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DECEMBER 7, 2025 –SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

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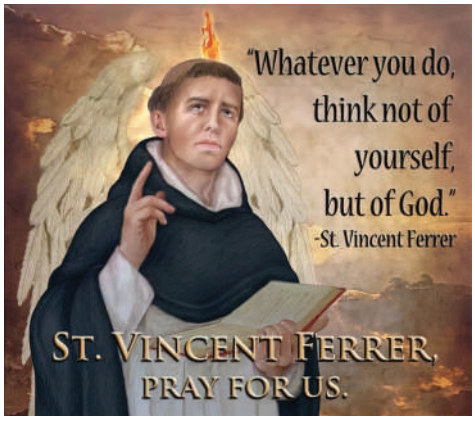

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 6 **5:00 p.m.**
Second Sunday of Advent
Leroy and Doreen Gullap — In Memoriam
Requested by the Gullap Family

Sunday, December 7 **8:00 a.m.**
Second Sunday of Advent
Immaculate Conception Novena
Justine Justin — In Memoriam
Requested by Evelyn Justin

11:00 a.m.
Christopher S. Gillies — 20th Birthday Blessings
Requested by the Gillies Family

Monday, December 8 **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Josiah Payne — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Irmin Payne

Tuesday, December 9 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Anthony Harris — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 10 **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Loreto
Salvatore E. Bambara — In Memoriam

Thursday, December 11 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Damasus I, Pope
Anthony Harris — Birthday Blessings

Friday, December 12 **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Guadalupe
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
Requested by Jocelyn Myrthil

Saturday, December 13 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Stephen McAteer — Healing and Blessings
Requested by June Goggin

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 14: **Christmas Mass Remembrance.**
December 21: **Christmas Gift to My Church.**
December 25: **Catholic Charities**
Please be generous.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Leyland Kenneth Hooper — Birthday Blessings

Sanctuary Candle
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Lydia K. Martin — Birthday Memorial

Annunciation Chapel
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MASS SCHEDULE:

9AM — Parish Mass
and
3:15PM — Brooklyn Jesuit Prep Mass
(*parishioners are most welcome*)

This solemnity celebrates the Catholic dogma that Mary was conceived without original sin from the first moment of her existence. This unique privilege was granted to her by God in anticipation of her role as the Mother of Jesus Christ. The doctrine was formally defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854, though the belief had been held by many Catholics for centuries. The Immaculate Conception emphasizes Mary's purity and her special preparation to be the vessel through which God entered the world.

Mary, under the title of The Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States of America and the patroness of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 3:1-12.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! How does Scripture describe the kingdom of God? What elements of the kingdom do I see in the world around me?

Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. What sins do I need to acknowledge? What conversion of life should I seek?

Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. How can I live God's will more fully? What sort of amends do I need to make?

Closing Prayer

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD —for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

(From Psalm 72)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 7
Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
Reform your lives (3): live in God's peace (2) so that justice may flourish (1, Ps).

Monday, December 8
Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Chosen by God (2), Mary reverses the sin of Eve (1). Because of her obedience (3), God's salvation is made known to all the nations (Ps).

Tuesday, December 9
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Matthew 18:12-14
God comforts us (1) and abides with us in love (Ps), seeking out those who are lost or who have gone astray (2).

Wednesday, December 10
Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Matthew 15:29-37
Merciful and kind (Ps), the Lord gives strength to the weary (1) and to all who are overburdened (2).

Thursday, December 11
Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15
The Lord is compassionate (Ps), Israel's redeemer (1), whose coming John the Baptist heralded (2).

Friday, December 12
Zechariah 2:14-17 (or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab)
(Psalm) Judith 13:18bcde, 19 Luke 1:26-38
(or Luke 1:39-47)
A woman, clothed with the sun (1b), daughter of the Most High (Ps), proclaims the greatness of the Lord (2b), the One who comes to dwell with us (1a). She is the servant of the Lord (2a).

Saturday, December 13
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Elijah, a type of precursor of the Messiah (1), is identified with John whose death foretells that of Jesus (2), the Son of Man (PS).

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2025 Christmas Wreath Dedication

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The Christmas wreath is a beautiful symbol of our faith . The circle representing eternal life, the evergreen signifying hope and renewal, and the red ribbon reminding us of the blood of Christ and His everlasting love.

This Advent season, we invite you to be part of our Wreath Dedication. The wreaths displayed throughout the church yard will be lighted, beautifully decorated, and include your dedication message.

The cost to dedicate a wreath is $75. All proceeds will benefit our parish. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Dedication and Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2025, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Order forms are available in the rear of the Church.

Please contact the Rectory or any member of the Parish Finance Council with any questions.

Join Us For

PIZZA WITH THE PROPHETS

An Advent Reflection Series with Father Michael J.S. Bruno

Reflecting on the Prophets Isaiah, Malachi and Zechariah

THURSDAYS: December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by calling the Rectory at: 718-859-9009

A Donation of $5.00 per session is requested to cover the cost of the pizza.

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May you be guided with the light of wisdom on your path and your journey of life. Celebrate this Epiphany with your family and friends.

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Scripture Reflection

Beauty Gives Praise

O Lord Jesus, cast out my demon, and open my lips to humbly confess my sins, so that my mouth may worthily announce your praise. If you do not, no beautiful praise will be found in the sinner's mouth: You have put on confession and beauty, Scripture says. For confession is beautiful, and beauty gives praise.

For Wisdom and Wisdom's herald began their preaching in this way, saying, Repent, for the Kingdom of God has drawn near. And all the people, it says, went out to John, and confessing their sins, they were baptized by him.

This was also the apostle Peter's counsel: Repent, and let each of you be baptized; so too was James's proclamation, Confess your sins to each other. As we said, this is the order given by God's words.

