

# Holy Family

Catholic Church

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**First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021**

## Mass Schedule



### *Weekday*

Monday—Friday (Church).....7:30 am

### *Sunday*

Saturday.....4:00 pm

Sunday.....8:00 am, 9:30 am

Sunday.....11:00 am (Bilingual)

### *Chapel is open for prayer:*

Tuesday & Thursday.....10:00 am – 4:00 pm

### *Confessions*

Saturday (Church).....3:00 - 3:45 pm

*Or by appointment*

### *Parish Office Hours*

Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri. 9 am - 5 pm

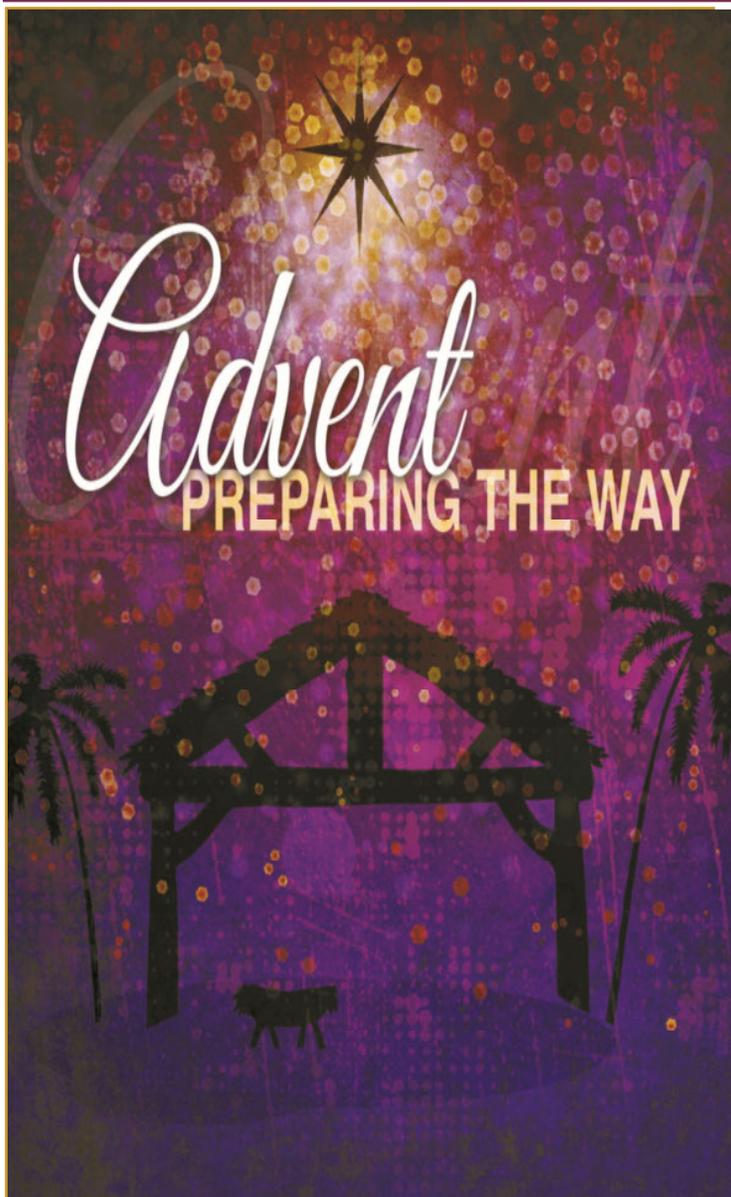
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### Please Note New Closure Policy

When it's announced on TV Channels 4, 7 or 9 that Arrupe High School is either closed or on remote learning status, there will be no Masses or other activities at Holy Family.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Family Parish is a community that builds on a long tradition of bringing people to a closer relationship with God through prayer, sacraments, celebrations, education, and service to those in need.



## A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that this week Advent begins. I feel as though we have just begun November and it's already over. You're going to hear a lot around the diocese about using advent this year as a chance for the diocese to go on retreat together. There are things that we are to weave into our preaching and last weekend at mass you heard an overview of that.

This is hopefully part of preparing for the worldwide Synod in which Pope Francis has asked us to participate. To be honest I have no idea how these things that have been set for our own Archdiocese really have much to do with the pope's. However, they can certainly help us to participate in, and begin to understand, the listening process which is essential to a Synod.

