows when we intentionally make space for God. These solemnities highlight central mysteries of salvation, inviting us to slow down, worship, and receive grace. The “obligation” is not meant as a burden but as a **call to prioritize God amid our busy lives**, recognizing that worship nourishes the soul.

Attending Mass on these days strengthens our identity as a community of believers, not just individuals. Mature faith understands that honoring God with our presence, gratitude, and prayer is an act of love and stewardship of our spiritual life. In this sense, the obligation is really a **gift**—a rhythm that keeps our hearts anchored in God’s saving work.

Christmas Concert & Dinner

Join us on **Friday, December 12 at 6:00 PM** for our **Christmas Concert**, followed immediately by a warm and festive **Parish Christmas Dinner** in the hall organized by the Knights of Columbus.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come as you are, and BYOB!

Let’s rejoice, sing, and share a beautiful evening as one parish family preparing our hearts for the birth of the Lord.

Christmas and New Year’s Masses

Christmas Masses Schedule

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| Dec. 24 | 5 PM | English |
| | 7 PM | Spanish |
| | 9 PM | Spanish (Santa Clara) |
| Dec 25 | 8:30 AM | English |

Mary, Mother of God (New Year’s Masses)

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| Dec. 31 | 5 PM | English |
| | 7 PM | Spanish |
| | 9 PM | Spanish (Santa Clara) |
| Jan 1 | 8:30 AM | English |

Holy Days of Obligation in the United States – 2026

1. January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
2. May 14 Ascension Thursday
(in provinces that celebrate on Thursday)
3. August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4. November 1 All Saints’ Day
5. December 8 Immaculate Conception
6. December 25 Christmas (Nativity of the Lord)

Weekly Schedule (December 6 - 13)

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| Saturday 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM | <p>Wedding Convalidation</p> <p>Confessions</p> <p>Vigil Mass (Eng)</p> <p>+Sister Mary Robert Wain requested by John and Julia Callahan</p> <p>+Lita Hopkins requested by Richard and Jennifer Ciuccoli</p> | <p>Greeters:</p> <p>Transporter:</p> <p>Lectors:</p> <p>EMC:</p> <p>Altar Servers:</p> | <p>Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8</p> <p>B Jaco</p> <p>R Homan</p> <p>J Peterson, J Hodgson</p> <p>D Schulz, D Conte, Deacon Mike</p> <p>M McCarthy</p> |
| Sunday 8:30 AM 9:30AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM | <p>Mass</p> <p>+Dan Kusnierz requested by Ed and Donna Schulz</p> <p>First Sunday Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday Mass (Spanish)</p> <p>Sunday Mass (Santa Clara)</p> | <p>Greeters:</p> <p>Transporter:</p> <p>Lectors:</p> <p>EMC:</p> <p>Altar Servers:</p> <p>Greeters:</p> <p>Transporter:</p> <p>Lectors:</p> <p>EMC:</p> <p>Altar Servers</p> | <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12</p> <p>J Flatley, B Flatley</p> <p>M Masinick</p> <p>K Mackey, D Davis</p> <p>P George, R Hirshkind, Deacon</p> <p>Neil, Leah, Isaac</p> <p>Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto</p> <p>Jorge, Tino, Jorge</p> <p>Vivian, Delmi</p> <p>Alba, Marvin, Lucy</p> <p>Dorian, Sofia, Jairo</p> |
| Monday 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 6:30 PM | <p>Mass of Obligation (Immaculate Conception)</p> <p>Bible Study</p> <p>Adoration</p> <p>Online Rosary: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593</p> <p>Misa de Obligación (Inamculada Concepcion)</p> | | <p>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p> <p>Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38</p> |
| Tuesday 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 6:30 PM | <p>Mass/Fr. Brian</p> <p>Advent Retreat/Fr. Brian</p> <p><i>Fr. Randy at Deaney Penance Services</i></p> | | <p>Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14</p> |
| Wednesday 10:00 AM 7:00 PM | <p>Funeral Mass for +Dan Kusnierz</p> <p>No Mass (Santa Clara)</p> | | <p>Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30</p> |
| Thursday 10:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM | <p>Communion Service/Adoration/Morning Prayer</p> <p><i>Fr. Randy is at Deaney Penance Services</i></p> | | <p>Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15</p> |
| Friday 9:00 AM | <p>Mass</p> | | <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38</p> |
| Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM | <p>Confession</p> <p>Vigil Mass</p> | | <p>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</p> <p>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13</p> |

Prayers and best wishes to all parishioners who are celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in December.