But you, my Lord Jesus, you who open and no one can shut, you who manifested yourself in order to undo the devil's works, cast out from me, your servant, every delight in sin, so that I may repent with contrite heart.

Cast out from us, then, this wicked, mute spirit, O Lord, you who are the Father's Word, so that we may receive a word of confession and praise through you, the Word of power and truth, who live and reign as God with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

— **Isaac of Stella**, *Sermons on the Christian Year, Volume Two*

Isaac of Stella was an English-born Cistercian who studied in the schools before entering monastic life and becoming abbot of Stella in 1147.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025

	Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
	December 13	**December 14**	**December 14**
Lector # 1	Jocelynne	Lancine	Aiden
Lector # 2	Alison	Jeri	Gloria
	December 20	**December 21**	**December 21**
Lector # 1	Mattheus	Anna	Dr. Marina Brown
Lector # 2	Fritz	Carolle	Charmaine
	December 24 Christmas Eve 5PM Mass	**December 24 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass**	**December 25 Christmas Day 11AM Mass**
Lector # 1	Cynthia	Carolle	Charmaine
Lector # 2	Jamie	Donald	Dr. Marina Brown
	Saturday December 27 5PM Mass	**Sunday December 28 8AM Mass**	**Sunday December 28 11AM Mass**
Lector # 1	Alison	Anna	Elaine
Lector # 2	Alana	Daisy	Gloria
	December 31 New Year's Eve 5PM Mass	**December 31 New Year's Eve 11PM Mass**	**January 1 New Year's Day**
Lector # 1	Jamie	Charmaine	Marcia
Lector # 2	Cynthia	Cynthia	Lester
	January 3	**January 4**	**January 4**
Lector # 1	Cynthia	Daisy	Lester
Lector # 2	Jamie	Carolle	Marcia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025

Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
December 6	**December 7**	**December7**
Jean	Roxanne	Joan
December 13	**December 14**	**December 14**
Margaret	Daisy	Gillian
December 20	**December 21**	**December 21**
Pat	Ignatius	Eric
December 24 Christmas Eve 5PM Mass	**December 24 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass**	**December 25 Christmas Day 11AM Mass**
Mary	Francesca	Marie Rosa
December 27	**December 28**	**December 28**
Jocelyn	Claudia	Kim
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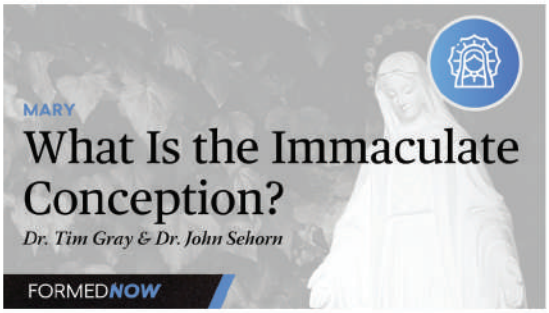
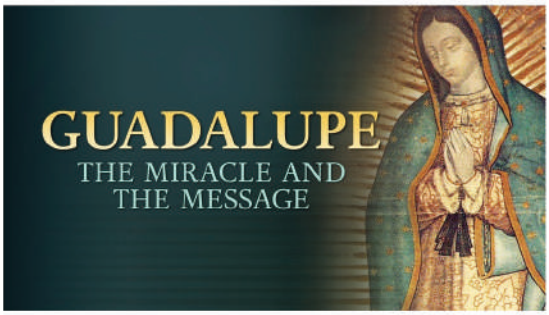


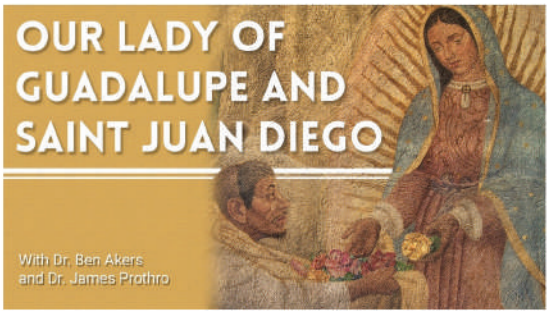
What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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John said, "After me will come One more powerful than I."

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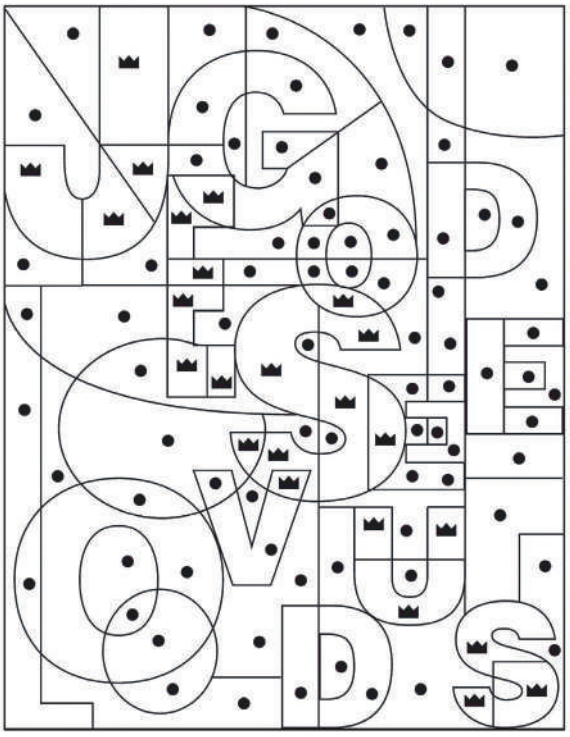

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John the Baptist

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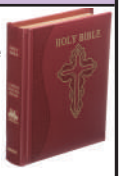

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