

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
30	First Sunday of Advent	1	Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	2		3		4		5	First Friday	6	Rorate Mass 6:00 a.m.
7	Second Sunday of Advent	8	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Holy Day	9		10		11		12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Vigil OLG Fiesta	13	
14	Third Sunday of Advent	15		16		17	Ember Wednesday	18		19	Ember Friday	20	Ember Saturday Day of Recollection
21	Fourth Sunday of Advent	22		23		24	Christmas Carols 11:30 p.m.	25	Nativity of Our Lord Holy Day	26		27	Choir Rehearsal
28	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas	29		30		31		1	Octave of the Nativity Holy Day	2	First Friday (No Homeschooler event)	3	First Saturday

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# \* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 21, 2025



Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.

Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

Confessions:  
One-half hour before Mass and Saturdays at 4 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Hour:  
Thursday: 7 p.m.

Pastor:  
FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.



Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter parish in Colorado Springs

# The NATIVITY of OUR LORD

from: *Divine Intimacy*,  
by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Behold, I am at the feet of my Incarnate God, who has become a Child for love of me!

God is charity: He has loved us with an everlasting love! "I think God must have said to himself: Man does not love Me because he does not see Me: I will show Myself to him and thus make him love Me. God's love for man was very great, and had been great from all eternity, but this love had not yet

become visible....Then, it really appeared; the Son of God let Himself be seen as a tiny Babe in a stable, lying on a little straw" (*St. Alphonsus*). This is the mystery of the Nativity; this is St. Paul's exultant cry: "the grace of God our Savior hath appeared to all men.... The goodness and kindness of God our Savior appeared" (*Epistle from 1st and 2nd Masses: Titus 2:11-15-3:4-7*). These are the blessed

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Today ~ Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Christmas Choir rehearsal today one half-hour after the end of the 11 a.m. Mass.

### December 24 ~ Christmas Carols

Dust off your vocal chords and join the Christmas Choir to sing carols in celebration of the birth of our Lord, 11:30 p.m. before Mass.

### December 25 ~ Nativity of Our Lord

This day is a holy day of obligation. Mass times will be Midnight, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### December 27 ~ Choir Rehearsal Saturday

Extra choir rehearsal after the 8 a.m. Mass for Sunday choristers.

### No Holy Hour or Benediction on December 25

### All-night Adoration cancelled for December

tidings "of great joy" brought by the angel to the shepherds; "This day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!" (*Gospel of 1st Mass: Luke 2:1-14*). The texts in today's liturgy, following each other in tones of increasing exultation, sing the praises of the sweet Child Jesus, the Word made Man, living and breathing among us: "Whom have you seen, O shepherds? Speak and tell us who has appeared on earth? We saw the new-born Child and choirs of angels loudly praising the Lord" (*Roman Breviary*).

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth exult in the presence of the Lord! (*Roman Missal*), Our God is here in the midst of us, He has become one of us. "A Child is born to us, a Son is given to us.... His name is Admirable, God, Prince of peace, Father of the world to come!... Rejoice, O daughter of Sion, sing, O daughter of Jerusalem.... Rejoice, ye inhabitants of the earth! Come, ye nations, adore the Lord! (*Roman Breviary*). Come! Come, adore, listen, and rejoice! Jesus, the Word of the Father, speaks to us a wonderful word: God loves you!

The three Christmas Masses place before us a majestic picture: the touching description of the birth of Jesus as man alternates with the sublime one of the eternal birth of the Word in the bosom of the Father; and there are also allusions to Christ's birth in our souls by grace.

However, this three-fold birth is but one single manifestation of God who is Charity. No one on earth could know

God's love; but the Word, who is in the bosom of the Father, knows it and can reveal it to us. The Word was made flesh and has shown to us the love of God. Through the Word, God's incomprehensible, invisible charity is made manifest and tangible in the sweet little Babe, who from the manger holds out His arms to us.

Today's Preface solemnly declares it: "O eternal God, because of the mystery of the Word made flesh, the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that while we acknowledge Him to be God visible, He may draw us to the love of things invisible." Yes, this "Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger" is our God, who, for us, has made Himself visible: our God, who shows us in the most concrete way His infinite charity.

One cannot contemplate little Jesus without being captivated and enraptured by the infinite love which has given Him to us. The Infant Jesus reveals to us God's love, He manifests it in the clearest, most touching way. St. Paul says in the epistle of the Third Mass (*Hebrews 1:1-12*): "God, in these days hath spoken to us by His Son... the brightness of His glory, and the figure of His substance." Jesus, the Incarnate Word, in His silence as a helpless Child, speaks to us and reveals to us the substance of God: His charity.

"O all-powerful and eternal Trinity! O sweet, ineffable charity! Who would not be inflamed by such love? What heart could keep itself from

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

### FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 22 ~ Greater Feria of Advent  
8 a.m. — + Michelle Howard, by Sarah Kwitek

Tuesday, December 23 ~ Greater Feria of Advent  
8 a.m. — Ambuul Family, by Joseph Ambuul

Wednesday, December 24 ~ Vigil of Christmas  
8 a.m. — + Robert Schimmel, by Vostatek Family

Thursday, December 25 ~ Nativity of Our Lord  
Midnight — *Pro Populo*  
8 a.m. — Gordon Family  
10:30 a.m. — Private Intention

Friday, December 26 ~ St. Stephen  
8 a.m. — Esmerelda Duran, by Maribel Sanchez

Saturday, December 27 ~ St. John the Evangelist  
8 a.m. — Varano Family, by Eric Smith

Sunday, December 28 ~ Sunday in the Octave of Christmas  
7 a.m. — Private Intention  
9 a.m. — Private Intention  
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

Fr. Saguto may accept Mass intentions

being consumed by You?

"O abyss of charity! You have so closely bound Yourself to Your creatures that it seems that You cannot live without them! Nevertheless You are our God! You have no need of us. Our good adds nothing to your greatness, for You are immutable. Our misfortune cannot

harm You, O God sovereign, eternal Goodness! Then what urges You to such mercy? Love — for You have no obligation toward us and no need of us.

Then, O infinite God, who brings You to me, a little creature? No one but Yourself, O Fire of Love! Love alone has always urged You, and love still urges You!

"O sovereign sweetness, You have deigned to unite Yourself to our bitterness; You, brilliance with our darkness; You, wisdom, with our stupidity; You, life, with death; You, who are infinite, with us who are finite!" (*St. Catherine of Siena*). +++