



## Mary Immaculate

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**OFFICE will be closed 12/24 & 12/25**

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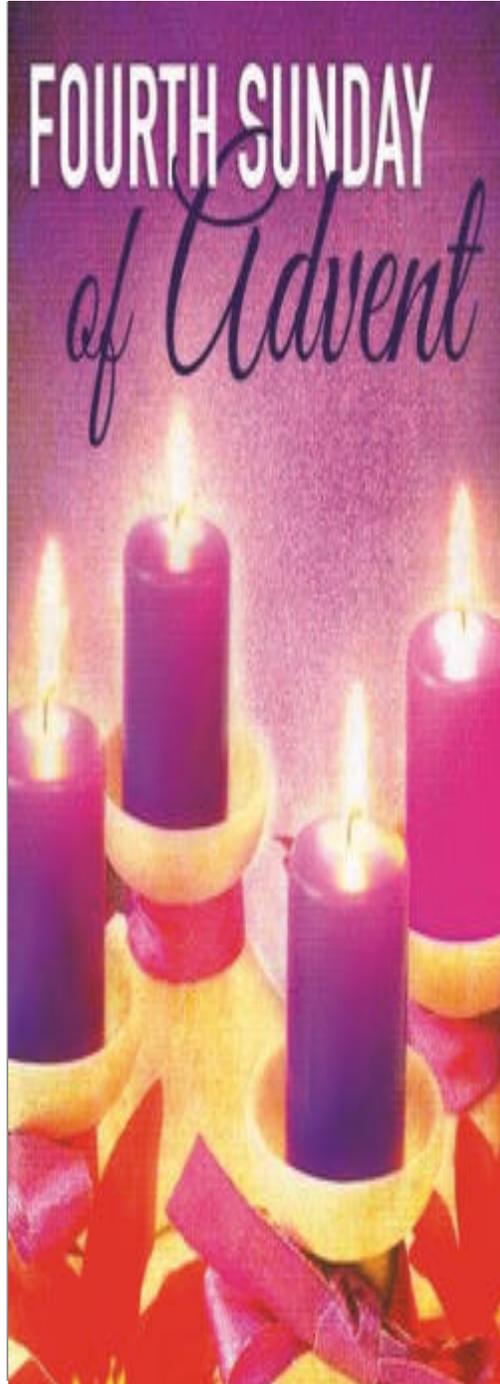
Call Parish Office to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

### Marriage

Call Parish Office a minimum of six months in advance to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

### Visitors

We are blessed to have you worship with us at Mass. If you would like to become a parishioner you can call the parish office or download a registration form from our website



Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	SC&online
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	SC&online
Thursday	4:15 p.m.	SC&online
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	MI
Friday	9:00 a.m.	SC&online
Saturday	4:15 p.m.	SC
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	SC&online
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	MI

### Mass Schedule

### Confession

Tuesday	5:00-5:30 pm	SC
Saturday	9:00-10:00 am	MI
Saturday	3:30-4:00 pm	SC
Sunday	7:45—8:15 am	SC
<b>1st Friday</b>	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

Fr. Joe is always open to making appointments for confession.

### Adoration

Tuesday	10:00 am-5:45 pm	SC
<b>1st Friday</b>	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

\*cancelled due to Father's absence

### Homebound Ministry

Fr. Joe visits the homebound within the parish boundaries on First Fridays.

Fr. Joe visits parishioners in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living in Grand Rapids and Hibbing on First Thursdays.

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the parish.



**December 22—December 27**

**Tuesday** (22) - Melinda Vaughn

**Wednesday** (23) - Art Sundquist †

**Thursday** (24) - Annabelle †

**Thursday (24)** - Parishioners

**Friday** (25) - Wayne Perrealt †

**Saturday** (26) - Carol Cardille †

**Sunday** (27) 8:30 - DeLores McDonald †  
10:30— Parishioners

**Saturday, December 26- 4:15 pm**

Lector: Judy Ozanich

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Com-  
munion:

Server:

**Sunday, December 27- 8:30 am**

Lector: Greg Brandner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Com-  
munion:

Server: Damon Gangl

Ushers:

Counters:

**Sunday, December 27 -10:30 am**

Lector: Theresa Troumbly

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Server: Darric Davidson

Volunteer cleaners:

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Bulletin articles need to be submitted by Tuesday at 10:00 am for the week the bulletin is printed. The Friday before if there is a holiday.

Know someone who could use prayers?

**CALL- -St. Cecilia's Prayer Chain:**

Darlene or Ted Squillace 885-1057.

**Mary Immaculate Prayer Chain:**

Teresa Kessler 910-9007.

**Sister Dorene King** from St. Scholastica Monastery has been assigned to our parishes to be a prayer advocate. She is praying for us, but if you have a special intention please call (218)723-6555.

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FROM FR. JOE

**What was it like?**

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Gospel from Luke talks about the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel announces to the young Mary that she is to give birth to the Messiah. This Thursday evening and Friday morning, we will hear about this marvelous birth and how a choir of angels announced the news to a group of shepherds who go to see it for themselves. Next Sunday we will hear the story of the Presentation and how Simeon and Anna foretell the wondrous things that Jesus will do in His life. There are plenty more stories: the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth; the Visit of the Magi; and the flight into Egypt from Herod. There are plenty of things to think about and meditate on.