In order to bridge the difference, as I see it, between the themes that have been given to us locally, and the more universal themes that have been set by the Vatican, I think we should focus on two larger, overriding questions and look at each smaller theme.

Over the years I have found these two questions to be the most important we can ask when trying to discern how to listen to God, how to respond to God, and what our vocation in the world might be. The two questions are:

"What are my hopes?", and, "What are my fears?"

In the weeks ahead (as well as every so often throughout life) as we all prepare for this idea of worldwide dialogue, and Archdiocesan-wide retreat, we should try to find some time to reflect on our faith and our church and our life together. As you think of the future of Catholicism in our world: What are your hopes and what are your fears?

Peace, Father Pat

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### Annual Advent Retreat:

#### FINDING MARY IN SCRIPTURE AND IN HISTORY

Join Kathy McGovern, composer of the popular Christmas carol "Mary had a Baby," for a restful Advent morning thinking of Mary and her Immaculate Conception. She is very near to all who call on her.

WHEN: Saturday, December 4th, 9am-11:30am

WHERE: Immaculate Conception Church

715 Cabrini Dr., Lafayette, CO 80026

COST: Free will offering.

REGISTRATION: Donna Tuttle 303-666-6966 or [donnatuttle1@gmail.com](mailto:donnatuttle1@gmail.com)

The Story and You



Sacred Conversations

### First Sunday of Advent

Today's world has a lot of advantages over that of years ago. Take waiting, for example. Before huge cineplexes in every neighborhood we used to actually have to buy tickets in advance, or wait in long lines for seats to movie openings. Remember *Star Wars*, anyone? Or, in more recent memory, the long wait for the next Harry Potter book?

On the other hand, it's good to muster the discipline for some kind of delayed gratification in life. Painful as it was, waiting for the bus, or for a favorite tv show to return after the long summer break, formed a certain character in us. I call on that character all the time, when I'm waiting for a medication to work, maybe, or waiting for test results from the doctor.

I'll bet you have daily challenges to that essential character trait too. Are you waiting for those painful pounds to come off—they will, I promise—or for news from a loved one who is deployed, or hospitalized, or just missing from your life? That kind of waiting is just agonizing.

Or maybe your long wait is to overcome a resentment that's had you in its grasp for decades. More likely, your wait is for healing for a child who is in the grip of depression, or an addiction, or has problems at school. That's the most agonizing wait of all.

I have an idea. How about if, this Advent, every reader of this column around the country prayed for someone who is reading these words right now? Talk about waiting. We won't know until we see Jesus who we were praying for, and who was praying for us. Ready? I can't wait. *How would you like your unknown prayer partner to pray for you?* KathyGovern ©2021

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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24**

**4:00 pm Children's Mass, 5:30 pm Mass**

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25**

**9:30 am, 11 am, bilingual**

**Office Closed Friday, December 24 &**

**Friday, December 31**

# DECEMBER

## Advent thoughts from a Franciscan:

As a Franciscan, I avoid doing Christmas things prior to Christmas Eve, since Advent has its own rich and enveloping experience.

A Franciscan Advent is apocalyptic and forward-looking in a creative sense. We stand erect and raise our eyes as we do cosmic and environmental housecleaning for the arrival of the Great King who makes all things new.

A Franciscan Advent is renovational. We straighten out paths twisted by confusion and anxiety, we fill in valleys of poverty and alienation, we bring down mountains of pride and self absorption, we smooth out roads roughened by violence and racism so that all may plainly see the Great King who is always healing.

A Franciscan Advent is evangelical. We announce and live the good news of the Great King who embraces sinners and who refines them into nourishing wheat for others.

A Franciscan Advent is Marian. We, with Mary, bearing the embryonic Word Made Flesh within us, hasten to those once empty to make present to them the Great King who makes their whole being leap with joy.

Since Franciscans do not belong to an exclusive club, they welcome all to be companions in observing a Franciscan Advent. Though Advent concludes prior to the Christmas Vigil, Franciscan women and men and their companions remain adventist for the rest of the year as they herald the Great King in his ministry, passion, death, resurrection and sending of the Spirit.

Neil O'Connell, OFM

## ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS:

- ◆ A & R to clean the Church Dec. 4 at 9 am. They need YOU. Call Loretta at 303.941.6309
- ◆ No November or December Altar & Rosary Meeting. The next meeting will be January 15, 2022.

