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# HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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*Established July 25, 1991 + Church dedicated July 24, 1994*

*Community Life Center dedicated June 30, 2001*

### Reverend William J. Ledoux

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

5:00 PM

### Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 AM

### Weekday

Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM

**New Parishioners – Welcome to Holy Apostles!** For your convenience, registration forms are available on our website [www.holypostles.com](http://www.holypostles.com). Please fill the form out and return it to the parish office. Also, we encourage you to introduce yourself to Fr. Ledoux, our pastor.

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Parents are asked to contact the Deacon early in the pregnancy. Parents are reminded that the selection of sponsors must be made according to regulations specified in Canon Law. Information regarding these regulations will be forwarded upon request.

### Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make an appointment with Father at least one year in advance of their planned date of marriage. In addition, at least one of the individuals planning marriage must be a registered and active member of the parish.

### Penance

Saturdays from  
4:00 to 4:30 PM

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please call to receive  
this Sacrament of  
comfort & healing.

### Communion Calls

Please call the  
parish office to  
request a visit.



Dear Friends,

Today marks the second Sunday of Advent, and so we await the celebration of Christmas, and await the coming of the Lord. But this waiting is not a passive time. For most of us, the Advent season is filled with preparations. We're buying gifts, decorating our homes, baking and cooking up a storm. We are readying ourselves to celebrate Christmas with our family and friends. It is indeed a busy, yet joyous time. This joyous preparation ought to extend into the depths of our hearts. Remember, we are not preparing to simply exchange gifts or even to just spend time with family and friends. We are preparing to celebrate the incarnation, God becoming man for our sake – one of the greatest mysteries of our Faith. At the same time, we are preparing to greet The Lord when He comes again. Therefore, we must spend time preparing spiritually. This weekend's Scripture readings encourage us to prepare ourselves and to bear witness to the world of God's greatness while we wait.

Indeed, our lives should bear witness to the great things the Lord has done, and the things He continues to do. We are called to proclaim His praises boldly by the way we live our lives – giving Him glory in all we say and do. As stewards, the Advent season is a wonderful time to refocus. Increase the time you spend in prayer, thanking God for the gift of Himself as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, thanking God for the innumerable gifts He has given us, and offering Him yourself in return. Recommit to live for Him. Then your life will surely bear witness of the mighty things He has done, and your heart will be ready to greet Him when He comes again.

This Monday is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate our belief that Mary, even before she was born, was free from sin from the moment of her conception. This is a privilege accorded to her because she bore the Son of God, but it no doubt is also a privilege because she was always open to God's word for her and the direction her life should take. The idea of Mary's complete sinlessness was first expressed in the earliest Christian centuries, and in 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed it a dogma. The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast for

the United States. Through the Intercession of our Mary, we pray that she will continue to guide us in our earthly ministry.

This Friday, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe; In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever-virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. She made a request for a church to be built on the site and submitted her wish to the local Bishop. When the Bishop hesitated, and requested her for a sign, the Mother of God obeyed without delay or question to the Church's local Bishop and sent her native messenger to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather an assortment of roses for the Bishop. After complying to the Bishop's request for a sign, she also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay 480 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin.

It apparently even reflects in Her eyes what was in front of her in 1531. Her message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind, as well as the story of the apparitions, are described in the "Nican Mopohua", a 16th century document written in the native Nahuatl language. There is reason to believe that at Tepeyac Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma, which makes this apparition very special. An incredible list of miracles, cures and interventions are attributed to Her. Yearly, between 18 - 20 million pilgrims visit the Basilica, making it Christianity's most visited sanctuary.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



*Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.  
Doors will open at 7:00pm.*

***Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 7, 2025***



**December 8, 2025**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

*Mass will be celebrated on Monday,  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am and 6:00pm*

## New Holy Apostles Thousand Club

**\$10,000 in Prizes**  
**with an extra \$300.00**  
**Early Bird Drawing!**



*This could be a great  
 Christmas gift.*



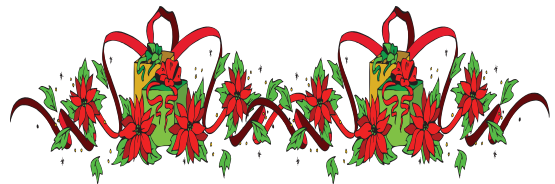
- The Club runs for ten months beginning in January 2026.
- Each Month 11 prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded.
- 1@ \$500, 1 @ \$150, 1 @ \$100, 2 @ \$50, and 6 @ \$25
- This makes 11 chances to win each month and a total of 110 chances to win for the duration of the club!
- Each ticket costs \$60.
- The \$300.00 Early Bird Drawing will be January 2, 2026, for all those paid in full by January 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Annual Project to Benefit St. Charles Parish

Reminder~

Gifts from the Giving Tree are due back by  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.



