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**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday through Friday** at 8:00 a.m.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** at 4:00 p.m. in English and **Sunday** at  
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. in English,  
and 12:00 p.m. in Spanish

**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION**

**Mondays through Friday** directly after the 8:00 a.m.

daily Mass, and **Saturdays** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church  
Confessionals.

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms will be celebrated on the third Saturday of the  
month in English and the fourth Saturday of the month in  
Spanish. We will need the child's birth certificate to begin  
the file. Please contact the parish office to begin the  
Baptism process.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Arrangements for the  
Sacrament of Matrimony must be made at least nine  
months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please contact the Parish Office  
to schedule a Mass. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Sunday prior to the Sunday Bulletin date.



DECEMBER 24TH 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
El Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

**December 24, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

What is prudence? Prudence is the ability to govern and discipline oneself using sound decision making but even more, prudence is a cardinal virtue. Through the exercise of this virtue, king David wants to build a special house for the Arc of the God in thanks to God for all his blessings and his own future house. God then sends a message to David through the prophet Nathan by asking him, "Should you build me a house to dwell in?" Why would God ask that question of David? We need to understand that a house is not simply a building. The house of David would be like a legacy or dynasty that God created for David and all his ancestors. God has control of Where he resides, not man.

We look at both king David and Mary as examples of prudence in their response to God's call and the decisions to say 'yes' to Him. David's acceptance to answer God's was through his lineage of which Jesus would be born through the direct acceptance of God's call to Mary when she said to the angel of the Lord, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word." Will we too answer God's call as David did and hope that our legacy will find favor in time with God or will we answer prudently and directly allowing God to enter into our heart and soul to do as he asks?

**Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Roger Maidman**

**24 de diciembre de 2023  
4º Domingo de Adviento**

¿Qué es la prudencia? La prudencia es la capacidad de gobernar y disciplinarse a sí mismo mediante la toma de decisiones acertadas, pero aún más, la prudencia es una virtud cardinal. A través del ejercicio de esta virtud, el rey David quiere construir una casa especial para el Arca de Dios en agradecimiento a Dios por todas sus bendiciones y su propia casa futura. Entonces Dios envía un mensaje a David a través del profeta Natán preguntándole: "¿Deberías construirme una casa para habitar?" ¿Por qué Dios le haría esa pregunta a David? Tenemos que entender que una casa no es simplemente un edificio. La casa de David sería como un legado o dinastía que Dios creó para David y todos sus antepasados. Dios tiene el control de Donde él reside, no el hombre.

Vemos tanto al rey David como a María como ejemplos de prudencia en su respuesta al llamado de Dios y en las decisiones de decirle "sí". La aceptación de David para responder a la de Dios fue a través de su linaje del cual Jesús nacería a través de la aceptación directa del llamado de Dios a María cuando ella le dijo al ángel del Señor: "He aquí, yo soy la esclava del Señor. Hágase en mí según tu palabra". ¿Responderemos nosotros también al llamado de Dios como lo hizo David y esperaremos que nuestro legado encuentre el favor de Dios a tiempo, o responderemos con prudencia y directamente permitiendo que Dios entre en nuestro corazón y alma para hacer lo que Él pide?

**Tuyo en Cristo,  
Díacono Roger Maidman**

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**Our Lady of Grace Parish Financial Report  
Month of September 2023**

Sep. 2023 All Income	\$54,118.02
Sep. 2023 All Expenses	<b>(\$92,556.95)</b>
<b>Sep. 2023 Balance: Surplus/Short</b>	<b>(\$38,438.93)</b>
Fiscal Year SURPLUS/SHORTFALL	<b>(\$64,019.49)</b>
Sep. '23 Eyes CC Contributions-Expenses	\$12,366.36
Eyes Campaign-Total Collected to Date -Expenses	\$514,193.97
<b>Mortgage Balance as of 9/30/23:</b>	<b>\$3,667,928.81</b>

**Eyes Towards the Future Campaign Drive**  
# of Donors 304  
Amount Pledged \$931,408.26  
Any payments towards Campaign please make following note:

"2022 Capital Campaign"

**Young@Heart 55+ Ministry**

Will be taking a break for the Christmas Holidays. Young@Heart will resume on January 11, 2024.

