

Holy Family Traditional Roman Catholic Church

A parish of the Religious Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen (CMRI)



Traditional Latin Mass
according to the Tridentine Rite
codified by St. Pius V

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Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

Sunday, December 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
9:00 AM	Pro Populo	Benediction
Monday, December 22	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, V (St. Demetrios, M)	
9:00 AM	Matthew Bedel	
Tuesday, December 23	St. Thomas, Ap (St. Victoria, VM)	
9:00 AM	Ambrose Peterschick (<i>Robert & Aundrea Bloch</i>)	
Wednesday, December 24	Vigil of the Nativity	Fast & Complete Abstinence
9:00 AM	RIP Jefferey Johns (<i>Maria Johns family</i>)	
Thursday, December 25	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (St. Anastasia, M)	Holy Day
Midnight Mass	Pro Populo	
8:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Friday, December 26	St. Stephen, Protomartyr	
No Mass		
Saturday, December 27	St. John, ApEv	
No Mass		
Sunday, December 28	Holy Innocents	
9:00 AM	Pro Populo	

Mass Intentions ~ Cash is preferred, however, if using a check, please make it payable to Fr. Nino Molina.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

CONFSSIONS - 30 Mins. Before Mass -Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS - 2nd Sunday

BENEDICTION - 3rd Sunday

COMMUNION CLASSES - Sundays after Mass

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Sundays after Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE - Sundays before Mass

ROSARY - Before Each Mass

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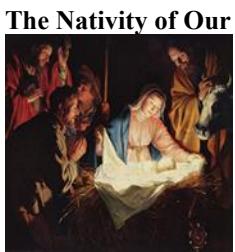
GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina: Under the high priests Annas and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins. As it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaías the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God".



The last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. We can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden. "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves so that He would make us sharers in His divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid His divine nature so that He could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable His ways." And though we are unworthy of His infinite love, let us emulate The Holy Family and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that He will continue to make us daily less unworthy.



The Nativity of Our Lord "I am the light of the world..." While people can shed the light of goodness and truth in the world, Christ is the source of that light. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). He also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). This means more than catching a spark of Christ the Light: it means to have Christ's Light in the soul, enlightening the intellect and strengthening the will. This is the "state of grace" which describes any one of us who has worthily received a sacrament.

There is a Latin expression, "cupio dissolvi," which means that I wish to dissolve, or be annihilated, expressing what St. Paul meant when he wrote: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

Paradoxically, it is by this self-annihilation that the personality becomes more vivid. This is the opposite of the "self-affirmation" conceit of our narcissistic culture, and it helps explain why the "Greatest Generation" has been followed by the "Smallest Generation."

Isaiah says that when you help the hungry, homeless and naked, "your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 15:8). Without these "corporal works of mercy," all spiritual aspirations are escapist sentimentality. But for the Light of Christ to shine fully, the corporal works of mercy work in tandem with the "spiritual works of mercy, which help the ignorant, doubtful and sinful while bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offences willingly, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead."

When the Light of Christ is hidden, life and death alike become puzzles. Our morally darkened age thinks it has autonomy over life, and at the same time it fears death. It is appallingly logical that a culture which destroys innocent life, should avoid funerals, not even knowing how properly to bury the dead.

St. Bonaventure says: "Christ is the lamp that illuminates the whole of Scripture: He is its gateway and its foundation. For this faith is behind all the supernatural enlightenments that we receive while we are still separated from the Lord and on our pilgrimage. It makes our foundation firm, it directs the light of the lamp, it leads us in through the gateway."

St. Paul communicated the Light of Christ in this way: "I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:1-2).

Advent Devotional Prayer ~ Fourth Week: *V.* Bethlehem, city of the most high God, out of thee shall go forth the Ruler of Israel, and His proceeding is from the beginning, even from the days of eternity; and He shall be exalted in the midst of the whole earth, and peace shall hold sway in the day of His coming.

V. Our forerunner Jesus, the Lamb undefiled, has entered the Holy of Holies for us, having become a High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek... He is the King of Justice... having neither beginning of days nor end of life.

