# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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# First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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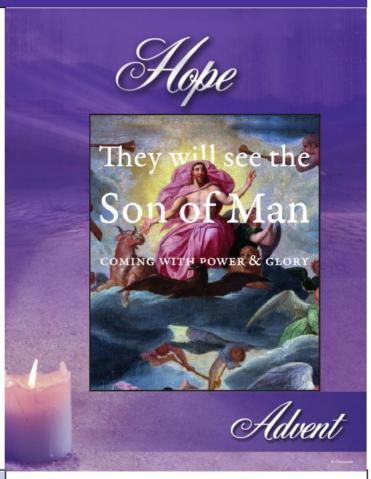
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# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to embrace faith in the Son of God as Lord and Savior. In our Roman Catholic tradition, through the cleansing waters of Baptism, we die to self and rise as children of the Father.

Confirmed, empowered and guided by His Spirit, we become the church when we gather in His name, are taught with His living Word, and are nourished with His living presence.

So that, we might be sent to witness the Good News of the Paschal Mystery in loving service to the human family; and be united with Him and His Saints in Heaven forever.



# Masses

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Polish Mass

Sunday

7:30, 9:00,10:30 a.m. and Noon

2:00 p.m. Latin Mass

4:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

# Confessions in Church

Saturday 2:30 p.m.

### **Members of the Parish Council**

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Due to the early submission of our parish bulletin the collection from last Sunday, November 24, 2028 is not included. It will be included in next week's bulletin.

God bless you for your generosity!

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Submissions for the parish bulletin can be sent to bulletin@holvspiritlantana.com.

The deadline for submissions is two weeks before publication.

# Mass Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024 - St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00a.m. Hector Burgos, Jr. - Birthday by his Mother

4:00p.m. Patty Pielmeier - Healing by Sarah Lopez

Thanksgiving by Blanca Peña †John Murray by Tammy & Jeff Farr

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30a.m. William Berry by Sr. Linda Pamulo

William Ceballo - Intentions by his wife, Gladys

†Eunice Donalson by her Family †Vinette Bryan by her Family

9:00a.m. People of the Parish

10:30a.m †Phil Leeney by his Wife & Family

†Matthew Narcissus by Karen Zaremba

†Roland Hyacinthe by Nandy Hyacinthe †Ines Knoback by Monica Kaufmann

†Judith Cooper by Patricia Tromontine

2:00p.m. †Frances Delspina by her husband, Anthony

Deliverance & Healing for Manuel Atkins

by his Mom

Monday, Dec. 2, 2024

12:00N

7:30a.m. †Souls In Purgatory by the Ceballo Family

9:00a.m. Erica Peña - Birthday by Kathy **Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024** - *St. Francis Xavier* 

7:30a.m Thanksgiving by Lillian Burgos 9:00a.m. †Ann LaManna by Rock LaManna

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 - St. John Damascene 7:30a.m. †Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family

9:00a.m. †Ann LaManna by Rock LaManna

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024

7:30a.m. †C. Robert Catusco by the Cruz Family

†Catalina & Isidro Cruz by their Family

9:00a.m. †Ann LaManna by Rock LaManna

Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 - St. Nicholas

7:30a.m. †Jessica Cruz by Teresa Cruz 9:00a.m. †Ann LaManna by Rock LaManna

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 - St. Ambrose

9:00a.m. †Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family

4:00p.m. †Helen Meifert by the McCaffrey Family

†John Noles by his wife, Barbara

†Kathleen Picone by the Manning Family

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30a.m. William Ceballo - Intentions by his wife, Gladys

†Deceased Mem. of the Piverotto Fam. by Mary Taylor

†Primitiva Gonzalez by her Family

9:00a.m. Elba Peña - Birthday by Kathy

†David Jackson by his Family

†Serge Hyacinthe by Nandy Hyacinthe

10:30a.m People of the Parish

12:00N †Alicia Petitene by her Family

†Peter Stefanatos by Monica Kauffman

Dinos Kyriakou - Birthday by his Wife

2:00p.m. †Frances Delspina by her husband, Anthony

†Souls In Purgatory by the Rosales Family Deliverance & Healing for Manuel Atkins

by his Mom

†John J. McManus by Eileen & Patrick Kennedy



Scripture Readings & Saints & Special Observances For the Week of December 1, 2024

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7. 8-9;

