

Dec. 18-19, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Weekly Reflection



We are very close to the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God-with-us. Thanks to the liturgy, we relive the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Thomas Aquinas teaches that Bethlehem was a fitting place for the birth of our Savior because Bethlehem means “the house of bread;” and it was Christ Himself who said: “*I am the living Bread which came down from heaven.*” Thanks to the liturgy, we relive the mystery of the Nativity of the Lord, and also the Emmanuel, God-with-us, can truly be present in our hearts. What a wonderful gift! We are called to bear Christ within us. This is the Eucharistic miracle!

The Eucharist is the Sacrament through which God hides Himself most deeply within us: He hides Himself under the form of food and drink. What return can we make to the Lord for all He gives to us? What return can we make to the Lord for coming to us in the Eucharist. With the words of the psalmist, we say: “*I will take up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord*” (Ps 116). We take up the cup of salvation, the cup of the Eucharist, and in public, we call upon the name of Lord before all men, before our society, and the whole world.

We are partakers of the sacrifice of Christ. We offer Him, and in Him, we offer ourselves to God. Through the Eucharist, He accepts our sacrifice of praise! He accepts our thanksgiving and adoration! Let us prepare our homes, let us prepare our hearts, for the nativity of our Lord.

Our Priests

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Deacon	Tom Kinnick <i>Thomas.K@avemariaparish.org</i>

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Collection Summary

● 12/04 & 12/05 Total	\$30,326.13
● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943.24
Donations to CFA	\$83,901.50
CFA Goal	\$210,000
Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$1,828,217.00
Pledges Collected to Date	\$1,248,184.69

*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt



MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Sat. December 18

- 9:00am *The Caglia Family*
- ● ● 9:30-10:30am *Confessions*
- 5:00pm *The McKnight Family*

Sun. December 19

- 8:00am *Robert & Stephanie Pointz*
- 10:00am *The Parish Community*
- 12:30pm (EF) *Lia Fry*

Mon. December 20

- 7:30am *Jennifer Wycoff & Family*
- 12:00pm *+ Jose Amaral*
- ● 2:45-3:45pm *Confessions*
- 5:00pm *Ryan Scialabba*

Tues. December 21

- 7:30am *+ Joseph Lancellot*
- 12:00pm *+ Richard Hoskins*
- 5:00pm *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Wed. December 22

- 7:30am *+ Mirta Urizarri*
- 12:00pm *+ Alex Nowakowski*
- ● 2:45-3:45pm *Confessions*
- 5:00pm *James Rowe*

Thur. December 23

- 7:30am *Emily Rae Daub*
- 12:00pm *+ Nita Apang*
- 5:00pm *The Pointz Family*

Fri. December 24

- 9:00am *John Jarvis*

Christmas Eve Masses

- 3:30pm *The Diocese of Venice*
- 5:00pm *For Greater Respect of All Human Life*
- 12:00am *Fr. David M. Vidal*

Color Key for Priests

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| ● Fr. David Vidal | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi |
| ● Fr. John Andem | ● Fr. Ignatius |
| ● Fr. Piotr Paciorek | ● Fr. Anbu |
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Contact the Parish Office to remember your own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass.

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Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial por Intenciones de Misas.

Prayer of the Week

The St. Andrew Christmas Novena

The St. Andrew Novena is a popular Advent devotion. Beginning on the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30, the prayer is said 15 times a day until Christmas. While it's called the St. Andrew Novena, the prayer is addressed to God and focuses our attention on the coming Nativity. For this reason, it's also called the Christmas Anticipation Novena.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Welcome to the Church!

December 17, 2021

- John Paul Lanham

*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.



Holy Matrimony

By creating man and woman God called them to an intimate communion of life and of love: "So that they are no longer two, but one flesh," (Mt. 19:6).

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.



Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A renewed effort for our Parish to continue our Capital Campaign, ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is beginning! Please join us in this effort! For more information, contact our Parish Office Office@AveMariaParish.org or visit our website www.AveMariaParish.org

Good to Know!

Some Monthly Church Expenses

Avg. Electric	\$5,389.13
Avg. Water Usage	\$1,017.73
Avg. A/C Usage	\$1,257.33
Regular Maintenance	\$7,360.00
Future Maintenance Reserve	\$6,833.33
Property Insurance	\$7,234.00

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Sept. '21

Oct. '21

Nov. '21

Dec. '21

PARISH LIFE

Events and Updates



December 25

Christmas
Special Masses in the Eve
and the Day

Ave Maria Church



December 31

Holy Hour
and Confessions

9pm-Midnight| Church



January 15

Parish
Men's Retreat

8am-3pm| AMU Ballroom



January 29

The Steak Cook-Off
Donahue Academy
Fundraising

10am| Piazza

Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

Fri, Dec 24, 3:30pm and 5pm Vigil

Sat, Dec 25, 12am Midnight, 10am, and 12:30pm (EF)