**Agape Young Adult Ministry**

Next Meeting will be January 12, 2024

Please join the Legion of Mary in praying the rosary every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Sunday Offering**

**Weekend of December 9-10, 2023**

Sunday Collection ..... \$7,347.18

**We Share (Online) Offertory**

December 4-8, 2023 ..... \$5,101.50

**TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTED ..... \$12,448.68**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 23rd - St. John Kanty**

4:00 pm Souls of Bob Crean and Richard & Ruth Ebel

**Sunday, December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am Soul of Michael Kramarczyk  
9:00 am Anniversary of Joe and Dolor Garza  
10:30 am Birthday of Fr. Bobby Emprayil  
12:00 pm Soul of Silvina Aguado Herbert  
4:00 pm Souls of Daniel Rojas and Daniel Rojas Jr.  
6:00 pm Pro populo  
10:00 pm Soul of James Butler

**Monday, December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 am Intention of Virginia Meuzakis  
9:00 am Soul of Michael Tremonto  
10:30 am Soul of Generose Mukambanda  
12:00 pm Christmas Memorial Novena

**Tuesday, December 26th - St. Stephen**

8:00 am Christmas Memorial Novena

**Wednesday, December 27th - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

6:30 am Soul of Enrique Jehu Reyes  
8:00 am Christmas Memorial Novena

**Thursday, December 28th - The Holy Innocents**

8:00 am Christmas Memorial Novena

**Friday, December 29th - St. Thomas Becket**

8:00 am Christmas Memorial Novena

**Saturday, December 30th**

4:00 pm Christmas Memorial Novena

**Sunday, December 31st - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:30 am Christmas Novena  
9:00 am Soul of Amy Cooney  
10:30 am Soul of Doug Shafer  
12:00 pm Soul of Evangelina Rodriguez  
4:00 pm

Our Lady of Grace—December 24th, 2023



### This Week in our Parish

#### **Sunday, December 24th**

7:30 a.m. English Mass, Church  
9:00 a.m. English Mass, Church  
10:30 a.m. English Mass, Church  
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass, Church  
4:00 p.m. Childrens Christmas Mass, Church  
6:00 p.m. English Christmas Mass, Church  
10:00 p.m. English Christmas Midnight Mass

#### **Monday, December 25th**

7:30 a.m. English Mass, Church  
9:00 a.m. English Mass, Church  
10:30 a.m. English Mass, Church  
12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass, Church

#### **Tuesday, December 26th**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Church  
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church

#### **Wednesday, December 27th**

6:30 a.m. Spanish Daily Mass, Church  
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Church  
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church  
2:00 p.m. Rosary led by Legion of Mary, Church

#### **Thursday, December 28th**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Church  
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church

#### **Friday, December 29th**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass, English  
8:30 a.m. Confessions after Daily Mass, Church

#### **Saturday, December 30th**

9:00 a.m. Confessions, Church  
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Church

#### **Prayer for the Sick:**

Gayla Ryser	Jeanne Fix
Hilda Martinez	Cindy M.
Don Peyton	Gary Haller
Marcus Tavarez	Howard Wurm
Laurie Braendle	Trina Gomez
Judy Celik	Carol Ann Maroni
Mike Wickham	Jayce Pangilinan
Joseph Nowosielski	Jose Navor Rivera
EJ Diaz	Lou Zazzeri
Ruth Trágico	Marge Tishy
Maria Encarnación Valdez	Leo Sax
Cory Bullerkist	David Mac Porter
Annie Ruiz-Colón	Anna Krieger
Cindy Swanson	William Fries
Bemar Hernandez	Juan Francisco Ortíz
John Steinle	Rich G.
Donna Brian	Christine Shekoski
Eva Kalke	Laura
Clarice Green Bechamp	Ray Ortega
Shelley McClaren	Geovany Cangiamila
Stella White	Emma Cruz Dennison
Barbara Bryant	Landon Wrampe
Camerina Flores	Matthew Smith
Anita Deverka	Penny Peng
Raymond Martinez	Robert Garner
Emiliano	Cindy Murphy
Sarah Smith	Bill Schmidt
Randy Dunn	Fred Hudgens
Linda Morgan	Joan Greer
Danny Lovato	Rose Brown
Alicia Mirasol	Jaime Rodriguez
Francisco Javier Jimenez	Rudy & Betty Jaravata
Manuel Lansang	Ellen Lewis
Loretta Walters	Richard Kam
Sean Soliz	Jerry Leligdon
Bambina Trágico	Anna Leligdon
Mayo Gustillo	Marissa Gustilo
Ron Hollingsworth	Buddy Krogman
Leslie McCarthy	Steve Lamberto
Matthew Monsegur	Richard Gutierrez
Kenneth Murphy	Paul Studer
CeCe Daniel	Melissa Brashears
Jennifer Kraus	Conant Rose
Raul Deberá	James Brassfield
Kris Trenary	Pat Wistl
Jenny Wieseler	Doris Ortega
Joaquin & Suzana Valenzuela	Denise Towne
Kelly Dumovic	