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday St. Nicholas

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

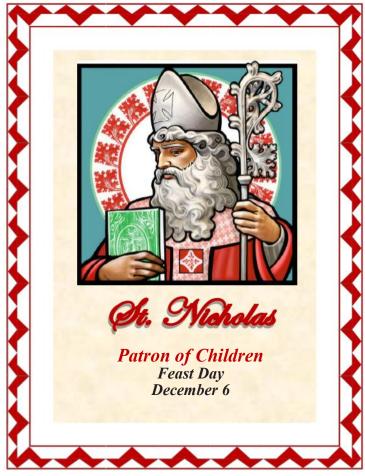
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8

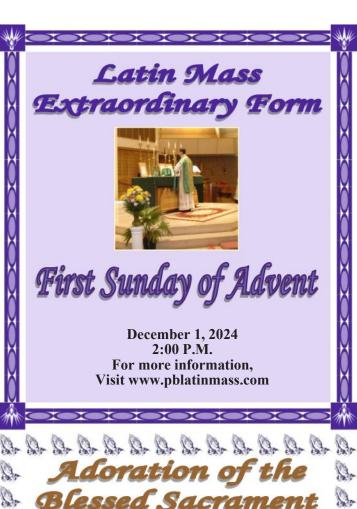
-11; Lk 3:1-6



# Christmas Novena



Our parish will celebrate a Masses Novena of for Envelopes Christmas. include names of your living or deceased loved ones and friends can be found on the church pews and are available on the table by the church doors. The novena will begin on Wednesday, December 25th until January 2nd, 2025. Remember your loved ones and friends in a spiritual way.



# Blessed Sacrament

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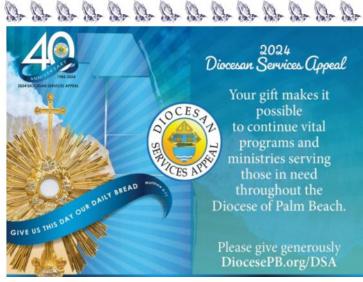
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# The Golemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9th HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Mass Schedule** 

7:30am

9:00am

12:00noon

7:00pm

8:30pm - Vietnamese Mass



# PENACE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 CCD Children & Parishioners

> 6:00pm Church

Vietnamese Penance Service Wednesday, December 18 8:00pm Church

# Christmas Flower Envelopes

The Season of Christmas is one of the most awaited seasons in our church calendars. Over the years, our parish has always made a special effort to decorate our church for this joyous celebration. Please use the **Christmas Flower Envelopes** found in the church pews or received in the mailed-out packets. Donations are greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of flowers and other decorations. Envelopes may be returned in the regular church collection or dropped in the parish office.



# Help Support Our Building Fund

There are some new developments in our remodeling project. We now need to replace the skylight and the roof. The replacement cost for this was not in our original remodeling budget, so any donations to replace funds for our additional expenses would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure to designate your donation for the remodeling project.

Thank you for your support in making our church more beautiful for our Holy Spirit family.



Our sincere appreciation to parishioners and friends who have already donated.

May God bless you for your generosity.

# **CHURCH RENOVATION DEVELOPMENTS**



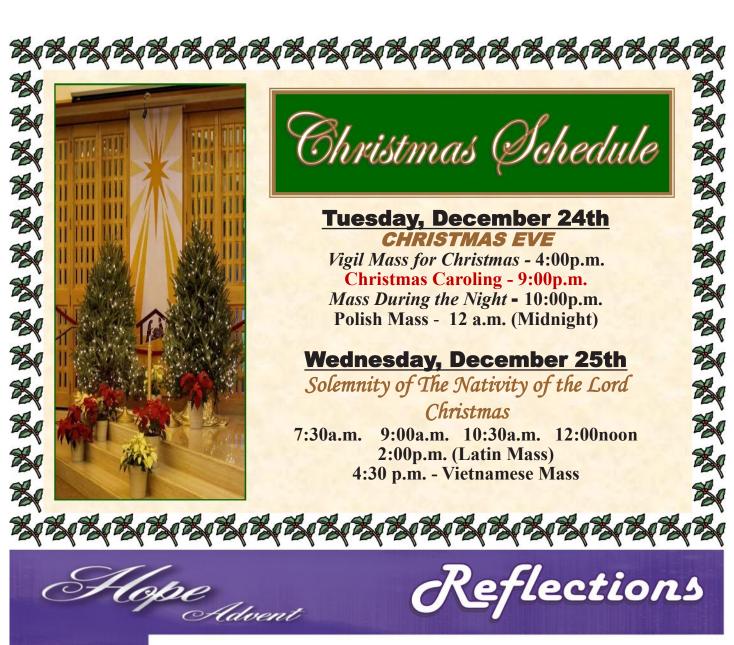








Thank you, Patrice Althouse for the beautiful photos



# First Sunday of Advent **Strengthen Your Hearts**

How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be "blameless in holiness" (1 Thess 3:13.) In fact, he tells the Thessalonians who are pleasing God, to do even more. (4:1) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect: "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me." (2 Cor 12:7-9) But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase "strengthen your hearts."

