



**Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor  
Deacon Bill Vrazel**

**Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.**

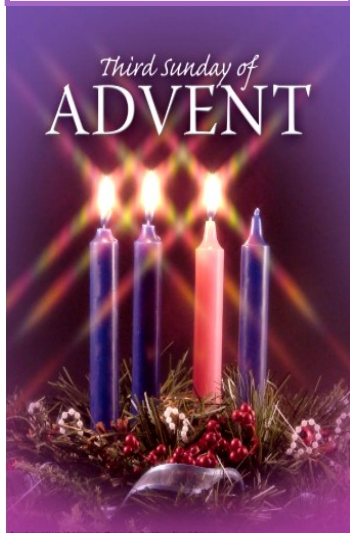
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December 14, 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent



This Advent, What Are You Really Looking For?

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ? — Father John Muir

Today's Mass Readings



First Reading: Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalms: Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

Second Reading: Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel: Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." (Mt 11:4-5)

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Daily Mass Bible Readings



Table with 2 columns: Day/Date and Activities. Rows include Monday (Dec 15), Tuesday (Dec 16), Wednesday (Dec 17), Thursday (Dec 18), Friday (Dec 19), and Saturday (Dec 20) with their respective church events and times.

# Prayer Request

Mary Helen Allen, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Richard Brasard, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Phylis Carlton, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Kim Desrosier, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jan Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Charles Grey, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Thomas Koenem, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Anita Lambert, Vickie Landrum, Dustin Leochner, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Lynda Lumpkin, Evelyn Lumpkin, Rod Malburg, Stephanie Marvel, Laura Creel Meadows, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, The Pruett Family, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Father Truong Q Trinh, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker  
Yonkin

## In Memoriam

John Warren "Jake" Erwin, Thomas "Wayne" James, Sr., Susan Ann Israel Rafferty

For additions and deletions to Holy Family Prayer List, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686.



## WEEKLY REPORT

**December 8, 2025**

### Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$9,124

Building Fund: \$144

Youth: \$110

Masses: \$200

Memorials: \$5

Cemetery: \$15

Pickle Jar: \$21

Second Collection: \$2,098

**TOTAL: \$11,717**

### Additional:

Eggplant LaRosa: \$580

Cookie Sales: \$485

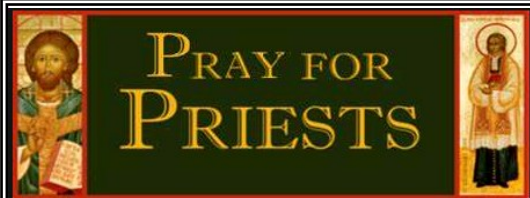
Christmas Fowers: \$86

### Weekly Fixed Expenses

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES ARE CURRENTLY BEING UPDATED.

WE WILL PROVIDE THE UPDATED EXPENSES

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



*"O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen".*

**Sun., December 14:** For Father Ken Ramon-Landry

**Mon., December 15:** For Father Mark Ropel

**Tues., December 16:** For Father Alwin Kuzhandai Samy

**Wed., December 17:** For Father James Smith

**Thur., December 18:** For Fathers Michael Snyder and Michael Somers

**Fri., December 19:** For Fathers S. Kennedy Soosa and Emmanuel Subaar

**Sat., December 20:** For Fathers Anil Thomas SVD and Truong Q. Trinh



**December 20 & December 21, 2025**

**4:00 pm - Saturday Vigil, 12/20/25**

**LECTORS**

Lauri Wood

**EEMs**

Daren Freeman, Gayle Nolan and Jane Ward

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Cooper Ferrill, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

**8:30 am - Sunday, 12/21/25**

Clark Brennan

Ken Braud, Phylis Carlton, Barry Neyrey, Tracy Patridge and Isabella Rawls

Dave Bernadas, Amelia Guillot and Saint Nguyen

**11:00 am - Sunday 12/21/25**

YOUTH GROUP

Chad Burge, Andrew Koslosky, Gretchen Mayeaux, Michael Mayeaux and Sid Petagna

Cooper Thomas, Archer Kraft and Emily Payment

**5:00 pm - Sunday, 12/21/25**

Allie Giles

Rusty Bohn, Michelle Hoskins and Linden Williams

Evelyn Giles, Jacob Robin and Olivia Robin

# DECEMBER

Mondays OR Thursdays each week - 6:30pm - 8pm - Father Mike's Bible Study, *The Great Adventure Through the Bible - The Story of Salvation History Mass* - **Conference Center**

Wednesdays - 6:30pm - **O CIA CLASSES** - **Conference Center**  
 Wednesdays - 6:30pm - **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** - **Church Multipurpose Room**

THURSDAYS - **YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** - 3pm - 3:45pm - **Church**

Monday, December 1 - **HFC Youth Cookies For Christmas Fundraiser** **ORDER DEADLINE**

Monday, December 1 - 9am (after 8am Mass) - **Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts** - **Parish Hall**

