



Weekly Calendar

11/30	Saturday – 5:00pm Mass Intentions: People of the Parish
12/1	Sunday – 1100am Mass Intentions: Natalie Fortuna Lewis
12/6	Friday – MASS at 8:00am Intentions:
12/7	Saturday – 5:00pm Mass Intentions: People of the Parish
12/8	Sunday – 11:00am Intentions: Sandra G. Monroe

Ministry Schedule

DATE	TIME	PEOPLE
SAT 11/30	5PM	Lec:
		EuM:
SUN 12/1	11AM	Lec:
		EuM:



Offertory Collection for 11/24

General Offertory	.00
2nd Collection	.00
Mass Stipends	.00
Paint Night	.00
All Souls Intentions	.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	.00
All Saints Day	.00
Total	.00



Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



“Conquering the tongue is better than fasting on bread and water.”

St. John of the Cross

PARISH NEWS

Sunday, December 8th, Lunch with Santa at 12:00n in the Parish Hall. RSVP deadline is TODAY! Sign up sheet is in the back of church. Attendees are asked to bring ziti or cookies to share.

Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be 9:00am at Refuge of Sinners and 7:00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Sunday – December 15th @ 3:00pm – joint Parish Christmas Party at Refuge of Sinners Parish Hall. Information flyer with all the details is located on the tables in the back of church. Please RSVP by December 8th.

Please note this bulletin was submitted early for the Thanksgiving Holiday, therefore, no offertory collection information or ministry schedule was available at time of printing.

What Is the Meaning of Advent?

Within the Catholic faith, the season of Advent holds profound meaning. It serves a twofold purpose:

- **Preparation for the Birth of Christ:** Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. We reflect on the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, their fulfillment in Jesus our hope (1 Tim. 1:1), and thus the mission of salvation he’s given to us as members of the one Church he founded.
- **A Call to Conversion:** It’s also a season of introspection and renewal. The liturgical color purple reminds us of our imperfections and the need for repentance. By acknowledging our shortcomings, we open ourselves to God’s grace and prepare ourselves to receive the gift of Christ. Also, penance—such as through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—helps us quiet and discipline our hearts for the joy of Christmas (see *Catechism* 1434). In that light, without an Advent fast it’s harder to prepare for a Christmas.

In essence, this season is a bridge between the past, present, and future. It allows us to look back on the hope for the Savior of the World, experience anew the joy of his arrival and also his reign in the present through his Church, and to prepare ourselves for his glorious return at his Second Coming.

Sundays of Advent

Each Sunday of Advent holds a special significance, as symbolized by [the respective four candles of the Advent wreath](#):

- **First Sunday of Advent:** This Sunday marks the beginning of the season and traditionally focuses on the theme of **hope**, symbolized by the Prophet’s Candle which points to the long-expected Savior (see Tit. 2:13; John 3:16–17).