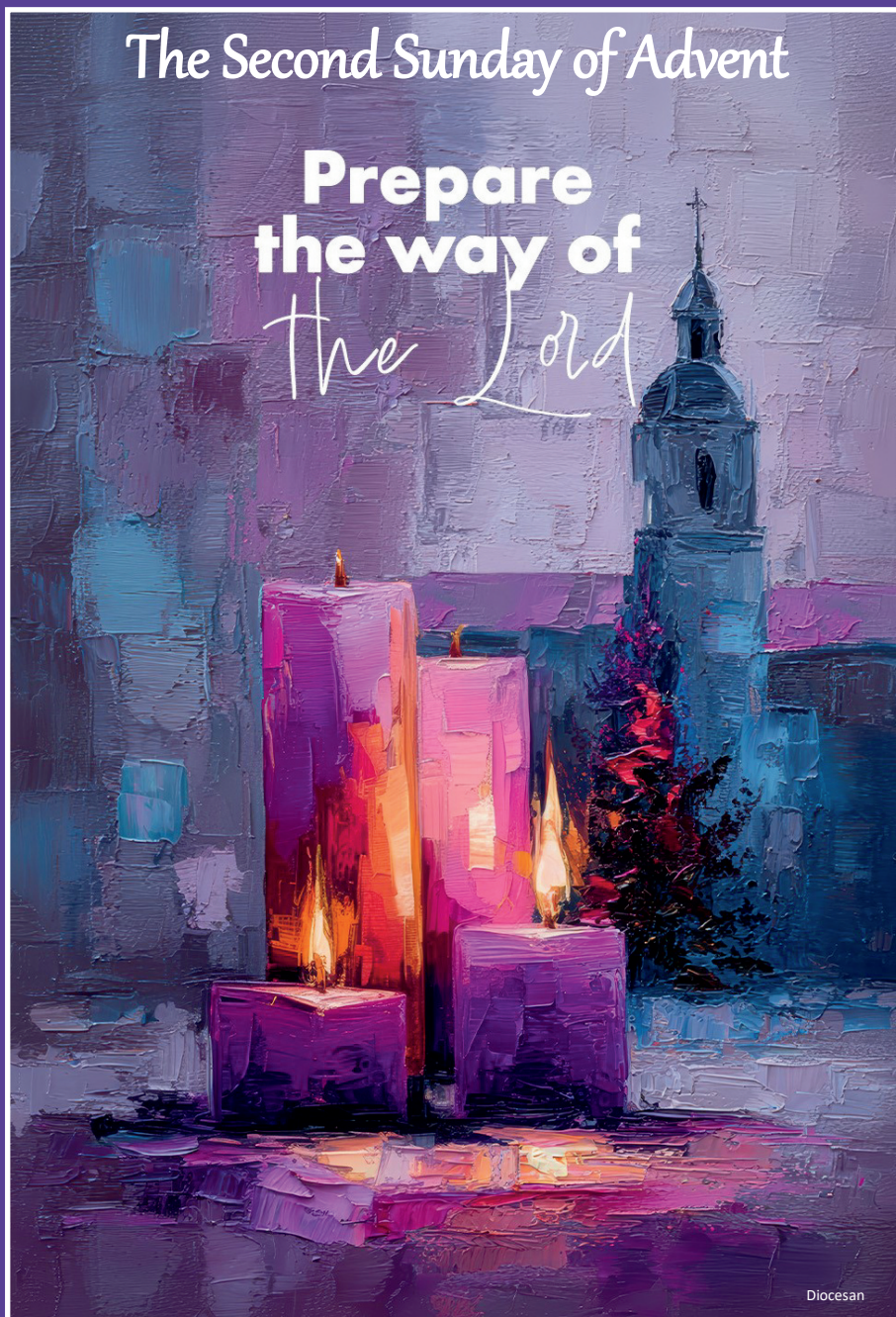


The Second Sunday of Advent

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the way of
the Lord**



Diocesan

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December 7, 2025*



Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church is to worship God in prayer through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaim the Gospel while teaching others to do so, and to serve those in need.



Weekly Offertory

November 23, 2025

Offertory Envelopes\$????

Loose Collection\$????

Online Giving\$????

Total Offertory\$????



— In Remembrance —



This week, the Sanctuary Candle is donated in loving memory of Mercedes Berrios.

