



# Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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## December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 † 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 21, HOLY MASS 9:00 am

*Pro Populo*

Mon., Dec. 22, No Mass in Springs – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, V

*Dominic Boyle (Boyle)*

Tues., Dec. 23, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Thomas, Ap

*Blaise Boyle (Boyle)*

Wed., Dec. 24, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – CHRISTMAS EVE *Day of Fast / Complete Abstinence*

*Christopher Peck's Intentions (Peck)*

**Carols and Christmas Devotions 11:20pm**

Thurs., Dec. 25, MIDNIGHT MASS 12:00 am – CHRISTMAS DAY

**HOLY MASS 9:00 am**

*Pro Populo*

Fri., Dec. 26, No Mass in Springs – St. Stephen, Protomartyr

*Pro Populo*

Sat., Dec. 27, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. John, ApEv

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Sunday, Dec. 28, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Holy Innocents

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### Serving Schedule:

Sun., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Steven Kosovich, Anthony Vigil

Tues., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Joseph & Andrew Fries

Wed., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer

Thurs., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, **Midnight Mass**: Thomas Vigil, Joseph & Andrew Fries, Anthony & Alexander Vigil

Thurs., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, **9:00am**: Thomas Vigil, John Fries      Sat., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>: Dominic Pulliam

Sun., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>: Tobias Vigil, John Fries



**“The Lord is now near, O come let us adore Him!”**

**Confessions:** Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass

**Tues. & Wed:** 7:45am

**Benediction with Rosary and Confessions:** will be at 1:50pm on Wednesdays that Mass is scheduled

**Ending Hymn:** On Come O Come Emmanuel      Advent Devotions Sheet

**Catechism Classes:** No classes until January 11<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas!

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Following Holy Mass on the Third Sunday of each month.

**PRAY FOR:** Jacqueline Meyer, Anna Ahern, Christine Flores, Frank Eberwein, Rose Borders, Mark Gilmor, Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Alex and Xavier Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, RIP Gerard Crochet, RIP Mary Allie, RIP Gabriel Trujillo, RIP Mary Watson, RIP Timothy Pogar, RIP Don Hopkins, RIP Roger McCarville, RIP Joe Vogel, RIP Hol Tom Gallegos, RIP Mike Felthager, RIP Mary Gilmor, RIP Maria Atwood, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich, RIP Edward Ponder and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this list.)

**CHURCH DECORATING:** is Mon. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30 - noon. Help is appreciated!

**SERVING PRACTICE:** for all those serving Christmas Midnight Mass will be Tuesday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the 9am Mass.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** is a day of fast and complete abstinence. All those over 21 and under 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meatless meal is allowed; two smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken but together they should not equal a full meal).

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** will be at Midnight and 9:00am on Christmas Day and on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am only.

### **Christmas Eve – Dom Guaranger**

The time has now come for the faithful soul to reap the fruit of the efforts she made during the penitential weeks of Advent to prepare a dwelling-place for the Son of God, who desires to be born within her. What garments shall we put on, to go and meet the Bridegroom? Where shall we find the pearls and jewels wherewith to deck our soul for this happy meeting? The first of our duties at our Savior's Crib is *Adoration*, Religion's first act. In heaven the Angels veil their faces, and prostrate themselves before the throne of the Lamb; what, then, shall we do now that this same great God shows himself to us, humbled for our sakes, and stript of all his glory? Let us endeavor to make, by our profound adorations, some return to the God who thus humbles himself for us; let us thus give him back some little of that whereof he has deprived himself out of love for us, and in obedience to the will of his Father. The example of his Blessed Mother will teach us to be thus humble before Him who was her God and her Child. Come, then, faithful Children of the Church, let us take our share in her joy! For unto us a Child is born! He for whom we have been so long waiting is come; and he is come to *dwell among us*. Great, indeed, and long was our suspense; so much the more let us love our possessing him. The Scripture tells us that *a secure mind is like a continual feast* and a secure mind can only be where there is peace; now it is Peace which these blessed days bring to the *earth*; *Peace*, say the Angels, *to men of good will*! *Gratitude* is also indeed due to him who deigned to be born of his own creature, and have a stable for his birth-place. Oh! how vehemently must he not have desired to advance the work of our salvation, to remove everything which could make us afraid of approaching him, and to encourage us, by his own example, to return, by the path of humility, to the heaven we had strayed from by pride! Gratefully, therefore, let us receive the precious gift - this Divine Babe, our Deliverer. He is the Only-Begotten Son of the Father, that Father *who hath so loved the world as to give his only Son*. O gift inestimable! How shall we be able to repay it by suitable gratitude, we who are so poor as not to know how to appreciate it? God alone, and the Divine Infant in his Crib, know the value of the mystery of



Bethlehem, which is given to us. Shall our debt, then, never be paid? Not so: we can pay it by *love*, which, though finite, gives itself without measure, and may grow for ever in intensity. '*How beautiful art thou, my Beloved One, and how comely!*' - the feebleness and humility of a Child!' Christians! let us imitate our Mother, and give our hearts to our Emmanuel. The Shepherds offer him their simple gifts, the Magi bring him their rich presents, and no one must appear before the Divine Infant without something worthy his acceptance. Know, then, that nothing will please him, but that which he came to seek - our *love*. It was for this that He came down from heaven!

**My Child, won't you give Me your heart this Christmas!**