

How will you prepare yourself for Christmas this year?

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Fr. Miguel will lead evening prayer throughout Advent every Sunday evening beginning on November 28th at 5 p.m. in Holy Rosary church.

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

Please join us for a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm** in Holy Rosary Church. Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

We will be continuing a tradition begun by St. Pope John Paul II by celebrating Baminelli Sunday on the 3rd Sunday of Advent which falls on December 12th this year. Bring the Christ Child from your nativity set to any Mass to be blessed.

COME CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

All are invited to join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday December 12th. We will begin with Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6 a.m. at Holy Spirit which includes a procession and light breakfast. Later we at Noon there will be a bilingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be followed by feasting & fun and will feature a play about the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe performed by children from the Hispanic community.



RESOURCES TO USE FROM HOME!

Can't squeeze another thing into this hectic season? Try using one of these resources at home.

- Pick up one of the free booklets available at church this weekend.
- Check out the, ***Bringing it Home*** page on our parish website which offers a variety of suggestions for ways families can celebrate Advent together.
- Sign up through our website to receive a Carol a Day in your email box from December 17th – Epiphany on January 2nd.
- Looking for Daily advent inspiration? Consider checking out one of these resources: <https://daily.formed.org/> which offers reflections on the daily Mass readings or *Move Toward the Light* at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>.



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION & MORE

Immaculate Conception: Wednesday 12/8

7:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit
9 a.m. at Holy Rosary
7 p.m. at Holy Rosary

Christmas:

Friday 12/24 Christmas Eve

4 p.m. at both Holy Rosary & Holy Spirit

12 Midnight at Holy Rosary

Saturday 12/25 for Christmas

8:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit
10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary
Noon at Holy Spirit - Spanish

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday evening 12/25

4 p.m. Holy Spirit
4:30 p.m. Holy Rosary

Sunday 12/26

7:30 a.m. & 10:30 at Holy Rosary
8:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit
Noon at Holy Spirit in Spanish

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
is not at Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Saturday 1/1/2022

9 a.m. at Holy Rosary
Noon at Holy Spirit in Spanish

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday evening 1/1/2022

4 p.m. Holy Spirit
4:30 p.m. Holy Rosary

Sunday 1/2

7:30 a.m. & 10:30 at Holy Rosary
8:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit
Noon at Holy Spirit in Spanish



WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS PART OF OUR FLOCK!

Keep in touch with us via email and text by joining **Flocknote**. Once you sign up you may choose which groups you want to hear from (for example Men's Group or Religious Ed, Bible Study, etc.) There are 3 easy ways to join our parish's **Flocknote** group:

1. You may go to our parish's website ***AnnunciationGardner.org*** and click on the little lamb in the blue box in the upper righthand corner of our home page.
2. *OR* visit our parish's page at ***flocknote.com/AnnunciationGardner***
3. *OR* text ***GoodNews4U*** to ***84576*** from your phone.

You can unsubscribe at any time by texting STOP to 84576. There is no charge for this service though data rates can apply for text messages depending on your carrier.

FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF GENEROSITY BY DONATING TO OUR GIVING TREE

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society uses a portion of the money collected at Christmas to purchase gift cards for needy children and food for baskets for families. The remainder is used throughout the year to support the ongoing needs of the poor in our community. To make a donation take an envelope from the giving tree at either church, put your donation inside and return it via the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office.