This Week

Monday, December 8, 2025

Immaculate Conception MassChurch 7:00 – 8:00 AM
Ladies SodalityPC 4..... 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Immaculate Conception MassChurch 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Immaculate Conception MassChurch 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Discovering JesusFGMC 10:00 - 11:30 AM
OCIA ClassFGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM
The Holy RosaryPC 4..... 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
The Road to EmmausPC 4..... 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Bible Study GroupPC 3..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Discovering JesusFGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Friday, December 12, 2025

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Eucharistic AdorationChapel 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Vigil Mass.....Church 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 14, 2025

MassChurch 7:00 – 8:00 AM
MassChurch 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Faith FormationFGMC 10:15 - 11:30 AM
MassChurch 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PC: Parish Center FGMC: Father George Malin Center



Mass Intentions For This Weekend 12/06 & 12/07

Saturday, December 6th

4:00^{PM} †Elizabeth A. Mertes

Sunday, December 7th

7:00^{AM} †Sue Alese

9:00^{AM} †Joanna Peixoto

11:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners

Mass Intentions For This Week

Monday, December 8th

7:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners

11:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners

6:00^{PM} ❖For All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 9th

7:30^{AM} †Deceased members of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wednesday, December 10th

7:30^{AM} †John Lynch

Thursday, December 11th

7:30^{AM} †Dominick Farruggio

Friday, December 12th

7:30^{AM} †Betty Mirando

Saturday, December 13th

7:30^{AM} †Gerald Kilbride

4:00^{PM} †Marvin Miller

Sunday, December 14th

7:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners

9:00^{AM} †Theresa Prezioso

11:00^{AM} †Vera Lorenzi

Clergy

Very. Rev. James Ruhlin, V.F......Pastor

Rev. Pius T. Mathew Parochial Vicar

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00^{PM}

Sunday.....7:00, 9:00 and 11:00^{AM}

Daily.....7:30^{AM}

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday.....8:00^{AM} to 3:00^{PM}

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Reconciliation

Thursday.....3:00 to 4:00^{PM} & 6:30 to 7:00^{PM}

Friday (Advent Only).....1:45 to 2:45^{PM}

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A WORD FROM FATHER JIM

This Sunday begins the Second Week of Advent. The theme for the second week is peace. When the Church speaks of peace, it is more than the absence of conflict; rather, it is a deep, lasting harmony that is rooted in the presence of God. The type of peace that Advent brings is a reminder that Jesus' coming is meant to reconcile humanity with God. Hence, peace is centered around the tranquility and wholeness that only Jesus can bring to the world. This week, we are asked to focus on all the ways that Jesus is calling us to be peacemakers by displaying understanding, kindness, and forgiveness to others, especially the poor and needy. By working for peace, we challenge others to recognize Jesus as the Prince of Peace whose kingdom will bring justice and unity to all who follow him. Ultimately, Advent peace should free us from our fears and anxieties, while trusting in God's love and guidance, as we journey toward the Christmas season.

Here are some Christmas jokes to prepare you to share the joy and peace of our Lord with others.

1) How do Christmas trees get ready for a night out?

Answer: They spruce up.

2) What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him?

Answer: The cold shoulder.

3) What do donkeys send out near Christmas?

Answer: Mule-tide greetings.

4) How did the reindeer learn to play piano?

Answer: He was elf-taught.

5) What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?

Answer: An abdominal snowman.

6) Why did Rudolph have to attend summer school?

Answer: Because he went down in history.

7) Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus?

Answer: Because he was outstanding in his field.

8) Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Dewey.

Dewey who?

Dewey know how long it is until Christmas gets here.

9) Knock, knock!

Who's there?

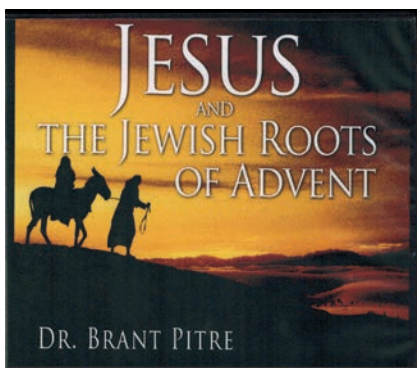
Snow.

Snow who?

Snow time to waste. It's almost Christmas.

May your Advent and Christmas seasons be filled with the peace that only Jesus can give.

