

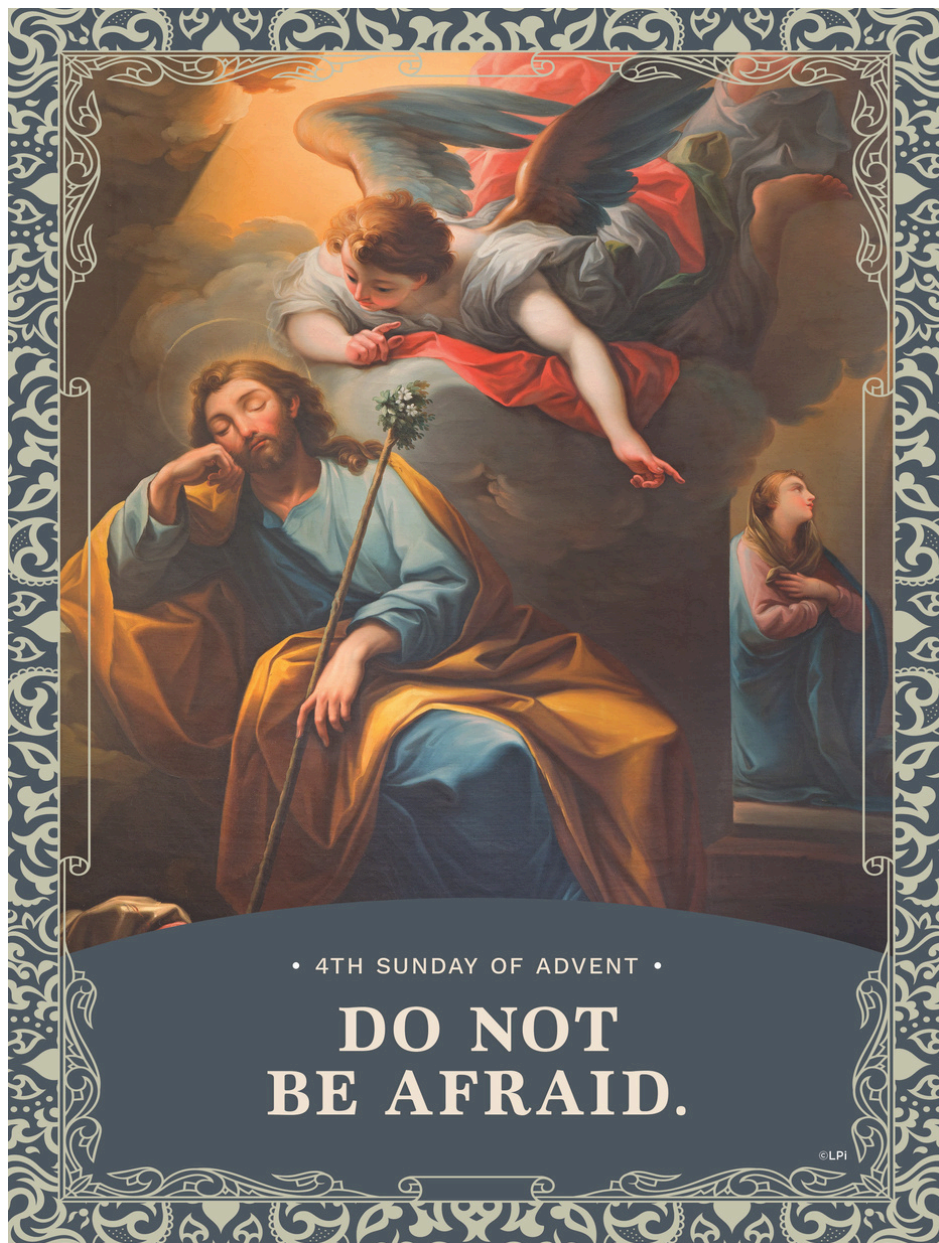


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• 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to be Disciples of Christ who center our lives in the Eucharist and see the truth through Scripture and Tradition. Together we aspire to transform our lives into the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

