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AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE
ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS!

– LUKE 2:14



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve****4:00 p.m.**

Lectors: M. Doughty, C. Rowe

Eucharistic Ministers: * A. Carrier, S. VanTilburg,
H. Vantilburg, C. Rowe

Servers: Need Volunteers

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas**10:00 a.m.**

Lectors: N. Smith, P. Davis

Eucharistic Ministers: * N. Smith, J. Smith

Servers: Need Volunteers

Saturday, December 27**4:00 p.m.**

Lector: Need Volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: * Need Volunteer

Server: Need Volunteer

Sunday, December 28**9:00 a.m.**

Lector: J. Stumpp

Eucharistic Ministers: * C. Nye, J. Palazzo

Server: E. Cabrera

11:00 a.m.

Lectors: N. Smith, S. Baker

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READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25;
Matthew 1:1-25

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21;
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**COLLECTION COUNTERS (DECEMBER 25)**

Moine, Palazzo

COLLECTION COUNTERS (DECEMBER 28)

Rowe, Sohner, Smith

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION (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.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**Saturday, December 20 –****Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00 p.m. Patricia Heston – Linda Boggs

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. The Living and Deceased Members
of the Higgins Family

11:00 a.m. Ron Sexton – Dee Sexton and Family

Monday, December 22 – Late Advent Weekday

7:00 p.m. Darlene Marie Drake –
The Rhodes Family

Tuesday, December 23 – Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Joe and Gloria Francis – Debby Susi

Wednesday, December 24 –**Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord**

4:00 p.m. Sam, Mary and Judy Gerardi –
Joe Gerardi and Sons

Thursday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Jack, Jake & Marion Morrison –
Jim & Maggie Shroyer

Friday, December 26 – Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

8:30 a.m. The Conversion of the Rhodes
and Radich Families

Saturday, December 27 –**Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:30 a.m. The Special Intentions of the Priest

Saturday, December 27 –**Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

4:00 p.m. Barbara Weber – Rick and Chris McCann

Sunday, December 28 –**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

9:00 a.m. Mary Buk – Joff and Pam Moine

11:00 a.m. Stephany Wilbert – Friends and Family

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK: (DECEMBER 21ST)

In memory of Joe and Alice Dymek



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRIEST:

This Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that the child born in Bethlehem was given the name Emmanuel, which means God-with-us. But at the same time, he is the son of Mary, which speaks to the divine and human nature of Jesus. From conception to birth, a series of events unfolded in which God's grace intervened: the conception of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the kindness of Joseph, Mary's husband. Likewise, the presence of the angel clarified to Joseph how Mary had conceived, and announced what this child would be the one who would save His people from their sins. In short, Jesus comes to bring hope to people who lived in darkness. Let us prepare for Christmas, which is now just a few days away, drawing ever closer to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and let us live in unity with one another.

Fr. J. Fernando Bonilla Sánchez, MSP

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL SACERDOTE:

Este cuarto domingo de Adviento se nos recuerda que el niño que ha nacido en Belén recibió el nombre de Emanuel, que significa Dios-con-nosotros. Pero al mismo tiempo es hijo de María, lo cual nos habla de la naturaleza divina y humana de Jesús. Desde la concepción misma hasta el nacimiento se han sucedido una serie de cosas en las que la Gracia de Dios ha intervenido: la Concepción de Jesús por obra del Espíritu Santo, la bondad de José, esposo de María. Así mismo, la presencia del ángel aclarando a José cómo es que María ha concebido, y el anuncio de lo que este niño será, que salvará al pueblo de sus pecados. En fin, Jesús viene a traer la esperanza a un pueblo que vivía en tinieblas. Preparémonos para la Navidad, que está ya a unos días, estando cada vez más cerca de Jesús, María y José, y vivamos en unión unos de otros.

