

Dear Friends,

This weekend we gather to begin the season of Advent. Advent is a four-week period of patient and joyful anticipation of Christ's coming and it calls us to prepare the way with hopeful expectation of Christ's return. Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year for the church. At the beginning of the New Year in January, many of us make New Year's resolutions, for example: we are going to lose weight, give more to charity, and spend more time with family. Perhaps we should consider making Advent resolutions, as so many of us view the holidays as a stressful time. We have a laundry list of things that we feel must get done in order that everyone enjoys the holidays: prepare the presents; get the house ready for the family to visit etc. The church, however, is calling us to prepare and get ready for only one person the Christ Child.

Our late Holy Father Pope Francis stated: *"Advent encourages us to reflect on the contrast between our daily routine and the unexpected coming of the Lord. This perspective, he continued, is also an invitation to 'sobriety, to not be dominated by the things of this world' but rather to keep them in their proper place. If, on the other hand, we allow ourselves to be overpowered by a concern for material things, we will not be able to perceive what is much more important: our final encounter with the Lord. And so, the Pope said, Advent is 'an invitation to vigilance, because, not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart.'" During Advent, Pope Francis concluded, "we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this, we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don't imagine."* 11/27/16 *Saint Peter's Square*

Wednesday, December 3, we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier. Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him. Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

As you prepare your homes for Christmas, I invite you to lead your family in the following prayer as you ask God's blessing upon your Christmas Tree.

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.

We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Have a good week!

Fr. Ledoux



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30 pm.

Doors will open at 7:00pm.

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Living Nativity 2025



FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO:

Holy Apostles Church Living Nativity & Christmas Cheer Evening

Friday, Dec 5th at 5:30PM

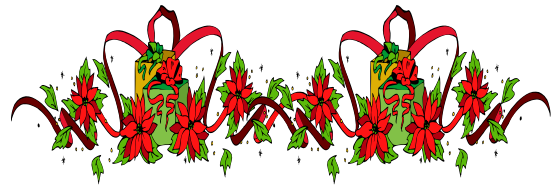
Immediately following the Nativity in Parish Center

- Light refreshments
- Elf on the Shelf
- Cookie decorating
- Visit with Mr. And Mrs. Claus
- Christmas Music, mingle with friends, and enjoy the festive atmosphere!

Annual Giving Tree to Benefit St. Charles Parish



This weekend, our Giving Christmas Tree will be in the Gathering Area. St. Charles has once again requested gift cards for their families in need. We ask that you take a tag from the tree and purchase the gift card and bring it to Church by **December 7th**. Please consider what you formerly spent on the gift and purchase a gift card for that amount. We will deliver them to St. Charles in enough time so these families can purchase gifts for their children prior to Christmas.



Christmas Schedule 2025

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Confessions

Saturday, December 13th

3:30PM to 4:30PM

Saturday, December 20th

3:30PM to 4:30PM

Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 16th

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

Masses

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

8:30AM & 11:00AM

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.

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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 1st.



The Holy Apostles Men of St. Joseph meet twice a month for fellowship and discussion. Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the RI Men of St Joseph website at: <https://www.mosji.org/>

Next Meeting: December 6th at 8:00AM



December 8, 2025
Holy Day of Obligation

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

NEW JUNIOR & SENIOR 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 : _____



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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.

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

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Vigil: 1 st Sunday of Advent	November 29
5:00 PM	Trisha Viveiros (4th Anniversary) Requested by Husband, Dan	
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent	November 30
8:30 AM	Joan Margadonna Bob Margadonna (Anniversary) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	Thomas & Mary Shea Requested by Daughter, Cheryl Chrones & Family	
+ The Altar Bread is offered this week in memory of Jeannette M. Desjarlais requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond White. + The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Lloyd L. Colvin requested by Wife, Barbara.		
Monday	Advent Weekday	December 1
8:30 AM	Sr. Deanna Sabetta Requested by Ralph & Elaine Constance Morrisette Requested by Barbara Papitto	
Tuesday	Advent Weekday	December 2
8:30 AM	Thomas F. Mulcahey (27th Anniversary) Requested by Son Jayne Pilz (1st Anniversary) Requested by A Friend	
Wednesday	St. Francis Xavier, Priest	December 3
8:30 AM	For the People	
Thursday	Advent Weekday	December 4
8:30 AM	Special Intention for Gjergji Family Paul Kowal (2nd Anniversary) Requested by Family	
Friday	Advent Weekday	December 5
8:30AM	Stephen Spaziano (Anniversary) Requested by Wife James F. Siddall Requested by Steven & Christine Dooley	
Saturday	Vigil: 2 nd Sunday of Advent	December 6
5:00 PM	Walter & Helen Legenza Requested by Family	
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent	December 7
8:30 AM	Melissa Saccoccio (Birthday Rem.) Requested by Family	
11:00 AM	Judy & Arshag Mooradian Requested by Family	

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