Wednesday, December 3 - 10am - **Altar Society Meeting** - **Multipurpose Room in Church**

Wednesday, December 3 - 6:30pm - **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE** - **Church**

Friday, December 5 and 19 - 3pm - **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - **Chapel**

Sunday, December 7 & 8 - 2 - 5pm - **Sensory Santa** - **Conference Center**

Sunday, December 7 - 5pm - **Christmas Tree Lighting** - **Church Courtyard**

Monday, December 8 - **HOLY DAY - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - 8am **MASS at Church**, 12pm **MASS at Chapel**, 7pm **MASS at Church**

Friday, December 12 - **Angel Tree Gifts deadline** - **Return gifts to Parish Office**

Sunday, December 14 - at 8:30am **MASS - Rite of Catechumens for OCIA Class** - **Church**

Sunday, December 14 - at 5pm **MASS - Rite of Transition for High School Confirmation Class** - **Church**

Sunday, December 14 - 10am - 11am - **Catholic Parents Book Study** - **Conference Center**

Sunday, December 14 - **HFC Youth (5th-12th Grade) Christmas Night - Pajamas Breakfast and Bonfire** - **Church**

Sunday, December 21 - 11am Mass - **Youth Christmas Nativity Pageant** - **Church**

Monday, December 23 - **Youth Cookies For Christmas DELIVERY**

Sunday, December 27 - 5:30pm - **Noel: A Night of Everlasting Love - The Story of Christmas** - **Church**

*Chaplet of Divine Mercy*  
**First and third Friday**  
 of each month.

**December 5th & 19th**  
**3:00 pm at St. Paul Chapel**

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.*



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 13, 2025	<b>4:00 pm</b>	† Wayne James † Patrick Browne Johnna Roof Special Birthday Intentions for Marie Finnorn
Sunday, December 14	8:30 am	† Justin and Stephanie Herring † Fionnuala Wilson † The Lang Family † Bobby and Mildred Molsbee
	11:00 am	† Jimmy Johnson † Susan Rafferty † Pat Ladner
Monday, December 15	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Jake Erwin † Arnold Scarborough, Jr.
Tuesday, December 16	7:00 pm	† Wayne James Healing for Donna Schmidt Special Intentions for Lisa Schempf Special Intentions for Members of the Parish Prayer Group
Wednesday, December 17	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Mike Mayo † Kevin Ivey Miranne
Thursday, December 18 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Susan Rafferty † Ethel Green
Friday, December 19	8:30 am *† <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Scott Brown † Gene Levens † Wendy Figer

### Upcoming 2025 Second & Special Collections

*December 13 - 14: Retired Religious*

*January 3 - 4 - 14: Aged & Infirm Priests*

*January 24 - 25: Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission*



## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

ARE HERE!

Holy Family Parish  
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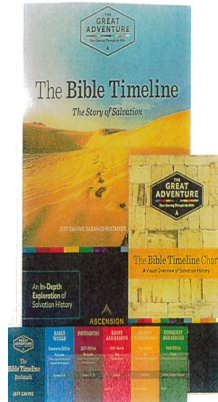
For questions, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686.

## The Great Adventures Through the Bible The Story of Salvation History

A reminder that Father Mike's  
Bible Study is one day a week.

Mondays OR Thursday's

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Conference Center



## PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Our last classes will be the week of  
December 15th and 18th.  
We will resume classes in 2026 the week of  
January 5th and 8th.

For questions, please contact the Parish  
Office at 228-452-4686.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PLANNING  
COMMITTEE WHO SPENT MANY HOURS OF  
THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO MAKE LAST  
SUNDAY'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING SO  
FUN AND SO SPECIAL!

From the decorations, Holy Family choirs and  
music, delicious food and drink, Santa Claus and  
the Christmas donkey and so much more, it was  
a magical night at Holy Family!

God Bless you and thank you!

We wish all of you a very  
Blessed and Merry Christmas!



## Celebration of Holy Baptism

Congratulations to  
Jackson Nguyen,  
Son of Johnny and Deim Nguyen  
who received the Sacrament  
of Baptism  
on November 30, 2025



"Let the children come to me, because  
the kingdom of God is such as these."



THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472  
INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF  
THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

### Upcoming DECEMBER Events:

- KOC Monthly Meetings: 5pm - 8pm - First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall - **December 2, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Corporate Communion: Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month - **December 7, 2025**
- KOC Parish Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts: Sunday following the first Tuesday of each month after 8:30 am Mass - Conference Center - **December 7, 2025**
- Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings: 6:30 pm - Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall - **December 9, 2025**
- KOC Annual Toys For Tots Toy Driver: - **Deadline** to return unwrapped toys **December 12, 2025**
- KOC Toys For Tots Dinner: 6:00 pm - Pass Christian Yacht Club - **December 13, 2025**
- KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary: After 8:30 am Mass - **March 29, 2026**

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