# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 8, 2024

Pastor Rev. Eli St. Fort Weekend Assistance Msgr. Gabriel Ghanoum Rev. Paul Nguyen Rev. John J. Mericantante

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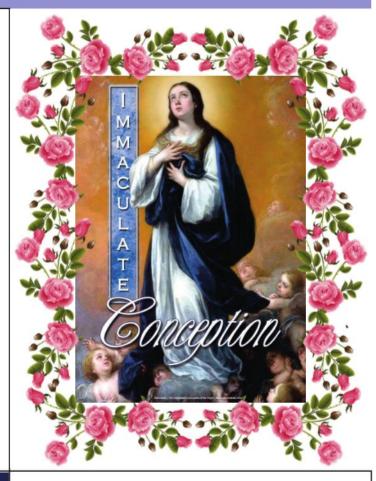
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#### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 Saturday Saturday Vigil Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Polish Mass 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**

Dr. Thomas Ermolovich, *Chairman*, Nancy Jutba, *Secretary*, Ruth Ann McVeigh, James Kintz, William Bond, Julie Vianale and Lazara Hurd

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# Stewardship of Treasure

PARISH COLLECTIONSWeekly Offering - Sunday, December 1, 2024Envelopes Received187Cash\$ 4,729.00Coins\$ 3.24Check\$ 5,523.00Total\$10,255.00

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Second Collection - 2024 DSA	
Envelopes Received	74
Cash	\$ 908.00
Check	<u>\$ 541.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,449.00
Weekly Offering - Sunday, November 24	4, 2024
Envelopes Received	178
Cash	\$ 4,139.00
Coins	\$ 8.62
Check	\$ 6,196.00
Total	\$10,343.62
Second Collection - Parish Sandwich Mi	<u>nistry</u>
Envelopes Received	108
Cash	\$ 1,281.00
Check	<u>\$ 566.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,847.00
Thanksgiving Day - November 28, 2024	
Envelope Received	58
Cash	\$ 988.00
Checks	\$ 685.00 \$ 1.673.00
Total	\$ 1,673.00

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## Mass Schedule

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	, Dec. 7, 2024 - <i>St. Ambrose</i>
	<sup>†</sup> Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family
4:00p.m.	
	†John Noles by his wife, Barbara
	*Kathleen Picone by the Manning Family
	Dec. 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent
7:30a.m.	William Ceballo - Intentions by his wife, Gladys
	<sup>†</sup> Dec. Mem. of the Piverotto Family 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
10.300 m	
10:30a.m	
12:00N	<sup>†</sup> Alicia Petitene by her Family
	<sup>†</sup> Peter Stefanatos by Monica Kauffman
2 00	Dinos Kyriakou - Birthday by his Wife
2:00p.m.	†Frances Delspina by her husband, Anthony
	<sup>†</sup> Souls In Purgatory by the Rosales Family
	Deliverance & Healing for Manuel Atkins by his Mom
	<sup>†</sup> John J. McManus by Eileen & Patrick Kennedy
	Dec. 9, 2024– THE IMMACULATE
<b>CO</b>	NCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:30a.m.	
	Thanksgiving by the Ceballo Family
	<sup>†</sup> Joseph De Marzo, 1st Anniversary by his Family
9:00a.m.	<sup>†</sup> Souls In Purgatory by Nancy Bramante
	Sarah Lopez - Intentions
	†Eulogio Martinez by Mariana Dutchram
12:00N	†Jayson Brown II by Rose Sgarlato
12.001	Sarah Lopez - Intentions
	Rita Becconsall - Healing by Linda Kyriakou
7:00p.m.	Sarah Lopez - Intentions
7.00p.m.	
	Fr. Juliana Mazana, OSA by Fe Edjan
<b>T</b>	Jolyn Cruz - Intentions by her Mom, Teresa
	Dec. 10, 2024
	<sup>†</sup> Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family
9:00a.m.	†Ann LaManna by Rock LaManna
	ay, Dec. 11, 2024 - St. Damasus I
7:30a.m.	†Cynthia Tabares by Tahirah Tyrell
9:00a.m.	Living & Dec, Mem. of Council of Catholic Women
	v, Dec. 12, 2024 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:30a.m.	Thanksgiving by the Ceballo Family
	Erlinda Pamulo - Birthday by Sr. Linda Pamulo
9:00a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Ghanoum Anniversary of Ordination
	ec. 13, 2024 - <i>St. Lucy</i>
7:30a.m.	
	†Isabelita Hipolito 6th Anniversary by her Family
9:00a.m.	†All Souls In Purgatory by Marie Berreth
	, Dec. 14, 2024 - St. John of the Cross
	Fr. Giuseppe Savaia - Birthday by Fe Edjan
4:00p.m.	
т.оор.ш.	†Mary Iacovelli by her Family
	Abigail Polissaint - Birthday by her Mom & Dad
Sunday 1	Dec. 15, 2024 – <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
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7:30a.m.	
	<sup>†</sup> Carol Robinson by her Family
0.00	<sup>†</sup> Joseph Agresti by Maureen & Richard Sheppard
9:00a.m.	<sup>†</sup> Josephine D'Agostino by her Family
	†Robert White by the Manning Family
	<sup>†</sup> Anne Elliott by the Manning Family
10:30a.m	†Clifton Wilson by his Family
	†Carol Ann Daly by her Family
	†Eva & Richi Prager by Monica Kaufmann



