

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: 1/2 hr. before each weekend mass & 1/2 hr. before Tuesday evening mass

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. Ken at least six months prior to the desired date. Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

FUNERAL: Please contact Fr. Ken before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Available upon request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: If you cannot attend Mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: First Wednesday of each month, following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION: Thursday after 8:00 am Mass.

PARISH HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Friday at 7:00 am leading to 8:00 am Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m.
Tues.: 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 21, 2024– December 27, 2024

Saturday, December 21:

4:00 PM: **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Sunday, December 22:

9:00 AM **Kurt Rodriguez; Roland & Jackie Rodriguez; Ashley & Kathleen Henderson; Peggy Schifano; Carolyn LeBlanc; Herman & Ursula Repath Family; Gage Garcia; Wilton Richard; Donald Pomes**

11:00 AM **Louis & Nicolina Burns; Henry & Florence Freire Family; Manuel Montelongo, Jr.; Berhildo & Carmella Alfonso Family; Francis Pecar; Larry Pecar; Rene' Pecar; Ken Dufour; Joyce Keller; Valentino Molero Family; Beverly Loze; Darlene Duplaa; Dallas J. Mallerich, Jr.; Marian Montalbano; Jamie Bennett**

Monday, December 23: **Fr. Ken's Intentions**

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00 PM
Milton & Catherine Schleismann Lopez & Reed Families

Midnight **Floyd Landry Family; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Tommie & Terri Dunn; Travis Dunn; Tommie Dunn, Jr.; Arnold & Geraldine Davillier; Maggie Washington; Mary Minor; Carolyn LeBlanc; Louis Huff, Jr.; Freddie Wallace, Jr.; Wallace & Huff Families; Barcelona & Harrington Families; Alfred Ramirez, Sr.; Frank Conley, Sr.; JoAnn Morgan**

Wednesday, December 25: 10:00 AM
Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, December 26: **Pauline Alfonso**

Friday, December 27: **All Souls**

December 28, 2024– January 3, 2025

Saturday, December 28:

4:00 PM: **Joyce Keller; Robert & Miriam Daussat; Pauline Alfonso; Raymond Ducote; Myrlin Ducote; Rodney Williams, Sr. Family; Wyatt Oser; Janet Arnold; Gustave "Johnny" Huff; Nide & Doris Martin; Bertha Dunn; Barbara Stephensen**

Sunday, December 29:

9:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

11:00 AM **Louis & Nicolina Burns; Kurt Rodriguez; Roland & Jackie Rodriguez; Ashley & Kathleen Henderson; Peggy Schifano; Pamela Ducote; Carolyn LeBlanc; Kenny Dufour; Gage Garcia; Beverly Loze; Dallas J. Mallerich, Jr.; Marian Montalbano; Jamie Bennett**

Monday, December 30: **Fr. Ken's Intentions**

Tuesday, December 31: **Lopez & Reed Families**

Wednesday, January 1: **Tommie Dunn, Jr.**

Thursday, January 2: **All Souls**

Friday, January 3: **All Souls**

Prayer for Eternal Rest (The Requiem Prayer)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
WALACE, HUFF, BARCELONA & HARRINGTON FAMILIES

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
WALACE, HUFF, BARCELONA & HARRINGTON FAMILIES

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
WALACE, HUFF, BARCELONA & HARRINGTON FAMILIES

THE SACRED HEART CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
LALUMIA & PICOU FAMILIES

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Penny Iemmola; Cancer Patients; Chester Vidacovich; Glen Lohfink; Glenda Caesar; Lisa Bertucci Menesses; Susette Dufour; Lucy; Wiley; Tashera Horton; Dempsey Milton; Yessa Nessa; Jamie Bennett

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Natalia Baca; First Responders; Josie Landry; Roselyn Hansen; Gwen Cantrell; Dina Cedeno; Cornelius Dennis; Joy Dennis; Chante Wright; Cora Robin; Special Intention; Edmond Fernandez, III

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalms — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.)

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10)

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45)

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Monday: Mi 5: 1-4a; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); Heb 10: 5-10; Lk 1: 39-45

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

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

Midnight: Is 9: 1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; 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

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 1: 5 -- 2: 2; Ps 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 2: 13-18

Sunday: 1 Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Ps 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21; Lk 2: 41-52

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty

Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); Hanukkah begins

Thursday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day (Canada)

Friday: St. John

Saturday: The Holy Innocents

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

-From God's Word Is Our Joy, Vol. 1 by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1998, World Library Publications. p. 73



FLOWERS

THE BLESSED MOTHER:

WALACE, HUFF, BARCELONA & HARRINGTON FAMILIES

ST. JOSEPH

HENDERSON, MARTIN, DORIAN, RODRIQUEZ & ALOELLO FAMILIES

SACRED HEART

WALACE, HUFF, BARCELONA & HARRINGTON FAMILIES



Christmas

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM

Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM

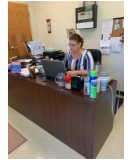
Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day: 10:00 AM



Christmas Office Hours

**The office will close at noon
December 23rd thru
January 1st. The office will
reopen for regular business
hours on Thursday, January 2nd**



Mass Etiquette

1. Arrive at Mass early.
2. Recollect yourself and give your mind to the mystery.
3. Dress modestly.
4. No snacking or chewing gum.
5. Keep your phone away to avoid distractions.
6. Genuflect properly – Jesus is present.
7. Participate actively: sing, respond, etc.
8. Be conscious of Christ during communion; show reverence and love.
9. Take time to pray after communion.
10. Focus on the altar and ignore all distractions. Don't let anyone annoy you.
11. Fast for one hour before receiving communion.
12. Be mindful of others if you are sick with the flu or something contagious.
13. No chitchat during Mass.
14. Absolutely no social media.

Some of these may be difficult for those with medical issues. This is intended for those who are healthy.



Religion Education Class Schedule

**Kindergarten- 11th grade
Tuesday, December 24th, no class**

We return to God from what He has given us

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

December 7th & December 8th

Attendance: 328

Offertory: \$2526.00

Online Giving: \$ 605.00

Budget: \$3500.00

\$ 369.00

Poor Box: \$294.00

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