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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9

A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday is the day we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States. While the actual day is December 8, because that falls on a Sunday, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops declared that we will celebrate that feast on Monday and it is always obligatory. Please see the list below for the available Masses in our seven parish Greece/Charlotte/Hilton Pastoral Planning Group. Feel free to attend at any one of these Masses. You may drop your envelope for the Holy Day in any collection and it will return to us. Or you can bring it next weekend and drop it into the regular collection.

All Masses are on Monday, December 9

St. Mark's Church, Kuhn Road: 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

St. John's Church, West Ridge Road: 9 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

St. Charles Church, Dewey Ave: 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mother of Sorrows Church, Mt. Read Blvd.: 6:30 p.m.

St. Leo the Great Church, Hilton: 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Holy Cross Church, Charlotte: 8:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Church: 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Here are some ways we can try to make our Advent more meaningful:

- ◇ Arrive at Mass 5 minutes earlier than usual to have some time for prayer and to ensure we are not late.
- ◇ Fast one hour before Mass from all food and drink.
- ◇ Make an effort to remain quieter in Church prior to Mass. Keep conversations in the vestibules and foyers.
- ◇ Be mindful of how to receive Holy Communion in the hand: always one hand under the other, and do not pull your hands away or close them until the host is in the palm of your hand. Always consume the host prior to returning to your pew.
- ◇ Take a sock from our Advent Giving Tree and return the item as instructed.
- ◇ Say the rosary once during this season.
- ◇ Go to confession. Confessions during Advent are every Saturday beginning at 2:45 p.m. in the new Reconciliation Chapel, right by the statue of Saint Joseph.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



***This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
Joseph Kandankary & Mary Kutty
By Mrs. Jessy John***

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. Mass for Michael DiLalla by Alberta Tantillo
12:15p.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Tuesday, December 10

Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Mary Macky by Alberta Tantillo

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for James & Rita Ridley by The Ridley Children

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady Of Guadalupe
8:30 a.m. Communion Service, prayer for Priestly Vocations

Friday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
8:30 a.m. Mass for Peter Zarccone by Karen & Steve Coglitore

Saturday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
4:00 p.m. Mass for Joseph A. Cropro Jr., Gerard & Ethel Reichhart & Ralph Reichhart by Carol & Quentin Cropro

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass for Donata Ada by Deacon Manny & Zenny Asis
10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Readings for the week of December 9, 2024

Monday, December 9: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday, December 10: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday, December 11: Is 40:28-30/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
Friday, December 13: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, December 14: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, December 15: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Attendance November 23 & 24, 2024
Total-1021

November 23 & 24, 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$16,504.81	\$14,423.00	\$2,081.81
General Maintenance	\$3,065.00	\$865.00	\$2,200.00
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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am

Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30 am
Thu Communion Service 8:30 am.

Holy Days of Obligation
Please see bulletin.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office at the rectory as soon as they know they are expecting.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact us at least **one year** in advance of their desired date.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - Noon, 1 pm - 4 pm
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Parish Staff

Rectory Office 723-1350

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Dean, Monroe West Deanery for the
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St. Lawrence School

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Song Prayers, 797-3719
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WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, December 9	
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall	6:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 10	
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Faithful Voices - Church	7:00p.m.
Wednesday, December 11	
Cards for Comfort - Deacon Hall	6:00p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church	7:15p.m.
Thursday, December 12	
Greece Food Shelf Mtg. - Deacon Hall	9:00a.m.
Pre-School Christmas Concert - Deacon Hall	10:00a.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Friday, December 13	
Breakfast with Santa Set - Up - Deacon Hall	12:00p.m.
Saturday, December 14	
Breakfast with Santa - Deacon Hall	9:00a.m.
Sunday, December 15	
Giving Tree Sorting & Wrapping - Deacon Hall	After Masses
Confirmation Classes - Deacon Hall	11:00a.m.
CYO Basketball - School	12:00p.m.



If you ordered a pie from St. Leo's Church they can be picked up on Friday December 20th from 3:30-5:30. If anyone has a question they may contact St. Leo's parish office at 585-392-2710.

Mt. Carmel Comfort Care Home Needs Volunteers

As we approach the Holidays and the New Year, now might be the time to consider volunteering at Mt. Carmel Comfort Care Home. The home is actively seeking volunteers to care for and support those on life's final journey home to the Lord. Training is provided. Please reach out to Heather at Heathermtcarmelhouse@gmail.com or 585-366-4949

SHOPPING REMINDER

Each January, St. Lawrence Human Development Committee accepts your very gracious donations of ****NEW**** pairs of socks for men, women and children on behalf of Bethany House, Cabrini Parish, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and St. Peter's. Last year, you helped us collect 2,432 pairs of socks!

May we suggest that you take advantage of the holiday sales to purchase a donation and set the socks aside for "Sock Sunday", which will be held on January 19, 2025.

Thank you once again for remembering those who are less fortunate during this upcoming winter season!

Tree of Love

“It is in giving that we receive.”

The Human Development Committee is asking for your help to fulfill the Christmas wishes of people in the Rochester area. We are doing our Giving Tree again this year. The recipients of our gifts will include people from Cabrini Parish, Women’s Care Center, FLDDSO, Rochester Academy Charter School and Hope Hall. A portion of the people we help include developmentally disabled individuals with limited resources. Many of these individuals find great joy in shopping on-line or going to one of their favorite restaurants to enjoy a special meal as a treat. Whether the gift you provide is a toy, an item of clothing or a gift card, the love you share in the act of giving will be felt by those receiving your generous gift.

Please take a stocking from the tree this weekend (December 7th and 8th) and shop for the requested item. **All gifts need to be returned to church by December 15th by 11:00am.**

Please bring your gift UNWRAPPED, with the stocking attached along with wrapping paper. We appreciate your help with this heartwarming event.



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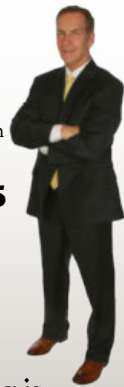
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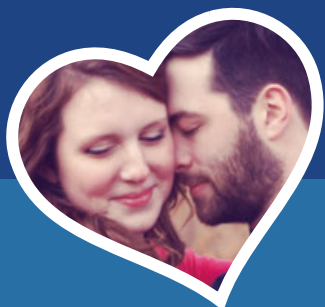
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