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## *prepare the way...*



# **ADVENT**

The 4th Sunday of Advent Year A remains a season of waiting and hope. As Advent draws to a close, we can reflect on how we respond to God's call.

### **God's Promise is Fulfilled**

The 4th Sunday of Advent reminds us that God always keeps His promises. In the first reading, Isaiah tells Ahaz that God will give a sign. This sign is a child called Emmanuel, which means God is with us. Even when people doubt, God remains faithful.

This reading encourages trust in God's plan. Even when things seem uncertain, God is present. Just as He promised Emmanuel, He promises to be with us too.

### **Salvation is for Everyone**

The 4th Sunday of Advent reminds us that salvation is not just for a few. In the second reading, Paul tells the Romans that Jesus came for all people. No one is left out. God's plan is bigger than any one nation or group.

Advent is a time to remember that Jesus' coming is a gift. It is not something earned. It is freely given. As we prepare for Christmas, we can open our hearts to that gift and share it with others.

### **Trusting God Over Fear**

The 4th Sunday of Advent shows two very different responses to God. Ahaz, the ruler of Judah, is surrounded by enemies. He is afraid and does not trust God to protect his kingdom. Even when Isaiah tells him to ask for a sign, he refuses. He relies on his own strength instead.

Joseph, on the other hand, listens to God. He might not understand everything, but when the angel speaks to him, he obeys. He chooses faith over fear. Because of his trust, he becomes part of God's great plan.

These readings remind us that fear can hold us back from trusting God. Ahaz chose fear, while Joseph chose faith. Advent is a time to ask ourselves which path we are following.

*Today's reflection is attributed to  
[young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025**

8:00am + Gino & Marisa Cavallin

4:30pm Simbang Gabi

6:00pm + Fernando De Luca

### **Sunday, Dec. 21** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30am + Maria Truong Thi Thang &

Joseph Le Trung Dung

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm Thanksgiving for 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday of

Mary Joyce Williams

4:00pm + Casimiro Piscione & Erminio D'Elia

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

### **Monday, Dec. 22**

8:00am + Rita & Wilbur Fernandes

6:30pm + Rizalina Fajardo

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

### **Tuesday, Dec. 23** **St. John of Kanty**

8:00am Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary of

Jelbert & Vilma Seno

6:30pm + Ida & Luigi Collodel

7:30pm Simbang Gabi

### **Wednesday, Dec. 24**

8:00am + Cesare Lombardi

4:00pm + Fr. Aldo Uderzo, deceased of Natale &

Di Michele Families

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

8:00pm SOLEMN Christmas Vigil

### **Thursday, Dec. 25** **Nativity of the Lord**

8:30am + Deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier Families

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Danilo, Casimira, Luigi & Cirilla Berdusco,

Maria & Umberto Giurin, Bortolozzo Family

2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### **Friday, Dec. 26** **St. Stephen**

8:00am + Gerald & Irene Hendricks

7:00pm + William Eballa

### **Saturday, Dec. 27** **St. John, Apostle**

8:00am Thanksgiving for 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding

Anniversary of Rita & Srinivas Rajgopal

6:00pm Thanksgiving for Kiaan Chaurasia

### **Sunday, Dec. 28** **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:30am + Josephine Bortolotto

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Francesca Turchiaro

4:00pm + Audrey & Owen Rose

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

As we gather in this joyous season, we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time of hope, love, and family. On that holy night, the angels proclaimed: *"Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people of good will!"* This message is for us today, for our lives and our history. Christmas is the feast of closeness: God's encounter with humanity, when He takes on our flesh and comes to meet us face to face.

The prophet Isaiah foretold a vision of peace: *"The wolf shall be the guest of the lamb..."* This promise of reconciliation comes alive in our parish family, where many cultures and traditions enrich our celebrations. Christmas invites us to share our gifts in unity, to rejoice in our diversity, and to recognize Christ as the source of harmony among us.

My most beautiful memories of Christmas are those lived in family: novenas with neighbors, decorations, the nativity scene, songs, games, and gifts given and received. These memories have deepened my faith and remind me that this truly is *"the season to engage"*: to engage with the love of God and with one another.

In this spirit, I thank all our parish volunteers and ministries: musicians, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, seniors, prayer groups, parish councils, the Scalabrinian Sisters, our staff, pastoral team, and every member of this great family. A special word of gratitude goes to all who supported our Renovation Project. Through your generosity and prayers, you have helped renew our parish home, making it a more welcoming place for worship and community life.

May this season be a sign of peace, a reminder that in Christ we are one family, and that the joy of Christmas is found in the gifts we share. On behalf of our parish community, I wish you and your families a blessed and merry Christmas. May Christ be the center of your lives, and may the New Year bring peace, joy, and God's presence to your homes.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! May God bless us all.

*Fr. Gabriel Forero M., c. s.*



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2025

### Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Christmas Vigil

4:00pm FAMILY MASS (Christmas Vigil – English)  
6:00pm SPANISH MASS (Christmas Vigil)  
8:00pm SOLEMN English Mass

### Thursday, December 25, 2025 Christmas Day

8:30am English Mass  
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm English Mass  
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### Wednesday, December 31, 2025 New Year's Eve

8:00am English Mass  
6:00pm SPANISH MASS (Feast of Mary, Mother of God)  
7:15pm Adoration  
8:00pm Feast of Mary Mother of God Mass (English)

### Thursday, January 1, 2026 New Year's Day

8:30am English Mass  
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm English Mass

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Just a reminder to drop off your Giving Tree donation into any collection basket during any mass. You may also scan the QR code on the SVDP announcement on the church bulletin boards and make your donation online too. Please make your donation before Christmas.

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