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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Closed daily 12:00 – 1:00 pm for lunch.

MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday 8:00 am

First Friday of the Month 7:00 pm

Saturday 8:30 am

5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:00 am

9:30 am (Italian)

11:00 am

12:30 pm

4:30 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday 3:50 pm – 4:50 pm

And by appointment through the Parish office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - After morning Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Friday at 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart - Friday 7:50 am

(10 mins before Mass)

Perpetual Help - Saturday 8:20 am

(10 mins before Mass)

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group –

Last Wednesday of the month 5:30 -6:30 pm

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Contact the Parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Priest one year in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Please remember St. Mary Immaculate Parish in your will. Thank you!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Let us light the candle of Love

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us.

Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

Accendiamo la candela dell'Amore

La quarta candela dell'Avvento rappresenta l'Amore, l'amore supremo di Dio che ha mandato Suo Figlio unigenito per noi. Chiamata la "Candela dell'Angelo," la quarta candela dell'Avvento viene accesa la domenica prima di Natale, ed è di colore viola, conducendoci ad attendere con gioia il nuovo Regno di Dio sulla terra.

The Story and You



Sacred Conversations

Fourth Sunday of Advent

It's Advent in Cycle A. That's Matthew's cycle, which means we're going to read a lot about St. Joseph. Matthew loves St. Joseph — don't we all? —and gives us many stories about him that, if not for him, would never have been recorded.

It's only Matthew who knows that when Joseph first heard of Mary's pregnancy, he was thinking about divorcing her quietly (1:19). Do you remember the story from John's gospel about the woman caught in adultery (8:1-11)? That would have been Mary's fate, the self-righteous mob grabbing their stones to murder her.

But St. Joseph decided to divorce her quietly. My great friend Father Pat Dolan asks if that was what Jesus was remembering when he set free the poor woman caught in adultery. Did Joseph and Mary tell Jesus the story of his miraculous conception as he was growing up? Was he simply displaying the mercy he learned from them?

Here's what Matthew records Jesus saying, over and over: *I desire mercy, not sacrifice (9:13)*. Right off the bat, in Matthew's first chapter, St. Joseph teaches us the meaning of mercy when he decides not to expose his betrothed to public disgrace.

Do you remember that great dreamer from the book of Genesis whose name was also Joseph? When he was locked up in Pharaoh's dungeon, the Lord *showed him mercy (39:21)*. And it was through that mercy that he was put in a position to save the world from famine.

The two Josephs, separated by 1,600 years, show us the meaning of the word "mercy." This Advent, let somebody off the hook. Mercy can save the world once again.

What mercy will you show to someone this season?

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THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Tues. Dec 23	Memorial	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wed. Dec 24	Solemnity	The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)
Thurs. Dec 25	Solemnity	The Nativity of the Lord
Fri. Dec 26	Feast	St. Stephen, The First Martyr Octave of the Nativity
Sat. Dec 27	Feast	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist Octave of the Nativity



4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Amplify your love through ShareLife!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Right now, there's a mother wondering how she'll feed her child, a senior hoping someone will remember them, a family praying for a way forward. Your support for ShareLife and the Food Security Grants is not only a source of hope but a tangible lifeline, ensuring that food finds its way to the tables of those who need it most. Your Christmas gift will go twice as far, providing twice the hope, twice the comfort, and twice the love to those who are counting on your support. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2025 tax receipt**.

Our goal this year is **\$163,000**. To date we have achieved **\$144,275.49 (88.5%)**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

ADVENT LOVE LETTER TO JESUS

Thank you to all the children who wrote adorable love letters to Baby Jesus.

Dearest Baby Jesus.....

*AS we wait and prepare our hearts during Advent, please help us use this season to grow in kindness, patience, and goodness. Thank you for blessing my family and loving us with your whole heart, and for being there for us. I will continue to pray to you and love you forever.
Amen.*

With all my love.....

Nicolette
(Name)

2025 TAX YEAR

The last weekend for donations to be included in the 2025 tax year will be **next Sunday, December 28**. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed address or contact information before we issue the tax receipts. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

The 2026 offertory envelope boxes are available for pick up and are located at the back of the Church. **Envelopes are organized by the first letter of your surname**. Your envelope number may have changed due to reshuffling of the numbers. Please do not use previous years' envelopes. If you are new to the Parish and would like envelopes or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALES

The Knights of Columbus Georges P. Vanier Council 5957 would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the incredible support of our Christmas sales this year. Your generosity is truly appreciated and helps us continue our mission of assisting charitable causes within our community.

We wish you and your loved ones a joyous and blessed Christmas Season. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

DECEMBER 21, 2025

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR SING ALONG

Children will be singing at the **5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, Wednesday, December 24** and at the **11:00 am Christmas Day Mass, Thursday, December 25**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

This is the last weekend for the children's liturgy program. Children's liturgy will resume **Sunday, January 11, 2026**.

PARKING ON DUNLOP STREET

A reminder regarding parking on Dunlop St during the holidays.

Parking is permitted on statutory holidays

Thursday, December 25
Friday, December 26
Thursday, January 1

Parking is NOT permitted on

Wednesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 31

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, December 24 (closed at noon)
Thursday, December 25
Friday, December 26
Wednesday, December 31 (closed at noon)
Thursday, January 1

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 am Mass

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass (children's sing along)
10:00 pm Mass (bilingual)
11:30 pm mini concert of Christmas carols
12:00 pm Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass (Italian)
11:00 am Mass (children's sing along)
12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm Mass

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 am Mass

New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1, 2026

New Year's Day

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass (Italian)
11:00 am Mass
12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm Mass

FATIMA GIFT SHOP

Visit the Fatima Gift shop. Beautiful religious items available for any occasion.

Hours

Saturday: 4:30 pm–6:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am–2:00 pm and 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one-week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

DEC 22 - 28: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:

+Gabriele & +Joseph Magnotta
+Najebeh Salim Zakhem & +Richard Isa

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please contact the Parish office or call 905-884-1784 during office hours.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, America Rodriguez, Lilia Rodriguez, Adriana Gomez, Ricardo Garzon, Javier Cardenas, Hernando Cruz, Peter McGuinness, Dante Fabiello

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 22 – DEC 28

Day	Time	Intention
Mon. Dec 22	8:00 am	+Maria & +Frank Holl
Tues. Dec 23	8:00 am	+Roland Martin +Vincenzo & +Franca Di Blasi
Wed. Dec 24	8:00 am	Private Intentions
	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve (Children's Mass)
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve (Bilingual)
	MIDNIGHT	Christmas Eve (English)
Thurs. Dec 25	8:00 am	+Natividad Dumo
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Domenica Giusti +Marcello Chiappetta +Antonio Tomasone
	11:00 am	+Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini +Anthony D'Lima +Victoria D'Lima Grey +Andrea D'Lima O'Donnell
	12:30 pm	Nativity of the Lord
	4:30 pm	Nativity of the Lord
Fri. Dec 26	8:00 am	+Ynocencio Maria Delgado
Sat. Dec 27	8:30 am	For Intentions placed in the Fatima Chapel prayer box In Thanksgiving for Blessings received for Maria Gomes
	5:00 pm	+Thomas Alexander +Palma & +Pasquale D'Angela
Sun. Dec 28	8:00 am	+All Souls of Purgatory
	9:30 am	+Carlo Evangelista +Benedetto Baccilieri +Giuseppina Vaccaro
	11:00 am	+Genesio Boccia +Kenneth Munro
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Rodolfo Fortuna

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