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**Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**



## **Mass Schedule @ Main Church**

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

*Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or  
anytime by appointment*

## **Weekday Morning Mass**

Monday – Friday

8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH

*Monday 8:30 am Mass*

*with Miraculous Medal Novena*

### **Served By:**

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

### **First Friday**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration during the “Fall” months of September, October, November and December and the “Spring” months of March, April, May and June.

### **Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop**

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

### **New Parishioners**

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

**MISSION STATEMENT** *The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.*



Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
I write to share with you an excerpt from an article about our  
Blessed Mother for Advent.

Advent Is Mary's Time | NOV. 27, 2016  
(NCREGISTER.COM) **EXCERPT**

**Preparing for Christmas With the Mother of God**

*by Joseph Pronechen*

For Lisa Hendey, founder of CatholicMom.com, Advent is a time to be more fully inspired by Mary's beautiful fiat — May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:36).

"Mary's fiat and the occasions we celebrate during this season," said Hendey, "remind us that the greatest gifts we can give are those that come with no price tag: the gift of faith by sharing the Gospel with others and the gift of love by seeing Christ in the faces of those we encounter."

We align ourselves with Mary during Advent liturgies, too. In his apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* (For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary), Blessed Paul VI wrote, "The Advent liturgy, by linking the awaiting of the Messiah and the awaiting of the glorious return of Christ with the admirable commemoration of his Mother, presents a happy balance in worship. ... It also ensures that this season ... should be considered as a time particularly suited to devotion to the Mother of the Lord."

Prayerful preparation during Advent is key, Hendey said, as "the world around us is often whipped into a frenzy of busyness, consumption and commercialism." Especially on Marian feast days, "at dinner or during another quiet moment of the day, read the day's Gospel aloud and discuss the significance of the feast day as a family."

Embrace a variety of cultural celebrations and traditions to unite your family with the universal Church, she added, and practice the joy of giving by choosing a Catholic charity to support all year long and donate gifts to families in need, in honor of Mary.

Pray daily through the intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception for peace in our world, Hendey also suggested.

The Dec. 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is one of the major Marian feasts of the year and a holy day of obligation.

"There can be no doubt that the feast of the pure and sinless Conception of the Virgin Mary, which is a fundamental preparation for the Lord's coming into the world, harmonizes perfectly with many of the salient themes of Advent," the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments tells us.

In *Marialis Cultus*, Blessed Paul VI called the Dec. 8 solemnity "a joint celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, of the basic preparation for the coming of the Savior and of the happy beginning of the Church without spot or wrinkle."

This season is also a perfect time to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12. In 1999, when St. John Paul II visited the Guadalupe shrine in Mexico, he made clear, "Our Lady of Guadalupe, intimately associated with the birth of the Church in America, was the radiant Star which illumined the proclamation of Christ the Savior to the children of these peoples, helping the first missionaries in their evangelization."

Theatine Father Sergio Robles, the pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Antonito, Colorado, explained how his parish came to have devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The first settlers coming from New Mexico were unexpectedly waylaid on their journey when their donkey suddenly stopped and refused to continue. Then the people found that a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe had fallen out from their packed goods. After finding the statue, they promised to build a church dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The church, the first Catholic edifice in the state, was founded in 1867.

"Pray the Rosary as a family. It's wonderful to pray in families — and come to the church, too," the priest said.

"With the present attack on family life," Miravalle counseled, "the Rosary is no longer an option, but a necessity of protection for the domestic church. Since Advent is supposed to be a 'little Lent' in some sense, one sacrifice or special prayer offering is praying the family Rosary with a special emphasis on the Joyful Mysteries."

(PASTOR COLUMN continued on Page 4)



<b>SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER</b> 5:30 pm Kathleen & Owen Mooney
<b>SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte 11:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families
<b>MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER</b> 8:30 am Ruth Caste
<b>TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER</b> 8:30 am Rimigio & Luisa Buno 4:00 pm People of the Parish 5:30 om People of the Parish 7:00 pm People of the Parish (Spanish) 10:00 pm People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am People of the Parish 11:30 am People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER</b> 8:30 am Edith Ferrus
<b>FRIDAY, 27 DECEMBER</b> 8:30 am Edward J. Ford, Sr. (28th Ann.)
<b>SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER</b> 5:30 pm John Kunz
<b>SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER</b> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Michael Chiaramonte 11:30 am Anthony Strollo

<b>SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 8:30—11:30am KOC Pancake Breakfast w/ Santa (Hall) 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church
<b>MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER</b> 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. 6:00 pm SIMBANG GABI NOVENA (See Flyer)
<b>TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER</b> 10:30 am SIMBANG GABI NOVENA (See Flyer) Christmas Eve Masses (See Bulletin)
<b>WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER</b> Christmas Day Masses (See Bulletin)
<b>THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER</b> 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Jan 5th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110
<b>SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER</b> 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
<b>SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER</b> 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 11:30 am Mass in Church