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## Visit the Chapel

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 4 pm.

Sign the sheet and spend time with the Lord.

How will you know what God has planned for your life unless you spend time in prayer? Your life will improve if you give an hour a week. It's Advent, just begin NOW!

See you there!

# IN PRAYER

*We remember our parish deceased*

† Ida Mae Landrum † Margaret Toohey † Nancy Daniel

*and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest in Peace.*

*We pray for the homebound, sick, caregivers, and those in the book of the sick.*

*Take a moment to read the "Book of the Sick" so that you may know who needs prayer. Be sure to add your prayer intentions so that we can hold each other up in prayer each day!*

*We pray for our men & women in uniform.*

*Lord, Hear our Prayer*

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Anointing of the Sick The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments one is especially intended to strengthen those who are ill: the Anointing of the Sick. People receive this Sacrament when sick, often before surgery, or if they are in hospice care.

Sometimes loved ones wait until the sacrament cannot be fully administered. The Sacrament involves Anointing, Confession, and reception of Communion. The Eucharist should be the last sacrament of the earthly journey, the "viaticum" for the "passing over" to eternal life.

Please, be advised, call the priest in time for your loved one to receive the Sacrament fully. If you wait until the last minute, the priest may not be available, or the loved one may die, at which point, the loved one will receive a blessing, and not be able to receive the full Sacrament.

## VANCO FAITH

### Our Church's New Mobile App is Here!

We're excited to announce Holy Family has upgraded our mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile.

You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

**Please download Vanco Mobile by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Vanco will be retiring GivePlus Mobile after this date.**

If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call us at 303-455-1664.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### November 27 - Dec. 5, 2021

#### 27 Saturday, Weekday, BVM

4:00 †Jim & †Margo Conway by Children

#### 28 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 †George Lutito by Paul Rizzo

9:30 †Gavin Vieira by Mark & Diane Potter

11:00 People of Holy Family

#### 29 Monday, Advent Weekday

7:30 †Joe & †Barbara Capra by Somma Family

#### 30 Tuesday, St. Andrew, Apostle

7:30 †Irene Murphy, †Alice Brachle, by J/K Brisnehan

### DECEMBER

#### 1 Wednesday, Advent Weekday

7:30 †Tom & Barb Baker (Anniversary) by Family

#### 2 Thursday, Advent Weekday

7:30 †Margaret Rotola by Kathy Rotola

#### 3 Friday, Advent Weekday

7:30 Intention of Fr. Frank Garcia by Char Wolf

#### 4 Saturday, Advent Weekday

4:00 †Loretta Quigley by Quigley - Hart Families

#### 5 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 †Carlos Gonzales by Evan Gonzales & Family

9:30 †Betty Lopez by Kristy & Keri

11:00 People of Holy Family

### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR:

#### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, November 14, 2021

MASSES \$ 4,596.00

MAIL-IN 1,020.00

ON-LINE \$ 3,571.25

TOTAL \$ 9,187.25

*Thank you for your generosity.*

-A Big Thanks to those of you who participated in the Ministry Fair. We had a great turn-out. We will be following up with you in the coming weeks.

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## MEET OUR STAFF

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Music Ministry.....Patricia Doane

Sacristans...Mary Ellen Iten, Mark Potter, Rose Williamson

Parish Hall Manager.....Gerri Faes

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### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

**The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.**

**In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; He shall do what is right and just in the land.**

**In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: The Lord our Justice.”**

Jeremiah was a prophet during the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in the latter part of the sixth century, BC. In this extremely dark time in Judah’s history, all seemed lost, and it appeared that God had turned away from the chosen people. Yet Jeremiah had a message of hope for all who await the coming reign of God, which will be manifested in the birth of the messiah from the line of David. The prophet announces the emergence of a shoot from David’s line. This allusion to an orchard or vineyard is a metaphor for kingship: this sprout will act with justice over the land.



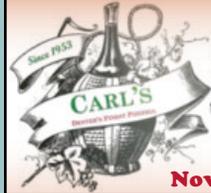
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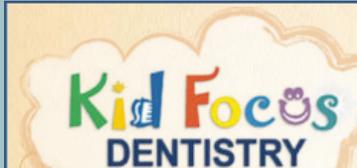
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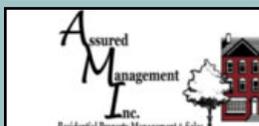
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