God bless,
Fr. Jim Ruhlin



Wednesday
Dec. 10
10 am Rm. 3

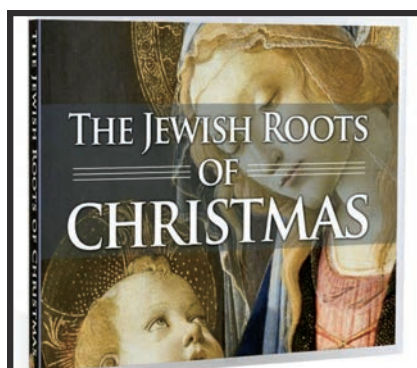
In this series, Dr. Brant Pitre shows how a deeper understanding of the ancient Jewish prophecies of the Messiah can help unlock the hidden meanings of the season of Advent.

- What will happen at the end of time? And why does Advent begin with end-time prophecies about the Tribulation, the Final Judgement, and the second coming of Christ?
- What are the Jewish roots of the Advent custom of the Jesse tree? Where does this tree come from in the Jewish Bible?
- Ancient Jewish prophecy foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.



Week two Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



Wednesday
Dec. 17
10 am Rm. 3

- What is the true meaning of Christmas?
 - What was the Star of Bethlehem
 - How does Jesus' birth fulfill Hannukah?

Join us on Wednesday, December 17 at 10:00AM in room 3 of the parish center as we learn more about the Jewish Roots of Christmas.



Reconciliation Times During Advent

Thursdays from 3:00^{PM} to 4:00^{PM}

Thursdays from 6:30^{PM} to 7:00^{PM}

Fridays from 1:45^{PM} to 2:45^{PM}

Reconciliation Services at other Parishes

Thursday, December 11 at [St. Vincent de Paul Parish](#) beginning at 5:00^{PM}

Monday, December 15 at [Our Lady Queen of Peace](#) from 4:00^{PM} to 6:00^{PM}



The food pantry of St. Vincent de Paul needs your continued support. The number of neighbors we serve is increasing significantly. Food donations are especially appreciated. The more food donated, the more monetary funds can be used for other purposes in serving the poor and needy in our community. We are in most need of the following food items:

Pasta, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, peanut butter, canned soup, tuna, canned vegetables, jelly, canned fruit, applesauce cups, canned chicken, pancake mix and cereal.

Items can be dropped in the barrels at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.



We are still open between Easter and Christmas! We would love to have you join us each Sunday. You are always welcome!

Taking Care of God's House



The word or idea of giving is mentioned 2,162 times in the Bible. It is God's call for us to give. Generosity has a ripple effect, which reminds us of the abundance that follows a giving heart.

Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce."

St. Michael the Archangel church is thankful for the generous donations received to support our many building repair and maintenance needs. Through the generous support of our past and present parishioners, our aging buildings and equipment list of repairs is slowly being completed. Please continue with a year-end gift marked **Building Fund** to help support the ongoing repair and maintenance needs to be worked on in 2026.

You may use the special envelopes located at the exits of the church or go online to make your year-end donation! Online Log in at <https://www.saintmichaelchurch.org/giving>. Click on "**Building Fund**."

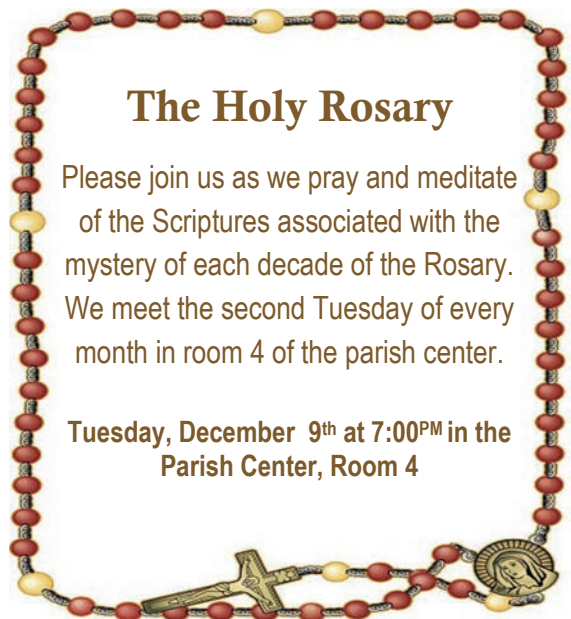
St. Vincent de Paul Collection Weekend

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church and chapel collecting monetary donations on the weekend of December 13th and 14th after all of the Masses for our neighbors in need. All donations are appreciated. If you are not able to donate at this time, there are envelopes located at all of the doors. **They must be marked SVdP for us to receive your donation.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless you.