Please send your *Prayer for the Sick* requests to information@maricopacatholic.org or call the parish office. We will include them on our prayer list for one month or longer by request. If someone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office to make arrangements for our Homebound Ministry. Also, please let the office know if you would like a prayer shawl to comfort those who are sick.

### **December 24th, 2023– Fourth Sunday of Advent**



#### **FESTIVAL NEWS!**

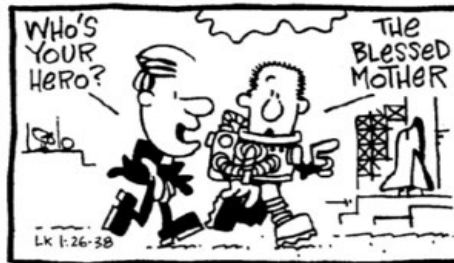
The festival is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024!

**All Day Ride Tickets:** All day carnival ride tickets are on sale in the church office during regular business hours. All day ride tickets are \$25 each if purchased before the festival begins. At the festival the price will increase to \$30.

**Silent Auction and Raffle Items Needed:** We are seeking donations of new and like new items to be used in the raffle baskets and silent auction. All donations are welcome. Items such as unused gift cards, event tickets, airline miles, vacation home stays, electronic items, household items, jewelry, toys, sporting goods are just a few ideas.

**Volunteers:** We are still recruiting volunteers to be a part of our festival planning committee. For information email the festival committee at [ologmaricopafestival@gmail.com](mailto:ologmaricopafestival@gmail.com) or call the church office.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



#### **2023 Christmas Mass Schedule**

##### **Sunday, December 24/ Domingo, 24 de Diciembre**

4:00 pm English *Children's Mass—Most Crowded*

6:00 pm English

10:00 pm English



##### **Monday, December 25/ Sábado, 25 de Diciembre**

7:30 am English

9:00 am English

10:30 am English

12:00 pm Spanish/Español

#### **Sweeping Ministry**

December 26th

Anyone interested in helping to sweep our church please call JoAnn 602 803-1478.

**Safety compliance required**

#### **Youth Ministry**

**Edge Middle School Youth Group: Wednesday, Dec. 27th - No Class. Merry Christmas!**

**Lifeteen High School Youth Group: Thursday, Dec. 28th - No Class. Merry Christmas!**

#### **Ministerio Guadalupano**

El Ministerio Guadalupano te invita a rezar el Rosario cada domingo a la 1:15 pm y cada primer domingo del mes a rezar el Rosario en una hora de adoración al Santísimo Sacramento.

Para más información:

Diácono Memo Castro [memo.castro777@gmail.com](mailto:memo.castro777@gmail.com)

Oficina Parroquial: (520) 568-4605

#### **Vocations News**

We pray for young people in our community that they may respond generously with open hearts and willing spirits if the Lord calls them to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life. Amen!

#### **Steubenville West 2024 - MEETING**

We will be holding our first Steubenville West Meeting for all parents and teens on **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Office**. All Current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend. Steubenville West 2024 Youth Conference will be held on July 12-14, 2024 in Tucson, AZ.

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