## DECEMBER 21, 2025

### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Anticipatory | 4:00pm, 6:00pm  
Sunday | 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am,  
12:00pm

### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday  
Rosary | 8:00am  
Mass | 8:15am

### CONFESSION

Saturday | 3:30pm, 5:30pm  
Other | By Appointment

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Friday | 7:30am

### INFANT BAPTISM, SACRAMENTAL & MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS, OCIA, FUNERAL

Please call the Parish Office at  
303-744-1715 to make arrangements.

### SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Call 720-515-6279

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 2:00pm

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### Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Monday: Weekday  
Tuesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest  
Wednesday: Christmas Eve  
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord  
Friday: St. Stephen, First Martyr  
Saturday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
Next Sunday: The Holy Family



### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
4:00pm	† Jack and Genevieve Sherry
6:00pm	† Joseph Hoang Phung
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
7:00am	† J.T. Paull
8:30am	† Bruce Edward Christian
10:00am	Our Parish Family
12:00pm	† Margaret Farley
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
8:00am	Special Intentions for Elle Sperberg
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:00am	† Larry Brown
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
4:00pm	† Deceased Members of the Vu Family
6:00pm	† Peter Nelson
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 25</b>
7:00am	Mai Phung
8:30am	The Bartlett Family
10:00am	Rhristina Revilla on Her Birthday
12:00pm	Anna Phung
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 26</b>
8:00am	† John Bosco Pham

### Leave a Legacy of Faith

When preparing or updating your will, please remember Mother of God Church. Your gift will help ensure our mission endures.

### Sack Lunch Distribution

Monday - Friday | 11am - 12:30pm (exclude holidays)

### GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 1:18-24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### Please pray for our beloved sick:



McKenna Barber, Jennie Blakeney, Jane Hakala, Gabrielle Klimek, Carol Kowalski, Marilyn Krajicek, Susan Loretan, Declan Malley, Brian Martelon, Maria McDermott, Craig Morroni, T. Morroni, Helen Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Anna Phung, Mai Phung, John Price, Carol Prybyloski, Karen Richards, Elizabeth Williams, and Lael Zachry.

#### and for the souls of our recently deceased:

Lynn Holmes, John Bosco Pham, Trevor Hudson. and Eddie Gavaldon

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for December For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, please register on our website at [motherofgoddenver.com](http://motherofgoddenver.com) or visit the parish office during the week.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve Masses Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24

Note: There will be NO Rosary and Mass at 8 am.

3:30pm | Christmas Carols  
4:00pm | Mass  
5:45pm | Christmas Carols  
6:00pm | Mass



### Christmas Day Masses The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 25

7:00am | 8:30am \* | 10:00am \* | 12:00pm \*

- Christmas carols will be sung 15 minutes before Mass. There will be NO Christmas carols before the 7 am Mass.



\*\*There will be a collection at every Mass. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Merry Christmas! May God bless you and your family with peace and joy throughout the coming year.

Fr. Vincent and Staff



### Holiday Office Closures

The Parish office will be closed on the following days for Christmas and New Year:

- Wednesday - Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - December 26<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday - Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Year-end Giving

The end of the year is almost here. If you are planning to make any tax-deductible donations to the church, and have them qualified for the year 2025, please make all your contribution, either online, by checks or cash, by December 31st. Thank you for your generous gift to our church.



### Christmas Flower Offering

Please consider making a donation for flowers to enhance our worship space and celebration of Christmas. Envelopes are available by the church doors. Thank you!



### Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 28th

#### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass | 4pm | 6pm  
Sunday | 7am | 8:30am | 10am | 12pm

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation

#### Wednesday, December 31st

Vigil Mass | 5:30pm

#### Thursday, January 1, 2026

7:00am | 8:30am | 10:00am

- There will be NO 12 noon Mass



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