The Holy Rosary

Please join us as we pray and meditate of the Scriptures associated with the mystery of each decade of the Rosary. We meet the second Tuesday of every month in room 4 of the parish center.

Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center, Room 4



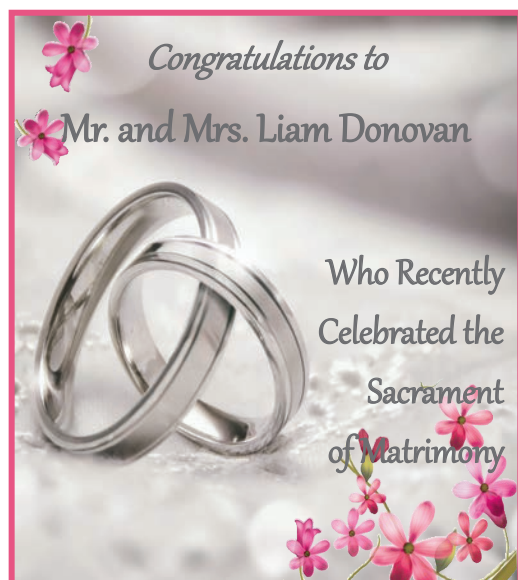
The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Amen.



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We meet the first Tuesday of every month in room 4 of the parish center at 7:00PM.

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Catholic Trivia

What is the significance of
the color purple in the
Catholic Liturgy?

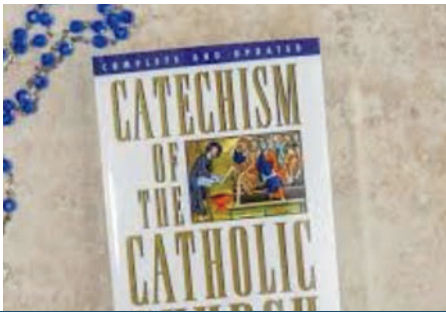


Understanding the Catechism

Monday Evenings

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Parish Center Room 3



**Next class will be on December
15th.**

Join Father Jim for classes that will help the faithful better understand the Church's teachings. There are a limited number of Catechisms available for class use. If you have your own Catechism book, then you might want to bring it with you to class.

Bible Trivia Answer: It

represents penance and
preparation used during Advent
and Lent.

Parish Rosary Program Update

Total Rosaries Prayed this
week:

375

Total Rosaries Prayed Year to
Date: 1,266

Total Weeks Reporting

3



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Parish Rosary Program

Total Rosaries for Sunday.....

Total Rosaries for Monday

Total Rosaries for Tuesday

Total Rosaries for Wednesday

Total Rosaries for Thursday.....

Total Rosaries for Friday.....

Total Rosaries for Saturday

Total Rosaries for the Week: _____



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We will have Masses on Monday, December 8 at 7:00^{AM}, 11:00^{AM} and 6:00^{PM}. All Masses will be celebrated in the church.

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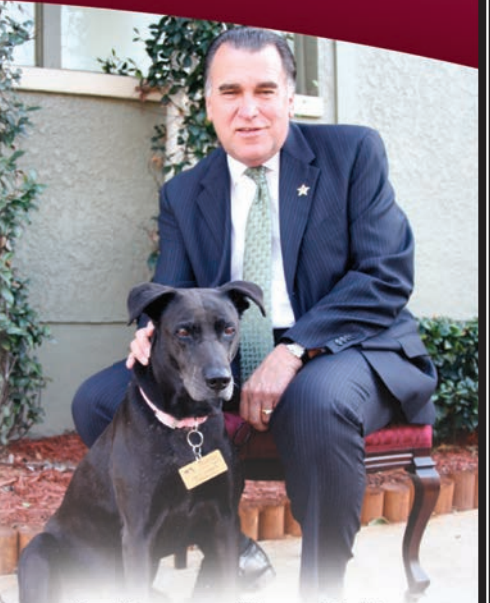
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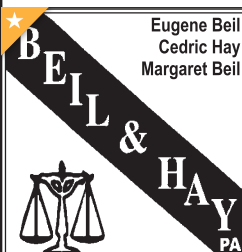
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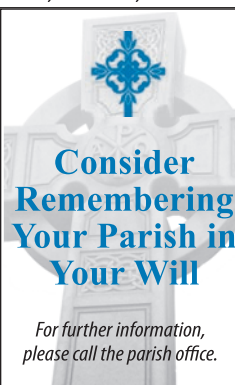
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