Something that I have enjoyed doing for a long time, is asking myself the question, "What was it like?" and then I imagine myself being there in the story (the Annunciation, the Nativity, or whichever). I enjoy this because it allows me to use my imagination and to picture what it might have looked like, how things smelled, how objects felt, and what emotion may have been going through the people who were there. It is really a great opportunity to meditate on some very well-known Bible stories. This method of placing oneself in the midst of a story is an exercise that St. Ignatius of Loyola (founder of the Jesuit Religious Order) encouraged people to do in their personal prayer.

This week, why not take some time to consider what was going on the minds of the Holy Family as they had to make their way to Bethlehem? Are the words of Gabriel still echoing in Mary's mind, "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High"? Perhaps she is still wondering what that message even means and how any of this is even possible. Is Joseph still pondering what happened in his dream and the command of the angel to take Mary into his home? They both had to be at least somewhat anxious about this journey. They would be traveling somewhere close to a hundred miles on foot. Maybe Mary was able to ride on a donkey, as we often depict the scene, but that would have hardly been a smooth, comfortable ride especially for someone so close to giving birth. The journey could be dangerous for a young couple, even if the wife was not with child. The "roads" they would have traveled would have been simple paths, probably very rough and rocky. There could have been robbers on the road or Roman Soldiers looking to make trouble. They may have been on the lookout for dangerous animals and had to worry about finding shelter at night and having enough food. How relieved they must have been to finally see Jerusalem and then Bethlehem a short while later.

The story of course does not end there. There is a lot more that we can consider and meditate on as we go through the whole Nativity story. You can picture yourself as Mary or Joseph and imagine what they felt. Or put yourself as a shepherd or one of the townspeople of Bethlehem. What would you see? What would you want to say to Mary or Joseph or even baby Jesus? What would it have been like to be there?

**FROM THE OFFICE:**



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY—December 24—**

**4:15 p.m. at St Cecilia's**

**7:00 p.m. at Mary Immaculate**

**FRIDAY—December 25— 9 a.m. at St Cecilia's**

**Please call the office to tell us which Mass you (family) will be attending and how many are in your party.**

**Advent Confession Schedule** is available at the front of both parishes. Please call the office if you would like one mailed to you.

**Attn: Lectors & Servers:** The new schedule for January has been mailed to lectors and servers.. There are also extra copies in the front entry. Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

**PLEASE NOTE—CHANGE TO BULLETIN DUE DATES**

1/3/21 bulletin is **DUE** by 10 a.m. on 12/23



**THANK YOU** to everyone who has continued to contribute to our parishes. Most of our expenses continue during this difficult time. It is a GREAT time to sign up for giving online. See our website for details. ([www.scmicatholic.com](http://www.scmicatholic.com))

**Readings for the week of December 20, 2020**

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

**Friday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

**From Mari Jo Anderson:  
Director Religious Education  
and Youth Ministry:**

**Be it done according to Thy word."**

At this moment, Mary takes on flesh. And the child that is born of her has the flesh of Mary, the eyes of Mary, the ears of Mary, the loveliness of Mary, the humanity of Mary.

And many years later, when she holds him after they take him down from the cross, his last words, will be echoes of those that she herself said, "Be it done to me according to Your word," when he gives his life into the hands of his Father. Mary then is something very special for all of us because Mary is the model that we are called to follow.

We think we should model ourselves after Jesus. No one can model themselves after the Son of God. But here is our nature's solitary boast. Mary is the model because she's totally and completely human.

And why is it passed on to us? Think of it now. How is this child to be known? How is this child to be enfleshed in the world in which we live, unless it is through us?

It is Mary's faith that makes the incarnation possible. And it is our faith that makes the incarnation possible in our own world. It is we, and our faith, it is this that brings the Child to the world. It brings new meaning to our families, to grow with us, to be with us. And it is through the goodness of our own faith, one with him, that the love of God is to be radiated out into the whole world.

The difference between the faith of Mary and our faith is we're all willing to go so far, and then, of course, our faith begins to fade.

But Mary is there for the whole journey, all the way over, and all the way back. And this is the kind of faith that we're supposed to run our lives with. This is the kind of faith that God says, "Mary, blessed are you among women, because God has chosen you to be the one to reveal the Messiah to the whole world." And, of course, this is what is asked of us.

Christmas is not something that happened to other people many, many centuries ago.

It happens every day when we bring our faith together and say to God, "Take my life. Be it done to you and be it done to me according to Your word."

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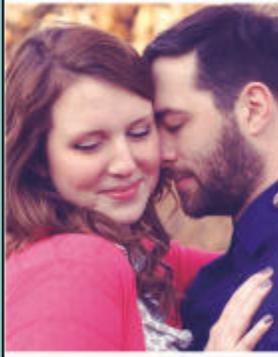


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