P. J. Fernando Bonilla Sánchez, MSP

21 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2025 – CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Introducción a la Liturgia del Día

Al acercarnos al día festivo en el que podemos recibir regalos e invitados en nuestros hogares, nos tomamos un momento para recordar que durante esta temporada del Adviento estamos llamados a prepararnos para recibir a Jesús en nuestro corazón. Sí, lo recibimos de una manera muy especial en Navidad, el día en que celebramos que el mundo lo reciba en persona, pero también tenemos la oportunidad de recibirlo cada día. Pidamos humildemente a Dios que prepare nuestros corazones para recibirle en la Eucaristía aquí hoy.

Os pido posada



ÚNETE A NOSOTROS DEL 16 AL 23 DE DICIEMBRE, 7:00PM - LAS POSADAS: UNA TRADICIÓN NAVIDEÑA MEXICANA

Cada noche comenzará con misa a las 7:00pm, seguida de una celebración festiva.

Calendario de ubicaciones:

21 de diciembre – San Esteban el Mártir

22 y 23 de diciembre – Santa Inés



PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA:

¿Qué pequeño acto de misericordia puedo llevar a cabo esta cuarta semana de Adviento?

DATE EL REGALO DE TIEMPO CON JESÚS Y TUS HERMANAS EN CRISTO EN LA CONFERENCIA DE MUJERES CATÓLICAS DE COLUMBUS EL SÁBADO 21 DE FEBRERO DE 2026:

¡Invitando a todas las mujeres! Por favor, marque ahora en su calendario la Conferencia de Mujeres Católicas de Columbus el sábado **21 de febrero de 2026, de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.** en el Ohio Expo Center.

LA INTENCIÓN MENSUAL DEL PAPA (DICIEMBRE):

Para los cristianos en zonas de conflicto,

recemos para que los cristianos que vivan en zonas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Oriente Medio, sean semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza.



EL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA CELEBRAMOS LA FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ.

La importancia de la familia, cristiana o no, se encuentra en el hecho de que Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, fue él mismo encarnado en el seno de una familia. Fue allí donde desarrolló las dimensiones físicas, sociales, intelectuales, religiosas y espirituales de su humanidad. Santificó a la familia de la que era miembro. Estamos invitados a convertirnos en miembros de Su familia, Sus hermanos y hermanas. Nuestra salvación se realiza en esta familia.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE**Monday, December 22 –**

8:30 a.m. Monday morning hour with Mary – Miraculous Medal Novena, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

5-7 p.m. Volunteer Fingerprinting (Church Hall)

7:00 p.m. Novena Mass

Tuesday, December 23 –

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 24 –

4:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, December 25 –

10:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 26 – Parish Office Closed

8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 27 –

8:30 a.m. Mass

DECEMBER 21, 2025 –**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT****Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

As we approach the festive day on which we may receive gifts and guests into our homes, we take a moment to recall that during this season of Advent we are called to prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts. Yes, we receive Him in a most special way at Christmas, the day we celebrate the world receiving Him in the flesh, but we also have the opportunity to receive Him each and every day. Let us humbly ask God to prepare our hearts to receive Him in the Eucharist here today.

**CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.**

All families are invited to tour our beautiful campus, meet our team and discover why Cristo Rey is unique – 100% college acceptance and four years of professional work experience, plus sports, clubs, a diverse student body and exceptional faculty who care. Cristo Rey offers middle and low income families an outstanding Catholic education at an affordable price. 400 East Town Street. Free parking with preregistration. Register for the Open House now at <https://www.crchsworks.org/admissions> and mark your calendar!

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR PARISH:

We put many people on our Christmas shopping list. Please consider a Christmas gift to your parish. We celebrate our faith and come to know fellow parishioners on our journey through life to God. Help keep your parish financially strong for the future – remember St. Mary Magdalene Parish this Christmas!

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What small act of mercy can I carry out this fourth week of Advent?

NEW BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS:

The Diocese of Columbus now **requires all volunteers**, including coaches and officials, to renew their fingerprint background check every five years. If you were last fingerprinted in 2020 or earlier, you need to update your fingerprints with the Diocese.