Holy Family Sunday Masses

Sat, Dec. 25, 5pm Vigil

Sun, Dec 26, 8am, 10am, 12:30pm (EF)

New Year - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Masses (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)

Fri, Dec 31, 5pm Vigil

Fri, Dec 31, 9pm-Midnight Exposition

Sat, Jan 1, 10am, 12:30pm (EF)

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Masses

Sat, Jan 1, 5pm Vigil (English), 7pm Vigil (Spanish)

Sun, Jan 2, 8am, 10am, 12:30pm (EF)

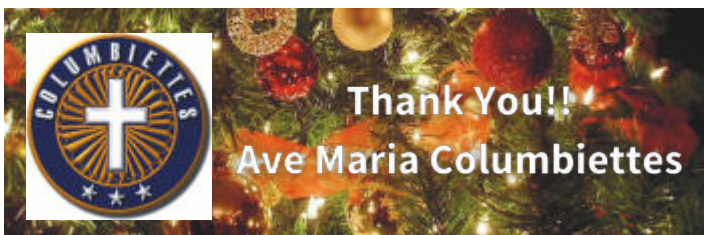


Ave Maria Parish Gala

Ave Maria Parish *Dare to Dream* Gala in honor of Tom Monaghan, founder of Ave Maria, for his inspired vision. Save the Date! **February 12, 2022, from 5:00pm to 10:30pm.** Place: Vineyards Country Club. Tickets \$175 - Sponsorships available. For more information on how you or your organization can be a sponsor contact **Beatrice Sanford, (757) 707-1046** or email gala@avemariaparish.org

Thank You So Much!

The **Ave Maria Parish Columbiettes** extend our gratitude to all the parishioners who supported the 2021 Giving Tree. The gift cards collected were in excess of **\$5,650 in value!** On behalf of the families in need in our community who are the beneficiaries of these gift cards, we thank you for your generosity and pray the Lord's blessing on you and your families this Christmas.



MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Live Nativity Play

Ave Maria Parish Players Club!

Ave Maria Parish Players (a working title for the newly-founded parish drama club) is rehearsing now for the parish Nativity Play, which will feature live animals, music, and a glorious angel choir.

The club has performed the nativity play this weekend at Cambier Park in Naples as part of Maria Vision's "Arise Night of Worship." The second and main performance, for our parish and visitors, will take place **on Sunday, December 26th, at 3:30pm, in front of Ave Maria Church.**

Petting of the animals will be allowed from 3:00 to 3:30, before the play. Children of all ages are invited to come and be part of this celebration of the birth of Jesus!

Ave Maria Parish Players is a member-run club, with advisors from the parish. "Everyone is working hard to make the play a beautiful gift for the Baby Jesus, and for our parish" says Candelaria Forero, director of this year's play. Assistant directors Scholastica Niewald and Mita Boivin, and Musical Director, Anne Patterson, agree.

Please come and experience this joyful beginning of the Christmas season! Lawn chairs are encouraged. For questions regarding Ave Maria Parish Players, or the Nativity Play, please contact the parish office, or email vero.abandano@gmail.com



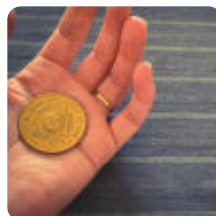
DTS Youth Group

Sunday, December 19
6:30-8pm | Parish Hall
Dcn. Tom Kinnick
Thomas.K@AveMariaParish.org



Divine Will Group

Wednesday, December 22
7-8:30pm | Mary & Mercy Ctr.
Felipe Gomez
fiatdv@icloud.com



AA Meeting

Thursday, December 23
7-9pm | Parish Hall
Dan Linton
dlinton58@gmail.com



Fraternus (First Frat Night)

Saturday, January 4
6:30-8:30pm | Donahue Academy
Tom Nuttle
avemariafraternus2022@gmail.com

Religious Education

The Angel Candle. The fourth purple candle of our advent wreath is the Angel Candle which stands for love. The “messengers of love” are woven all through the Nativity Story. Angels appeared even before Jesus appeared on the scene. Let’s look at the tapestry woven by the angels of the Nativity: The Angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah informing him that he and his wife would soon have a son, John the Baptist, (Luke 1:1-25). After giving Zechariah this message, Gabriel appeared to Mary and said that she would be the mother of the Son of God, the long-promised Messiah, (Luke 1:26-38). The night Jesus was born, angels appeared to shepherds outside Bethlehem, announcing the Messiah’s birth and telling them where to find him, (Luke 2:8-20).