After each verse above, recite the following antiphon in unison:

R. "Come, let us adore our Lord and King, who is about to come to us!"

St. Andrew Christmas Devotional Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure and Blessed Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petitions, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We joyfully welcome Sister Marie Agnes and Sister Margaret Mary**, two CMD Traditional Catholic Sisters, who have answered God's call to serve Holy Family Traditional Catholic church and school! They will instruct students in our school, assist our resident priests with faith formation, and enrich our church with their prayerful presence and depth of knowledge of the Catholic faith.
- **The Altar & Rosary Society will hold their annual Christmas Bake Sale TODAY after Mass.**
- **Decorate the Church ~ Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church on Monday, December 22nd after the 9:00 AM Mass.**
- **Christmas Day Masses - Thursday, December 25th, the choir will commence singing at 11:30pm (on December 24th), followed by Christmas Midnight Mass. There will be one Mass on Christmas Day at 8:00 AM.**
- **Thursday, January 1, 2026 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Masses are at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**
- **Following Mass**, visit with your fellow Catholics in the Mary Help of Christians Hall where light refreshments are available.
- **Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.** Join in a potluck on Sunday, January 11th after Mass in the Mary Help of Christians Hall.
- **Join parishioners every Tuesday at 3:00 PM** in the church to recite fifteen decades of the rosary. Our intentions are to ask God and his Blessed Mother for their protection of our country and our church against the force which is trying to destroy us.
- **New to the Tridentine Mass**, you may find the grey or green paperback missals found in the pews helpful in following the Mass.
- **The church website is updated frequently and reflects all upcoming events and Mass times.**
- **You are strongly encouraged to visit the website at <https://holyfamilytcc.org> and REGISTER as a MEMBER** in the DATABASE as this will be the only way to receive emails regarding important church events, etc.

Advent: The Messianic Prophecies by Bishop Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI

As we prepare for the feast of the Nativity of our Divine Savior Jesus Christ, our Holy Mother the Catholic Church inspires us in the Sacred Liturgy of Advent with passages from the Old Testament, which foretold the Coming of the Messias, especially from the Prophet Isaias. Hundreds of years before the coming of Christ, the Prophet Isaias spoke of the conception and birth of the Messias:

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and His Name shall be called Emmanuel (God with us)” Isa. 7:14).

These words of Isaias were repeated almost exactly by the Angel Gabriel when he announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

“Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son...” (Luke 1:30-31).

When we study the Old Testament prophecies about the Messias, we find the beautiful harmony between the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, we find the promises of God foretold; in the New Testament, we find God's promises fulfilled.

In order to prepare ourselves worthily for Christmas, let us consider some of the prophecies of the Old Testament to see their fulfillment in our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ.

From the Scriptural passages of both the Old and New Testaments we find clearly manifested the doctrines of the Divinity of Christ, His Incarnation, and the Divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During this season of Advent, as we prepare for the feast of Christmas, the doctrine of the Incarnation should be the special focus of our consideration and meditation. By the Incarnation we mean that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, assumed our human nature — that is, a body and soul like ours (as St. Paul wrote, “He was like unto us in all things except sin”). He is one Divine Person with two natures — the Divine and the human. Therefore, Mary, as the Mother of Jesus Christ, has the right to the title of Mother of God.

These considerations should help us to better appreciate the meaning of Christmas, that God so loved the world, that God so loved us, as to send His only begotten Son.

The many references to and prefigurations of the Messias found in the Old Testament only confirm how much God the Father loved mankind and proved it by frequently renewing His promise to send the Messias. The very first promise God made of the Messias was in the Garden of Eden after our first parents had committed the original sin.

There were so many detailed prophecies made about the Messias which were perfectly fulfilled by Jesus Christ that it would be extremely difficult to adequately list them all.

On that first Christmas night, when Jesus was born in the poverty and obscurity of a stable, His first adorers were only simple shepherds. When the Magi came from the East and inquired of the “newborn King of the Jews,” we read in the Gospel of St. Matthew that King Herod and all of Jerusalem were in great wonder. They did not even know that the Messias was born! The Magi, Gentiles from the East, cooperated with the grace of God and came to know of the Messias, while most of the Israelites, the Chosen People of God, especially those from the holy city of Jerusalem, knew nothing of His birth.

And St. John continues:

“But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His Name” (John 1:12).

During this Advent, let us meditate on the passages of the Old and New Testaments which our Holy Mother the Catholic Church presents to us, so that on this Christmas we may be strengthened in our love and faith in our Divine Savior Jesus Christ and thus be “the sons of God... that believe in His Name.”

May all of you, faithful Catholics, have a blessed and grace-filled Christmas!

In Christo Jesu et Maria Immaculata,
Most Rev. Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI



Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"We must empty Purgatory with Our Prayers"
Padre Pio

After Mass Prayer or Aspiration Prayer

"O heart most pure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart."



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The Altar & Rosary Society's will hold their annual

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
TODAY**

after Mass in the room at the back of the church.



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