**DEC 24 Christmas Eve  
DEC 25 Christmas Day**

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
CHRISTMAS EVE			CHRISTMAS DAY		
4:00 pm	Kathy Petrillo	Melinda Prather Joe Petrillo (c)	7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	Sister James Soon
5:30 pm (Choir)	Pat Sigalas	Emily Kunz Wendy Sheyka ©	9:30 am	Carol Ford	Paul Hirsch
7:00 pm (Spanish)	Patricia Saway	Patricia Saway	11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Carmelita Dizon
10:00 pm	Michael Lanfrank	TBD			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
	DEC 28—DEC 29, 2024				
5:30 pm	Joy Hayward	Melinda Prather			
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Lou Volpe			
9:30 am	Bill Talbot	Espie Cain			
11:30 am	Lynda Clement	Paul Hirsch			

- This week's Altar Candles, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**.
- This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka is in memory of **JAROSLAV & ROSE KONVALINKA**.
- This week's Sanctuary Candle, a gift from J. A. Konvalinka is in memory of **EMMA CAMPANELLA**.

**PRAYERS Needed For...**

**Artemis Soleil Benitez**    **Beverly McAllister**  
**Judy Bernarducci**        **Robert Santangelo**  
**Mai Fernandez**            **Pio Tortola**

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.



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As Mary prepares every particular heart, “the family Rosary allows Our Lady to intercede for each member of the family for their greater benefits,” he added.

“Daily asking Our Lady to prepare the ‘stable’ of our hearts is a natural way we can incorporate her intercession in this season,” Miravalle concluded.

“When the family prays the Rosary, it prepares every ‘stable’ of each family member for the new coming of Jesus celebrated with the Nativity.”

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In Christ’s Peace,

Father Jim Ferry

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## Advent - Christmas Calendar 2024



### Advent & Christmas Choir Concert

**Saturday Dec. 7 with Children and Adult Choirs!**

**6:30 pm (immediately after 5:30 pm Mass)**

### Simbang Gabi Mass & Blessing of Outdoor Nativity Scene

**Monday December 16: Morning Mass @ 8:30 am**

### Confessions, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation ("Advent Hours")

**Saturdays (usual time) 4:15—5:00 pm**

**Other hours to be announced**

**+ or call 973-325-0110 for Appointment**

**Christmas Eve (12/24) 4 pm MASS (Children's Choir) 5:30 pm MASS (Adult Choir)**

**7 pm Misa en Espanol (Misa de Nochebuena)**

**10 pm MASS**

**Christmas Morning (12/25) 7:30 am MASS, 9:30 am MASS, 11:30 am MASS**


### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan. 1, New Year's Day)

**+ Mass at 5:30 pm (Dec. 31) + Mass at 9:30 am (Jan. 1)**

### Children's Epiphany Pageant (Sun. January 5, immediately after

**11:30 am Mass**

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	Entrance	Psalm
	Emmanuel (See Below)	Lord make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Offertory	Communion	Recessional
Holy is His Name (See Over)	The King Shall Come (See Over)	Emmanuel (See Below)

## Entrance Hymn

Emmanuel  
Steve Angrisano

### Refrain

Come, come, Emmanuel!  
Son of God, appear.  
Heaven and earth, rejoice!  
Salvation is drawing near.  
Salvation is drawing near.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;  
From ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
4. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of humankind;  
Make all our sad divisions cease,  
And be for us the King of Peace.

### Final Refrain

Come, come, Emmanuel!  
Son of God, appear.  
Heaven and earth, rejoice!  
Salvation is drawing near.  
Salvation is drawing near. (twice)

Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel. (twice)

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## Offertory Hymn

Holy is His Name  
John Michael Talbot

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
and my spirit exults in god my savior.  
For he has looked with mercy on my lowliness,  
and my name will be forever exalted.  
For the mighty God has done great things for me,  
and his mercy will reach from age to age.  
And holy, holy, holy is his name.

He has mercy in every generation.  
He has revealed his power and his glory.  
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,  
and has lifted up the meek and the lowly.  
he has come to help his servant Israel;  
he remembers his promise to our fathers.  
And holy, holy, holy is his name.

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## Communion Hymn

The King Shall Come  
Trevor Thomson

1. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.  
Not, as of old, a little child,  
To bear, and fight, and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

2. O brighter than the rising morn  
When he, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death,  
Despite the rage of foes.  
O brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall this fair morning be,  
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,  
And we his face shall see!

3. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings.  
Come quickly, King of kings.

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