

St. Monica Church

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Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Rosary 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Wed & Fri.
9:00 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday OF ADVENT



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

Gospel:

"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus.
because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:20-21)

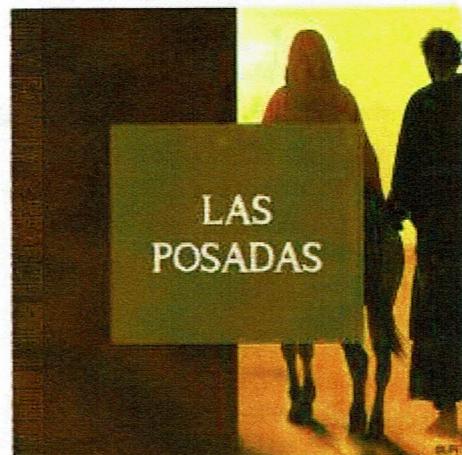
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. John of Kenty, Priest
Wednesday:	Christmas Eve
Thursday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family



Devotions, Explained!

Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition which recreates the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. This nine-day devotion anticipates the birth of Jesus Christ, who seeks refuge in the heart of every man and woman.

Prayer for Advent - Miracles

Dear God,
You are in the miracle business.
I still believe that You can move
mountains and separate seas.
Break into every unknown and
astound us with Your goodness
and grace.
Amen.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

CCD - Christmas Break

December 11 - January 14

NTLC - Christmas Break

December 12 - January 13

Tuesday, December 23 - 9am:

St. Augustine

Decorate the Church for Christmas.

Wednesday, December 24:

Christmas Carol 4:30 pm and

Christmas Vigil Mass 5 pm at Monica

Thursday, December 25:

Christmas Day Mass

St Augustine at 9am in English

Mass at St. Augustine at 11am in Spanish

Thursday, January 1:

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass at St. Augustine at 9 am in English

Mass at St. Augustine at 11 am in Spanish

Wednesday, January 21: 10 am to 3 pm

Catholic Leadership Institute Programs continues

St. Monica

Tuesday, February 10

Parish Council Meeting at St. M @ 5pm

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

December 2025

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.

Wednesday, February 11: 10 am to 3 pm

Catholic Leadership Institute Programs

St. Monica

Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday.

Mass at 9 am at St. Monica

5:30 pm at St. Augustine

and 7:30 pm in Spanish.

Monday, February 23.

Spring Soccer Registration Begins

March 8 to 10.

Parish Lenten Revival @ St. Monica

Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

Begins daily at 6 pm (English)

March 16 to 18.

Parish Lenten Revival @ St. Augustine

Fr. Juan Grajeda

Begins at 6 pm daily (Spanish)

Christmas Baskets

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Salvation Army 12:30 - 2pm

1029 N. Denver

From the desk of Fr. C.,

Today, on the 4th Sunday of Advent, the readings get more specific about Christmas. Let's begin with the Gospel's story of Joseph.

Matthew's version of the Christmas story is tied very closely to the evangelist's central focus of presenting to his Jewish-Christian community that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law. It begins with a very detailed genealogy that traces the family line of Abraham through several generations, through David, and all the way to Joseph, husband of Mary. And in today's passage, we see that same Joseph confronted with the impossible and embarrassing pregnancy of the woman with whom he is betrothed.

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."*

In today's First Reading from Isaiah, we have the very passage quoted by Matthew, almost word for word. In this passage, we are dropped right in the middle of a complicated storyline. Ahaz, king of Judah and descendant of David, had already turned against the Lord by forming an alliance with Assyria, an enemy of Israel, against the counsel of his advisor Isaiah. There would indeed be a future king, Hezekiah, born of a young, unmarried woman. Hezekiah, mentioned in Matthew's genealogy, would ensure the continuation of the royal line of David. The Catholic Church teaches a transcendent fulfillment of this Isaiah passage in the birth of Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph of the royal line of David.

The role of the Holy Spirit is also affirmed in the Second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Holy Spirit helps explain the impossibility of a virgin birth and the miracle of God become human. It is Joseph's openness to the Holy Spirit that allows him to put aside his fear and accept Mary as his wife. Inspired by the Spirit, Joseph comes to realize that in his own impossible circumstances, "God is with him." That's Good News. God is with us! Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray..

Heavenly Father,

On this fourth Sunday of Advent,
we pause in gratitude for the gift of Your unfailing love.

As we light the final candle, may its warm glow
remind us of the light Christ brings into a world longing for hope, peace, and joy.

Fill our hearts with compassion that mirrors Your own,
and teach us to love others as You have loved us—selflessly, patiently,
and without condition. Prepare us to welcome Jesus not only in celebration of His birth,
but in the daily choices we make to live out His love.

May this week be a time of reflection, kindness,
and readiness, so that when Christmas dawns,
our hearts are open and our lives shine with Your presence.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
(Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

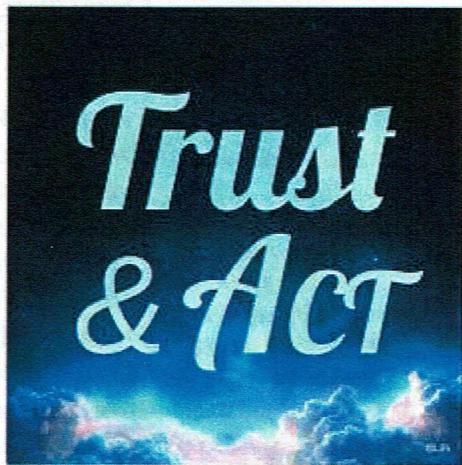
Saturday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home"** (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Robert Musgrove
Geraldine Jones
Carmel & JC Thompson
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Lemond Harris
Rita Fuselier
Lodis Dodd-Phillips
Helen Thompson
LaQuita Thierry
Juanita Thierry
Glen Vann
Nora Faye Henderson-Evans
Loly & Ruth Page
Nelson Wallace Jr.
Rita & Wellington Hughes
Dirk Ricard
Cheryl Pyles
Norton Family

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Gary Randolph Davis
Carmel Dennard
James & Ruth Sayles
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Roy Stake
Larry Potts
Michael Thierry
Nathaniel Thompson
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Tom Harris
Evelyn Todd
Evonne Henderson
David DeJear
Shamika Figures
Fr. Ivan Hughes
Olena Shaver
Tom Thomas
Nickles Family

Mary Rogers
Samuel West
Don Terry Davis
Mayo & Colleen Brooks
Leo Sayles
Calvin "Butch" Burton
Kennard Fuselier
Connie & Lola Thierry
Maziah Brown & Family
Theodore Thompson
Lawrence Thierry
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