St. Mary Magdalene is offering a fingerprinting session on Monday, December 22nd in the Church Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. No appointment needed. Cost is \$37.00 for BCI by credit card only. Any questions, contact Julius Palazzo at 614-946-5729 or jmpalazzo@juno.com.

We may have future sessions and they are TBD. To check the date you were last fingerprinted, contact Alice Carrier at 614-274-1121 or email acarrier@saintmarymag.org.

**PRAY FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
EVERY FIRST THURSDAY**

Please join us every first Thursday at parishes around the diocese to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. The first one will be held on **Thursday, January 1, 2026** at St. Catharine Church in Bexley. It begins with **Mass at 10:00 a.m.** followed by Holy Hour at 11:00 a.m.

Financial Report as of December 14, 2025

Regular Sunday Collection - 31 Envelopes	\$	2,122.00
Children's Envelopes - 6 Envelopes	\$	23.00
Online Giving	\$	1,342.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses	\$	640.00
Other Parish Income	\$	302.00
Total Income	\$	4,429.00

2025 Appeal

Parish Goal	\$	35,675.78
Amount Pledged as of 12/15/2025	\$	34,112.78
Amount Left to Goal	\$	1,563.00

**NEXT WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST
OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH.**

The importance of the family, Christian or not, can be found in the fact that Jesus, the Son of God, was Himself incarnated in the bosom of a family. It was there that He developed the physical, social, intellectual, religious, and spiritual dimensions of His humanity.

A man born of woman, like us in all ways except sin, He sanctified the family of which He was a member. We are invited to become members of His family, His brothers and sisters. Our salvation is worked out in this family.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) – Wednesday, December 24th

4:00pm Children's Mass

**Christmas Music will begin at 3:30 p.m.



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – Thursday, December 25th

10:00am Christmas Day

**Christmas Music will begin at 9:30 a.m.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass – Wednesday, December 31, beginning with Exposition and prayer for peace at 4:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 10:00am

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN ON FRIDAY JANUARY 16.

We will be hosting a Euchre Party with cash payouts for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place with a \$20.00 buy-in. If you don't play Euchre, bring a game to share with others. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., card games from 7:00-10:00 p.m. We will have 50/50 drawings throughout the night. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages available for a suggested donation. You may bring your own beverage if you like. Please call Dick Briggs at 614-493-8988 to reserve your spot before January 10. This will be a family-friendly event (cash only).



THE GARDEN MINISTRY extends a **great big THANK-YOU** to our parish family. Our annual cookie sale was very successful! We couldn't have done it without everyone who made phone calls, sent text messages, assembled the plates of cookies, sold them and especially to all of you who bought the cookies!

The funds will allow our Garden Ministry to be successful in 2026.

May you have a Blessed,
Merry Christmas!

BOOK & MEDIA SALE NEWS!



Our annual Book & Media Sale is set for February 28 & March 1. We will begin accepting donations in early January. Please consider donating your new and gently used books, music CDs, DVDs, board games, jigsaw puzzles and especially vinyl records. For more information, you may contact Nancy Smith at 614-746-7203.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIGHT A SANCTUARY LAMP IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR FOR A PARTICULAR INTENTION?

Saint Mary Magdalene offers an additional way to memorialize a deceased family member, or to honor or celebrate a special event, by sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp which hangs by the Tabernacle in Church. Offerings are \$15.00 each. Remembrance begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday of your scheduled week. Place your petitions in the Offertory Basket or mail to the Parish Office. You can also find a link on our website at stmarymagdalenecolumbus.org. The special intentions for the Lamp will be printed in our weekly bulletin, where we additionally ask our faithful Parishioners to keep those intentions in their prayers.

“KEEP A FLAME BURNING.” – EXODUS 27: 19-20

We are currently scheduling Sanctuary Lamp Intentions for 2026. You can request a week by email (acarrier@saintmarymag.org), on our website (stmarymagdalenecolumbus.org/mass-intention-calendar) or by calling the Parish Office.

Monica Monfredi, DDS



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