



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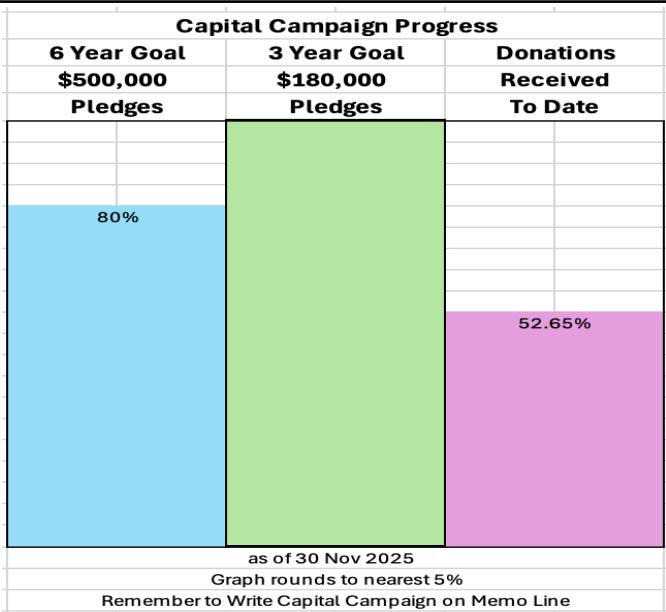
Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.



*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		\$	
Total	\$17,160	\$19,896	\$19,868
Net Revenue			\$5,299

*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)

Saturday 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Quinceañera (Santa Clara) Wedding Convalidation (Transfiguration) Confessions Vigil Mass (Eng) +Samuel Owen requested by Victor Matera +Lita Hopkins requested by Bob and Mary Farina	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 P Schaeffer R Homan L Schembri, B Russell B Keeney, J Couch, Deacon Mike M McCarthy
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Sunday 8:30 AM	Mass	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 J Flatley, B Flatley K Lutze G Stracuzza, T Vandiver R Hirshkind, B Harran, Deacon Mike Neil, Isaac, Leah
9:00AM 10:30 AM	Faith Formation Classes Sunday Mass (Spanish)	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto Jorge, Tino, Jorge Olga L, Emelina Tino, Hilda, Joseph Dorian, Sofia, Jairo
1:00 PM	Sunday Mass (Santa Clara)	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers	

Monday 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Adoration Online Rosary: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593 Mass (Spanish)	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday		Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday 5:00 PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Vigil Nativity of the Lord Mass (English – Wallace) Mass (Spanish – Wallace) Mass (Spanish – Magnolia)	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13) Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14) Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)
Thursday 8:30 AM	Nativity of Lord Mass (English – Wallace) +Jennifer Erin Minter requested by AJ and Theresa Elias	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday 9:00 AM	No Mass/No Communion Service	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confession Vigil Mass	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8