Scripture Readings & Saints & Special Observances For the Week of December 8, 2024

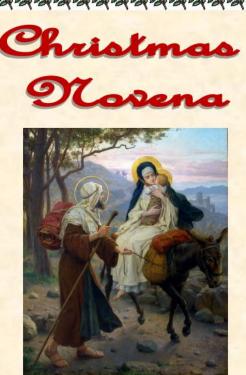
Sunday Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8 -11: Lk 3:1-6 Monday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 **Tuesday** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30 **Thursday** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19 **Saturday** Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Sunday Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



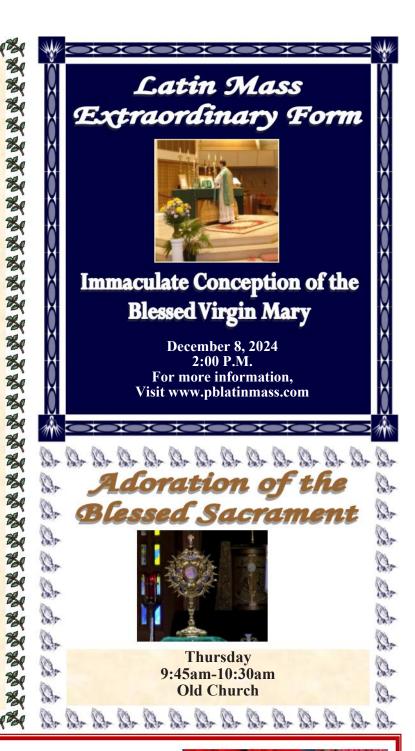
"Hail Mary, full of grace". For thousands of years, millions of times per day the Virgin Mary is greeted by the faithful with the greeting of the Archangel. The sons of the Church learn from the words of the Archangel Gabriel that the fullness of the mystery of God's grace was realized in Holy Mary. St. Paul the Apostle teaches us that the Father made all fullness dwell in His Incarnate Son (c.f. Col 1:12-20), which overflows from Christ's head and spills out on His Mystical Body that is the Church. Before descending in Body, Christ's fullness was spread in a unique and unrepeatable way on Mary, predestined from eternity to be the Mother of God.

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12:00N People of the Parish
2:00p.m. †Frances Delspina by her husband, Anthony
†Albert Prendergast by the Paulitz Family
Deliverance & Healing for Manuel Atkins
by his Mom



Our parish will celebrate a Novena of Masses for Christmas. Envelopes to include names of your living or deceased loved ones and friends can be found in the church pews and are available on the tables 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.



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.



# **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS CELEBRATION** of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 9th **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** Our Thanksgiving Day Mass was well attended by parishioners and visitors. Our sincere appreciation to Father Gabriel, main celebrant, Father Eli, our pastor, Father Paul, and Father John assisted by Deacon Ken. Your individual homilies made it so special. God has blessed our parish with dedicated priests and deacon.



**Tuesday, December 17th** CCD Children & Parishioners

#### 6:00pm Church

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

8:30pm - Vietnamese Mass

**Mass Schedule** 

7:30am

9:00am

12:00noon

7:00pm

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Simbang Gabi Mass at Holy Spirit A Filipino tradition - Christmas Mass

<u>Monday, December 16th</u> Rosary - 6:30 p.m. Mass - 7:00 p.m.

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#### Second Sunday of Advent Could Nachos Be Bad?

It seems the early Church had a different view of Advent than we do. Christmas was not even celebrated in the first two centuries after Christ. Easter was the original great feast of the Church. After the resurrection, Christians looked for Jesus to return in glory. They expected this return to happen soon, so we see references in Paul's letters to the "coming of the Lord Jesus" (1 Thess 3:13) or to the "day of Christ Jesus." (Phil 1:6) So in a sense, the rest of their lives were a long Advent, a time of waiting for the Lord.

In the second reading this week, we hear what Paul recommends for the people of Philippi as they wait for the Lord to return. He prays that their love will grow and mature, so that they will be able to "discern what is of value." (Phil 1:10) This may sound vague, but is very good advice, even for us today.

As we grow to be better Christians, we learn to love what is important. Remember when you were young and loved junk food? As you grew up, you learned to like healthier foods. That doesn't mean that some foods are bad, (how could nachos be bad?) just that there are better choices. So Paul encourages us to make better choices: friends we like, books we read, how we spend our free time, causes we donate to, and values we teach to our children. For example, it is good to teach our children to work hard and save money; it may be better to teach them to answer God's call and to be generous to the poor. A good way to relax might be reading a novel by our favorite author; a better way could be reading a good spiritual book.

