

Welcome to Our Parish!

December 14, 2025 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions

SAT, DEC 13

8:00am Victor Lajeunesse† 5:00pm Sophie and Stanley Sawicki†

SUN, DEC 14

8:00am Sienna and Emma Beauchesne†
10:00am People of Our Parish
Special Intention
12:00pm Jackson Soapes†
5:30pm Paul Kuczynski†

MON, DEC 15

7:00 am Paul and Susanna Clifton† 12:15pm Martin Michael Mannion †

TUE. DEC 16

7:00am Olga Vucemilovic† 12:15pm Jimenez Bite† 7:00pm Pedro Fajardo†

WED, DEC 17

7:00am Special Intention 12:15pm Lillian Miller†

THU, DEC 18

7:00am Special Intention 12:15pm Catherine Sikorski†

FRI, DEC 19

7:00am Patricia Wilkie† 12:15pm Kay Krynicki†

SAT, DEC 20

8:00am Louis Davison† 5:00pm Hely Dalida†

SUN, DEC 21

8:00am Lisa Perkins and Nina McCoyt

10:00am People of Our Parish

Kamran Bahrami†

12:00pm Scott Gabriel†

5:30pm Esteban and Tila Medina†

Readings for Next Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7am & 12:15pm / Saturday: 8am

Tuesday: 7pm (Spanish)

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays at 10:30am by RSVP on our home page. Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm. (no rsvp needed)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday from 8am (after the 7am Mass) until 7pm in the Chapel of the Angels.
Adoration closes for the 12:15pm Mass.

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You can complete the registration form on our website or visit our Parish Office. Click on the QR code for a direct link to the form.



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Baptisms - Welcome!

Luna Bella Tisera Eleanor Kaylee Verlander Jacob David Verlander Lucille Isabel Verlander

Sanctuary Candle

In loving memory of Jackson Soapes

Praying for our Recently Deceased

†Mark Preston

†KC Preston

†Rosangela Coutinho Evangelho

†Arcadio Javier Quimio

†Patricia Adornetto

†Victor Claudio Otiniano

A reminder that upcoming funerals can be found at www.annunciationorlando.org/funerals

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

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.



Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Wed., December 24 - Christmas Eve Daily Mass - 9am only (no 7am or 12:15pm) Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12midnight

Thur., December 25 - Christmas Masses at 10am and 12noon



Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

Wednesday, December 31 - Mary the Mother of God Vigil - 5:30pm.

Thursday, January 1 - Mary the Mother of God - 10am and 12noon Mass (no 7am Mass) Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 2 - Please note: Daily Mass at 9am only.

Parish Office and Bookstore Christmas and New Year's Schedule

The Parish office will be closed from December 24 to December 29 and then from January 2 to January 5.

The Book & Gift Store will be closed on December 24 and will reopen January 5.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

What are we searching for? While we know we are all searching for God, we cannot always anticipate the ways in which he will make himself present to us.

In today's gospel we hear that John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus to confirm his identity as the Messiah. Jesus does not confirm his identity by saying "I am the Messiah," but through the fruits of his good works. The blind see, the deaf hear, the dead are raised! Doesn't it seem odd that John didn't know with certainty that Jesus was the Messiah? Why would he question if Jesus was the one who was to come? Jesus is the one whom John sought, but he did not appear in the ways that John expected.

Jesus worked many miracles as prophesied by Isaiah. However, he does more than just fulfill the prophecy in a literal sense. Jesus raises not just those who are dead physically, like Lazarus, but those who likely believed themselves dead in spirit. Tax collectors, prostitutes, great sinners find life through their encounters with Jesus Christ and they who were spiritually dead are raised back to life. John expected Jesus to come with a message of repentance, of judgment. Jesus comes preaching a message of mercy, healing, and of compassion towards sinners. John's expectations of what form the Messiah would take needed to be adjustedwhat he thought he was looking for was not what he found. How often do we find that God comes to us in ways that we ourselves were not prepared for, that we could not anticipate?

We are at the midway point of Advent, celebrating Gaudete Sunday. In a particular way we are called to remember the joy of this season in which we prepare for Christ's second coming. Jesus has made himself present to us already through his Incarnation. He comes to us each day in many and varied ways to remind us always of his deep love for us and desire that we be united to him. As we draw closer to Christmas, let us remember that God is always present to us, that he is the one whom we seek. Do not allow your expectations of how God should appear prevent you from seeing the ways in which he makes himself manifest in your life. May the abiding joy of Jesus be with you through the remainder of this Advent season.

by Seminarian, Joshua Theisen

GROW IN YOUR FAITH



The Kids Bulletin

What are we looking for?

We all want to find God. But sometimes God comes in ways we do not expect.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist sent his helpers to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is coming?" Jesus did not say, "I am the Messiah." He showed it by His good works. Blind people could see. Deaf people could hear. Sick people were made well. Even people who died were brought back to life!

It may seem strange that John was not sure Jesus was the Messiah. But Jesus did not come in the way John thought. John expected talk about punishment. Jesus talked about love, mercy, healing, and kindness.

Jesus helped people who felt far from God—like tax collectors and other sinners. Their hearts felt "dead," but Jesus made them alive again.

Sometimes we think God will come in a certain way. But God often comes in small and surprising ways.

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. We are halfway through Advent and getting ready for Jesus! Jesus came long ago at Christmas, and He comes to us every day to show His love.

As Christmas gets closer, remember this: God is always near. **He is the one our hearts look for.**

Visit www.AnnunciationJoy.org to see a list of Acts of Joy for Youth! Help us reach 5,000 Acts of Joy!



Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

Have you been away from the Church... or do you just want to learn more about your faith? Were you raised in another faith or maybe not raised in any faith, but feel called to something deeper? For more information, please contact Vicki Ridgeway at 407-869-9472 or vridgeway@annunciationorlando.org



How can we pray for you?

Everyday life can be challenging and we want to pray for your intentions. We will pray for each specific intention that you submit. Submit your intentions at:

www.annunciationorlando.org/
prayer-intentions



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Our Parish Advent Calendar

FILL US ALL WITH	15	Confession by appointment 10:45 to 11:45am	Confession 6:30 to 7:30pm	Joy in the	19 World	Confession 3:30 to 4:30pm
THIRD WEEK	Joy in	Creation	Wednesday December 24	Thursday December 25		
21	22	23	Christmas Eve Daily Mass at 9am only	Christmas	26	27
FILL US ALL WITH	Confession 6:30 to 7:30pm		Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 7pm, 9pm and 12midnight	Masses at 10am and 12noon	December 26 Please note: Daily Mass	
Love FOURTH WEEK	Joy in	Gratitude		A	at 9am only.	
28	29	30				

- Regular Confession time on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30pm and by appointment on Tuesdays. Visit: www.annunciationorlando.org/rsvp
- Wednesday, Dec. 31 Mary the Mother of God Vigil 5:30pm
- Thursday, January 1 Mary the Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation 10am and 12noon Masses.
- January 2 Please note: Daily Mass at 9am only.

Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on **Hallow**

"My morning meditation and prayer time have increased substantially since I heard about and joined Hallow during Advent. My faith has deepened in ways that words just cannot describe. I am blessed and so grateful!"

"This Advent challenge pierced my heart. My heart wasn't open enough to Christ before, but now it's like a spark of light came into it."

"I am so much more aware of God's presence in my everyday life because of Hallow's Advent Challenge."

www.annunciationorlando.org/hallow-advent/



Join us in prayer this Advent!

DAILY PRAYERS

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, imaginative prayer or one of **over 10,000 sessions**, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

FAMILY CONTENT & KIDS CHALLENGE

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, Saints Alive, Kids Holy Hour and guide your little ones through the season with our Advent challenge for children.

BIBLE STORIES & SLEEP CONTENT

Close your day with Christ with Night Prayer, an Examen, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.







Join us on Sunday, December 14, from 8am to 12noon (drop in anytime) to help us complete our Stockings of JOY Advent Outreach.

Where: St. Gabriel Life Center
Our School and Faith Formation have put
together Christmas Stockings filled with little
treasures and a handmade card. These will be
distributed to local Elder Care facilities to
spread some joy at Christmas. We are in the
final stretch and need help to complete
these stockings and get them ready for
distribution. No sign up needed, just stop
in. Coffee and doughnuts are provided!

The Saint Vincent DePaul truck will be here on Thursday, December 18, from 10 am until 1 pm. The truck will be located in the North parking lot, by the St.Gabriel Life Center We will be collecting new and used clothing, small appliances and small furniture. We will not be collecting food items at this time.

LIFO MOON

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St. Ambrose – Bishop and Doctor (Teacher) of the Church – December 7

St. Ambrose (340 - 397) was considered by his contemporaries as "the exemplar of what a bishop should be – holy, learned, courageous, patient and immovable when necessitated for the Faith." (J. Delaney, Dictionary of the Saints, p. 49).

Ambrose was born in Trier, Germany, where his father was Prefect of Gaul (France). He was taken to Rome after the death of his father, and educated there in the law. He took a position in government as Roman governor of Milan about 370. Still a catechumen, he was chosen to be a bishop when he intervened successfully to keep peace between conflicting factions at the election of a bishop. Remember in those days, unlike now, bishops were actually elected by the priests and people.

Baptized on December 7th, he was consecrated bishop one week later. From that day on he became a churchman, par excellence. In a Life of Ambrose, written by St. Paulinus of Nola in 422, he wrote that Bishop Ambrose "bestowed all the gold and silver he possessed upon the Church for the poor. He even gave the Church the landholdings he owned from his family...and left nothing here below which he could call his own." Life of Ambrose, p. 38.

St. Ambrose was the outstanding bishop in Italy in his time. Even the bishops of Rome looked to him for leadership and guidance. From his contemporaries, we know he was appreciated for his sensitive, human gentleness, and his deep evangelical spirit.

LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

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This Week on Formed

Week of December 14, 2025



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

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In need of assistance?



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Experience the joy of forgiveness... If it has been a while since you have been to Confession, do not be afraid! The Priest will guide you through this Sacrament of healing. Visit www.annunciationorlando.org/reconciliation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit...
For information regarding the Sacrament of
Confirmation for youth, please contact our Faith
Formation for Children and Youth at 407-869-9472.
If you are an adult in need of the Sacrament of
Confirmation, please contact our Adult Faith
Formation Office at 407-869-9472.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

...and the two shall become as one. Mark 10:8 For information regarding the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472 at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

VOCATIONS

...I have called you by name. Isaiah 43:1 Do you feel called to Priesthood or Religious Life? We look forward to speaking with you. Please contact our Clergy at 407-869-9472.

HOSPITAL VISITATION ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you or a loved one in need of healing? If you or someone in your family is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472. In case of emergency or if you or a family member are in the hospital, please contact the Parish Office to receive a pastoral visit.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Now may be the time... and this may be the place! For more information on the journey of Christian Initiation, please contact one of our priests or deacons or call our Parish Office.

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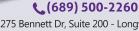
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