So, as you gaze upon the angel in the Nativity scene and light the final purple candle of your advent wreath, reflect on the tapestry of love woven by the “Messengers of Love.” Your continued prayers are always appreciated for our Faith Formation programs, catechists, and students. If you have any questions about our Faith Formation programs, contact **Becky Hampton**, becky.h@avemariaparish.org



Donahue Academy

By their fruits, you shall know them. A few weeks ago, one of Donahue Academy’s high school students realized that while the school is unabashedly pro-life, there was no organized pro-life group on campus. So, on his own initiative, he started the Donahue Academy Pro Life Club. After an initial, well-attended, informational meeting held during lunch recess, the group decided its first activity would be spending the afternoon of December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a day off of school, praying and giving witness in front of the abortion clinic in Fort Myers. They all boarded a bus in front of the church with Deacon Kinnick and went to bring light to one of the darkest places in the world. Are our parish school’s students producing good fruit? We are very proud of our students.



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Estamos ya muy cerca de la celebración del nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Dios-con-nosotros. Gracias a la liturgia, podemos revivir el nacimiento de Jesús en Belén. Santo Tomás enseña que fue conveniente que Jesús naciera en Belén porque Belén significa “la casa del pan;” y fue Jesús mismo quien dijo: “Yo soy el Pan vivo bajado del cielo.” Gracias a la liturgia, no solo revivimos el misterio del nacimiento del Señor, si no también el Emanuel, Dios-con-nosotros, puede hacerse verdaderamente presente en nuestros corazones. ¡Que hermoso regalo! Estamos llamados a llevar a Cristo dentro nuestro. ¡Este es el milagro Eucarístico!

La Eucaristía es el Sacramento por medio del cual Dios se esconde muy profundamente dentro nuestro: se esconde bajo la forma de comida y bebida. ¿Cómo pagaremos al Señor por venir a nosotros en la Eucaristía? Con el salmista podemos decir: “Alzaré el cáliz de la salvación e invocaré el nombre del Señor” (Salmo 116). Alzamos el cáliz de la salvación, el cáliz de la Eucaristía, y pronunciamos el nombre del Señor delante de los hombres, delante de nuestra sociedad y de todo el mundo. Participamos del sacrificio de Cristo. Lo ofrecemos a El, y en El, nos ofrecemos a Dios. ¡Por medio de la Eucaristía, El acepta nuestro sacrificio de alabanza! ¡El acepta nuestra acción de gracias y adoración! Preparemos nuestras casas, preparemos nuestros corazones para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor.



On December 12, we honored Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mass in Spanish, followed by a procession to Donahue Academy. More than 550 people shared an amazing evening with tasty traditional food, live Mariachi music, and a Folkloric Ballet. Students of Donahue Academy presented a reenactment of our Lady’s apparition.

Special thanks to Mrs. Marilyn Caton and the group of volunteers that made this event possible!

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Legión de María

La Legión de María es una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica. ¿Qué hace? Orar y trabajar apostólicamente. Se tienen reuniones semanales de grupo donde se ora, se revisa la actividad apostólica, y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. Las reuniones son los **martes a las 7:00pm en Mary and Mercy Center**. Para mayor información contacte a **Marvin Gaitán**, marvingaitan73@gmail.com

Misa en Español en Ave Maria

Desde el sábado 1 de enero 2022, se ofrecerá la Santa **Misa en español los sábados a las 7:00pm** (Vigilia de Domingo). Aquellos que estén interesados en participar como lectores, ministros de la eucaristía, ujieres, o coro, por favor, manden un mensaje al Fr.David@AveMariaParish.org

On Saturday January 1, 2022, Ave Maria Parish will start offering the Holy Mass in Spanish. We will have a weekly Saturday 7:00pm Vigil Mass.



Oración de la Semana

Novena de Navidad de San Andrés

Para ser rezada del 30 de noviembre al 24 de diciembre durante el Tiempo de Adviento. También puede hacerse en novena tradicional del 30 de noviembre al 8 de diciembre. Se sugiere repetirla diariamente quince veces.

Alabada y bendita sean la hora y el momento en el que el Hijo de Dios nació de la más pura Virgen María, a medianoche en Belén, en el frío penetrante. En esa hora, dignate, Dios mío, de escuchar mi oración y conceder mis deseos por los méritos de Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo y de su Santísima Madre. Amen.

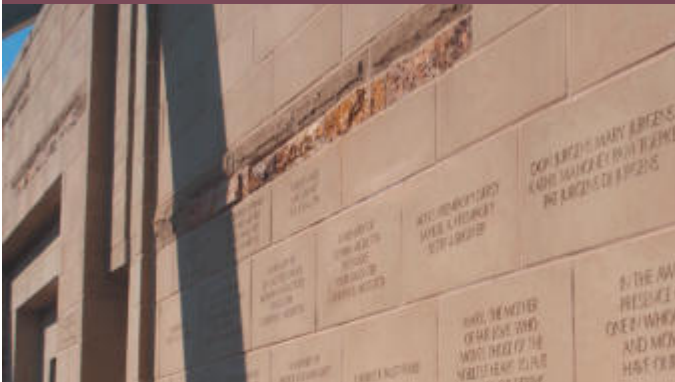
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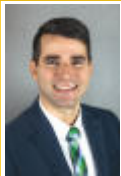
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