## Christmas Schedule 2025

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### Confessions

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

3:30PM to 4:30PM

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

3:30PM to 4:30PM

### Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30PM (\*Doors open at 7PM)

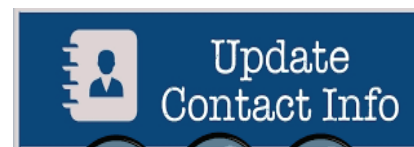
### Masses

Christmas Eve

4:00PM, 5:30PM & 11:00PM

Christmas Day

8:30AM & 11:00AM



*Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 7, 2025*



## **TEEN ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

All teens participating in the Adopt-A-Family project are reminded to meet in the Parish Center at **12 noon on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. The project includes going shopping at Walmart, wrapping gifts, and sharing a Christmas lunch donated by Uncle Tony's. The project concludes by 2:00 pm. \*Note each teen needs to have their own transportation to and from Walmart. Blessings to all involved!

## **Annual Christmas Flowers & Decorations**

**Our Annual Christmas Flowers and Decorations donation envelope** is included with your budget envelopes. Your donation is to help offset our Christmas Flowers and Decoration expenses. It may be made in the name of a deceased loved one or in your own name. A special Memorial Mass for the intentions will be said on **Thursday, January 8th at 8:30 AM**.



## **Prayer Network**

For Special Intentions of a serious nature, please call the parish.

## **Private Prayer**

The Church is open during the week for visits and private prayer. Quiet time with the Lord is time that will be graced and blessed by God. Please enter by the Community Life Center.



## **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

Our policy for weekday Mass is if school is cancelled or delayed in Cranston due to snow or ice, there will be no morning Mass. If there is an intention for the Mass, it will be rescheduled.

Regarding the **cancellation of religious education**, our policy remains the same. We adhere to the decision of the Cranston School Department. However, if snow begins later in the day, we make every effort to contact teachers and schools with a cancellation notice. Also, the cancellation will be posted on the local TV websites as well as our own parish website.

## **NEW JUNIOR & SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar  
Servers



**Boys and Girls in grade 4 -12** are eligible to become altar servers and assist at weekend Mass and on special occasions. Altar serving is also a wonderful way to get closer to Jesus. Training will take place soon. Please complete the form below and return it to the parish office as soon as possible.

## **NEW ALTAR SERVER SIGN UP FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_



Please pray for those serving our country

If you or someone you know has a loved one serving in our armed forces, please send their names with rank and branch of military to [cad@holypostles.com](mailto:cad@holypostles.com).

## Stewardship



**Time and Talent** - We wish to thank all those parishioners who are always so willing to pitch in and lend a helping hand. Their participation contributes to the vibrancy of our community.

Treasure – **Thank you for your financial support.**

## Online Giving with Parish Soft Giving

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday Mass.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- ❖ Call ParishSOFT Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6
- ❖ Log in to: [giving.parishsoft.com/giving/FD-18](https://giving.parishsoft.com/giving/FD-18)

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>December 6</b>
5:00 PM	<b><u>Walter &amp; Helen Legenza</u></b> Requested by Family	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>December 7</b>
8:30 AM	<b><u>Melissa Saccoccio (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b><u>Judy &amp; Arshag Mooradian</u></b> Requested by Family	
<p>✚ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of <b>Jeanine Favereau (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)</b> requested by Friends, Liz &amp; Lou.</p> <p>✚ The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of <b>Ava Grace Haskell (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)</b> requested by Family.</p>		
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>December 8</b>
8:30 AM	<b><u>For the People</u></b>	
6:00 PM	<b><u>Giuseppe Capalbo</u></b> Requested by Family	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<b>December 9</b>
8:30 AM	<b><u>Noah Eisa (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family <b><u>Special Intention</u></b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<b>December 10</b>
8:30 AM	<b><u>Special Intention for Gjergji Family</u></b> <b><u>Loretta Piscione</u></b> Requested by Friends	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<b>December 11</b>
8:30 AM	<b><u>John Crispino</u></b> <b><u>Natalie Crispino (11th Anniversary)</u></b> <b><u>Joseph Parent (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Children	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	<b>December 12</b>
8:30AM	<b><u>Harold F. St. John Jr. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> <b><u>Dorothy &amp; Joseph Carbone</u></b> Requested by Family <b><u>Edgar Gonzalez</u></b> Requested by The White Family	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Vigil: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>December 13</b>
5:00 PM	<b><u>Louis Perrotta (Birthday Rem.)</u></b> Requested by Tom, Dawn, Sophia & Olivia	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>December 14</b>
8:30 AM	<b><u>Joseph &amp; Mary DelBonis</u></b> Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	<b><u>Rose Mastrati (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</u></b> Requested by Family	

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