

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday in Advent

10:30 am Mass - The Women's Club (Intentions)
 11:30 am Olive Branch Advent Sale, Commons
 11:30 am Christmas Party Reservations &
 Christmas Cards, Commons

Monday, December 1

12:00 pm Mass - Doris Brent †

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 pm Women's Club Christmas Party at
 Mama Maria's

Wednesday, December 3

3:00 pm Adoration (3pm - 6:15 pm & 7pm -9pm)
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 5:00 pm Confessions
6:30 pm Mass - John & Angeline Powell
 (Intentions)

Thursday, December 4

10:30 am Bible Study, FLC
12:00 pm Mass - Mary Kay Lundergan †
 7:00 pm OLPH Choir
 7:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

11:30 am Private Event
 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners

Sunday, December 7

8:30 am Christian Initiation for Adults, FLC
10:30 am Mass
 11:30 am Children's Choir
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 11:30 am First Sunday Treats, SH
 12:00 pm Fr. Kyle Advent Talk on Mary, SH
 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass
 6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party, SH

**Mass on Tuesday, December 2
 is at 7:00 am**

**There will be no 12:00 pm Mass
 this Tuesday, December 2**

**Confessions and Adoration
 Tuesday, December 2 from 5 - 7 pm**

	December 6 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm	December 7 Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Altar Servers	Jacob Rodriguez Joshua Rodriguez	James Fukumoto Victoria Fukumoto
Lectors	Nancy Harbach Susan Moore	Matias Tenorio Susan Thompson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Lear Robin Underwood Parish Deacon	Vicky Rowland Jenna Mason Yaw Asirifi Jan Hoffman Parish Deacon Janie Christian Mary Martinez
Linen Washer		Diane Ferguson
Ushers	Bogdan Czachor Jerry Ferguson Jack Miller Garry Secor	Bryan Boggs Maria Carrier Jay Fukumoto Dave Hafey
Bus Driver		Steve Capaldo

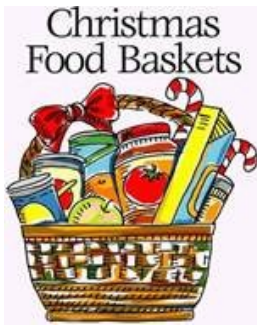
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 December 7 - December 14, 2025**

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

***Please pray for our sick, that they may be
 strengthened by the love of Christ.***

Rob Ahlers	Johanna Espelage	Joseph Mukuni
Joe Birkenmaier	Mike Getsi	Mary Anna Page
Emanuel Clements	Placido de Guzman	Judith Perrine
Fr. Danny Cogut	Jennifer Jarvis	Jackie Richards
Lois Conn	Bernie Langheim	Sue Thompson
Patricia Dopp		John Wizorek

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE We are assisting St. Francis House with Christmas baskets for families in need by collecting specific food items for December. Please note this food drive is earlier than usual to assist St. Francis House with distribution of the baskets; see the list on the bag for the list of desired items. Groceries must be returned the weekend of December 6/7. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need in our community.

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

~Father John Muir

WEEKLY OFFERING	November 22nd - 23rd	JULY YTD
Sunday - Holy Days	\$ 6,395.00	\$250,963.00
Total Income Budgeted	\$10,710.00	\$231,200.00
Better or Worse	\$ 4,315.00	\$ 19,762.66
Capital Improvement	\$ 2,158.00	\$ 43,351.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer for Advent

Come, Lord Jesus!
Bring your peace to our world.
Inspire reconciliation, heal
divisions, bind wounds, rewrite
scripts. You are the Prince of
Peace, bring that light into every
space.

~Amen.



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