

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 18, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass

Thurs.—No Daily Mass December-March

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Christmas Mass Schedule & New Years Day Mass

Dec. 24th 2pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
 10pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Dec. 25th 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 Dec. 31st 4pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 5:30pm-St. Mary's, Reddick
 January 1 8am-Sacred Heart, Kinsman
 January 1 10am-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington

Mass Intentions:

12/17/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners
 12/22/22 Thurs. 5:30pm NO MASS
 12/24/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners (Christmas Eve)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

12/17/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda
 12/24/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of December: *General Intention:* For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Weekly Income:

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 330.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 372.00 |
| Retired Religious | \$ 165.00 |
| Your Offering is most appreciated! | |

Prayers for Sick

Bill Masching, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Advent Confession Schedule

Sat., Dec. 17 after 5:30pm Mass-St. Mary's, Reddick
 Tues., Dec. 20 7:00pm-St. Lawrence, S. Wilmington
 (We will have a visiting Priest helping on Tuesday)
 Wed., Dec. 21 6:00pm-Sacred Heart, Kinsman

Advent is a time of preparation. One of the best ways to prepare our hearts is to clean them. Confession cleans our souls and helps us to get our hearts in the right place in regards to others and ourselves.

Hats & Mittens Collection –The deadline is January 1.

"Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction." –St. John of the Cross

Daily Mass -During the months of December through March, we will not be having Daily Mass on Thursday mornings in Reddick. Please consider joining me in South Wilmington on Tuesdays at 6:30pm or Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am.

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

2023 Offering envelopes– just a reminder to please pick up your box of envelopes . If you do not see a box with your name on it, there are some blank boxes available. Please write your name on the envelope. Thank you!

Season 6 of BE FORMED registration is now open. Life in Christ, Part 1 (Man's Freedom, Moral Conscience, and The Virtues) January 10 through April 9. **Registration deadline to receive a workbook is December 19. Overall registration deadline is January 1.** Register at dioceseofjolieta.org under Adult Formation.



The Candy Cane Story -A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy, which symbolizes the Virgin Birth and sinless nature of Jesus. The hardness symbolizes the Solid Rock and firmness of the promises of God. He then formed the candy into a "J" for Jesus our Savior (John 3:16-17) and the staff of our Good Shepherd. He stained it with three small, red stripes representing the scourging Jesus received prior to His crucifixion for our healing. He added one large red stripe to represent the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation.

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish.

Word of Life—"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 18 December 2022 Isaiah 7:10-14. Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. Romans 1:1-7. Matthew 1:18-24.

To Dream and to Act. The promised Second Coming of Christ is assured in the reality of the first. This birth of Jesus, promised by an angel to Mary and dreamed by Joseph, results in God-with-us, Emmanuel. How will my life be a sign that God is indeed with us now? How will God's grace spill this week into these mercy works: _____? How will I trust God and exorcise from my life whatever keeps me fearful?

