



## *Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church*

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

### **On the HORIZON**

#### **Christmas Masses**

December 24, 2025

5:00 PM Vigil Mass (English)

7:00 PM Vigil Mass (Spa- TJC)

9:00 PM Vigil Mass (Spa – STC)

December 25, 2025

8:30 AM

Mass of the Day (English)

#### **Mary Mother of God (New Year's masses)**

December 31, 2025

5:00 PM Vigil Mass (English)

7:00 PM Vigil Mass (Spa- TJC)

9:00 PM Vigil Mass (Spa – STC)

January 1, 2026

8:30 AM

Mass of the Day (English)

### **Background of the Gospel**

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].”

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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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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#### 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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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.

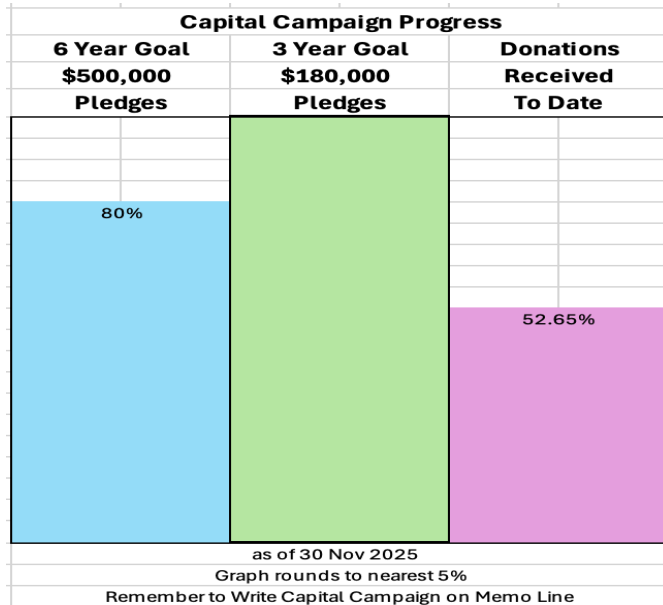


*May your Christmas be joyous and  
filled with Christ now and always.  
Happy Christmas!*



## Parish Ministries & Committees

### Capital Campaign Progress Report



### Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

	Oct Budget	Oct Actuals	Oct Expense
Offertory	\$17,820	\$20,314	
Maintenance	\$3,475	\$4,853	
Others		\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,160</b>	<b>\$19,896</b>	<b>\$19,868</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>			<b>\$5,299</b>

\*Includes the Rectory Loan Payment of \$333.00

May the newborn King bless your home with joy, love, and lasting peace this Christmas.  
Happy Christmas!!!

## Parish Highlights



### Weekly Schedule (December 20 - 27)

<p>Saturday</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>3:00 PM</p> <p>4:30 PM</p> <p>5:00 PM</p>	<p>Quinceañera (Santa Clara)</p> <p>Wedding Convalidation (Transfiguration)</p> <p>Confessions</p> <p>Vigil Mass (Eng)</p> <p>+Samuel Owen requested by Victor Matera</p> <p>+Lita Hopkins requested by Bob and Mary Farina</p>	<p>Greeters:</p> <p>Transporter:</p> <p>Lectors:</p> <p>EMC:</p> <p>Altar Servers:</p>	<p>Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38</p> <p>P Schaeffer</p> <p>R Homan</p> <p>L Schembri, B Russell</p> <p>B Keeney, J Couch, Deacon Mike</p> <p>M McCarthy</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>8:30 AM</p> <p>9:00AM</p> <p>10:30 AM</p> <p>1:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass</p> <p>Faith Formation Classes</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><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24</p> <p>J Flatley, B Flatley</p> <p>K Lutze</p> <p>G Stracuzza, T Vandiver</p> <p>R Hirshkind, B Harran, Deacon Mike</p> <p>Neil, Isaac, Leah</p> <p>Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto</p> <p>Jorge, Tino, Jorge</p> <p>Olga L, Emelina</p> <p>Tino, Hilda, Joseph</p> <p>Dorian, Sofia, Jairo</p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>9:00 AM</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>7:00 PM</p>	<p>Mass</p> <p>Adoration</p> <p>Online Rosary: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593</a></p> <p>Mass (Spanish)</p>		<p>1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>			<p>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>5:00 PM</p> <p>7:00 PM</p> <p>9:00 PM</p>	<p>Vigil Nativity of the Lord</p> <p>Mass (English – Wallace)</p> <p>Mass (Spanish – Wallace)</p> <p>Mass (Spanish – Magnolia)</p>		<p>Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)</p> <p>Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)</p> <p>Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>8:30 AM</p>	<p>Nativity of Lord</p> <p>Mass (English – Wallace)</p> <p>+Jennifer Erin Minter requested by AJ and Theresa Elias</p>		<p>Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>9:00 AM</p>	<p>No Mass/No Communion Service</p>		<p>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</p> <p>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>4:30 PM</p> <p>5:00 PM</p>	<p>Confession</p> <p>Vigil Mass</p>		<p>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</p> <p>1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8</p>