With less than three weeks of Advent remaining, let us ask the Lord to help us "discern what is of value" in our lives. We also await His coming and we have the advantage of knowing that the Lord comes to us in Word and Sacrament. We don't have to wait for the end of time or even till Christmas, so why not try to be ready now? *Tom Schmidt* 

#### **Humble Beginnings**

As the birth of our Lord approaches, I reflect on the idea of why we celebrate Christmas. In the American culture, is it because of the gifts? Is it because of the flashy sales? No. It is about the humble beginnings of Christianity. Mary and Joseph were not rich, so when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she was to be the mother of God, it must have come as quite a shock. I would definitely freak out if I were in her position. Yet her answer to the angel was a very humble yes. Her faith and belief that God would provide, helped her to her fiat (her yes).

I was curious as to why Luke's account of the Annunciation was chosen for the Gospel on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I found that the Marian apparitions to a peasant in Mexico City, Juan Diego, could draw comparisons to the Annunciation. Juan Diego listened to Mary's request for a church to be built in her honor. Juan Diego went to the Archbishop who at first didn't believe him. Juan's faith persevered, and he met with Mary on different occasions until his uncle fell ill, so he went to take care of him, just like how Mary went to Elizabeth. Mary appeared to Juan Diego on his journey to tell him that his uncle was healed. She then performed a miracle to help convince the Archbishop to build a small chapel where the apparitions were. Just like the miracle of Jesus's birth initiated the building of Christianity.



of twelve stars. Revelation 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12

With Christmas so close, Our Lady of Guadalupe calls us to reflect on the humble beginnings of the Church and how we should reflect on our own faith to be able to answer the call from God and say yes. *By Ben Hooper* 



And coming to her, he (Angel) said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28)

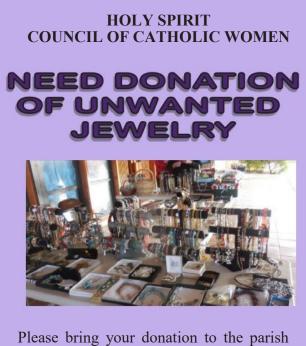
Mother Mary is the vessel that Abba Father created, pure, filled with grace and free of original sin for the merits of Jesus Christ. She was the perfect handiwork of the Father's love to bear His only begotten Son for our salvation. Mother Mary, aware of this truth, stayed humble all throughout her life for the fulfillment of God's will. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, let us also remind ourselves to be pure vessels to carry Jesus - the Word in our hearts. Through the sacraments that the Church offers, let us



be filled with the sanctifying grace of God and strive to be the favored instruments of God's execution of His purpose in our lives.

Charismatic Prayer Group

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### **Coming Soon!**





#### GERD aka Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Part 4

We are completing our topic on GERD this week by listing some lifestyle changes that may help reduce the frequency of acid reflux. By adopting these changes, you may find your frequency of GERD can be minimized.

Maintain a healthy weight. Excess pounds put pressure on the abdomen, pushing up the stomach and causing acid to reflux into the esophagus (backwash).

**Stop smoking.** Smoking decreases the lower esophageal sphincter's ability to function properly allowing acid or stomach contents to back up into the esophagus.

**Elevate the head of your bed.** If you regularly experience heartburn while trying to sleep, place wood or bed risers under the feet at the head end of your bed. (Bed risers can be purchased on-line through Amazon and Bed Bath and Beyond, as well as Home Depot and Walmart, to name a few.) Raise the head end by 6 to 9 inches. If you can't elevate your bed, you can insert a wedge between your mattress and box spring to elevate your body from the waist up. Raising your head with additional pillows isn't effective. I want to emphasize; your upper body needs to be elevated from the waist up.

Start on your left side. When you go to bed, start by lying on your left side to help make it less likely to have reflux.

**Don't lie down after a meal.** Wait at least three hours after eating before lying down or going to bed; this includes afternoon naps. If you regularly eat dinner late, plan to eat your last meal of the day at least three hours before bedtime.

Eat food slowly and chew thoroughly. Put down your fork after every bite and pick it up again once you have chewed and swallowed that bite.

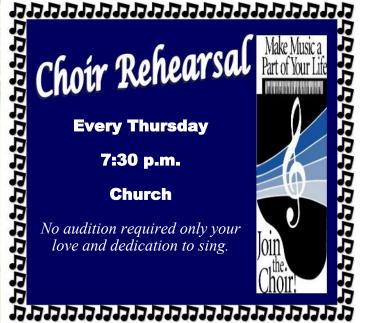
Don't consume foods and drinks that trigger reflux. Common triggers include alcohol, chocolate, caffeine, fatty and fried foods or peppermint.

**Don't wear tight-fitting clothing.** Clothes that fit tightly around the waist put pressure on the abdomen and the lower esophageal sphincter.

By adopting these lifestyle changes, you may minimize the frequency of your discomfort.

These articles are for information only. They are designed to help you understand your body's systems and illnesses. They are not intended to be used as a substitute for direct medical advice from your doctor.

would like to invite **8th to 12th Graders** to come join us for Adoration, topic nights, games, and more. For more information and dates of meetings, please contact Tinah Mejia at 561-329-7288 youthministry@holyspiritlantana.com





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> +John Noles Offered by His wife, Barbara



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