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. A tennis player will practice her serve to get more aces. A hockey player will keep skating during the summer to get faster. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve themselves. The keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. So what about good Christians? That same attitude is what Paul means by "strengthen your hearts." And Advent is a good time to start.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading can give us a stronger prayer life. But like the athlete who can read about the rules or strategies of the sport, we get a stronger prayer life by actually praying. If our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. And how can we be "blameless in holiness... at the coming of Our Lord?" Not by bragging about our goodness, but confessing what we have done wrong. Only God's forgiveness can make us blameless. Then as the Gospel says, we may have "the strength...to stand before the Son of Man." (Lk 21:36)

Tom Schmidt

# Charismatic Prayer Group

### SEASON OF ADVENT

The season of Advent is a time to reflect on the status of our spiritual life. We may have made many decisions in the beginning of this year. How faithful have we been to these resolutions? Did we make the effort to nurture our faith and prepare ourselves for the Kingdom of God? It's always more difficult to keep up with spiritual activities as compared to any other worldly activities. This is a common weakness among humans and God knows that. However, He looks at the desires



and intentions of our hearts and how much effort we put in to denying our flesh and temptation.

The Word of God says in Mathew 16:26, "For what good will it do a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what will a person give in exchange for his soul?" We can apply these words to our own lives. What good are we, if we seek the world and the pleasures that come from it but deny God and our faith in the process? We all know well that we cannot do anything by our own desire or will, but only by the grace of God. To have this grace of God we need the Spirit of God to dwell in us. This is the promised spirit God sent to us through His only Son. God promised to send us a Messiah, a new King from the stump of Jesse and this messianic King would rule forever because the Spirit of God would rest upon Him and remain with Him (Isaiah 11: 1-2). We have received the same spirit through the sacraments. This is the spirit who gives all wisdom and understanding to live in this world.

The season of Advent is a new year for the church so let us use this new year to make spiritual resolutions which will rekindle the Spirit of God and renew the graces which have been gifted to us. Let us strive to participate more fervently in the sacraments and prepare our hearts to receive Jesus and the joy and hope that comes from Him. Amen.

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# From the Parish Nurse



Trish Weaver- Monahan, RN (561) 303-8450

### GERD aka Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Part 3

A healthcare professional is likely to recommend trying lifestyle changes and nonprescription medicines as a first line of treatment. If you don't experience relief within a few weeks, prescription medicine and additional testing may be recommended.

Nonprescription medications options may include: **Antacids that neutralize stomach acid.** Antacids containing calcium carbonate, such as Mylanta, Rolaids and Tums, may provide quick relief. But antacids alone won't heal an inflamed esophagus damaged by stomach acid. Overuse of some antacids can cause side effects, such as diarrhea or sometimes kidney complications.

Medicines to reduce acid production. These medicines — known as histamine (H-2) blockers — include cimetidine (Tagamet HB), famotidine (Pepcid AC) and nizatidine (Axid). H-2 blockers don't act as quickly as antacids, but they provide longer relief and may decrease acid production from the stomach for up to 12 hours. Stronger versions are available by prescription.

Medicines that block acid production and heal the esophagus. These medicines — known as proton pump inhibitors — are stronger acid blockers than H-2 blockers and allow time for damaged esophageal tissue to heal. Nonprescription proton pump inhibitors include lansoprazole (Prevacid), omeprazole (Prilosec OTC) and esomeprazole (Nexium).

If you start taking a nonprescription medicine for GERD, be sure to inform your care provider.

Prescription-strength treatments for GERD include: **Prescription-strength proton pump inhibitors.** These include esomeprazole (Nexium), lansoprazole (Prevacid), omeprazole (Prilosec), pantoprazole (Protonix), rabeprazole (Aciphex) and dexlansoprazole (Dexilant). Although generally well tolerated, these medicines might cause diarrhea, headaches, nausea or, in rare instances, low vitamin B-12 or magnesium levels.

**Prescription-strength H-2 blockers.** These include prescription-strength famotidine and nizatidine. Side effects from these medicines are generally mild and well tolerated.

Next week, we will finalize the topic on GERD covering lifestyle changes we can make.





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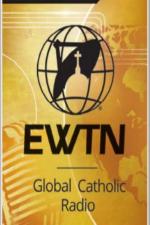
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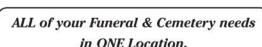
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