

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, December 7

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

Monday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12:00 pm Mass - OLPH Parishioners
7:00 pm Mass - Paul Purcell †

Tuesday, December 9

11:00 am Confessions
12:00 am Mass - Fr. Danny Cogut (Intentions)
 5:00 pm Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration
 6:30 pm Faith Formation Parish Team, FLC

Wednesday, December 10

3:00 pm Adoration (3pm - 6:15 pm & 7pm -9pm)
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 5:00 pm Confessions
6:30 pm Mass - The Moses Sisters (Intentions)

Thursday, December 11

10:30 am Bible Study, FLC
12:00 pm Mass - Jessica Stephenson †
 7:00 pm OLPH Choir
 7:00 pm Roanoke College Mass
 7:00 pm Valleywide Reconciliation at OLN

Friday, December 12

5:15 pm Mass
 6:00 pm Parish Christmas Party, SH

Saturday, December 13

8:30 am Carmelites, FLC
 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners



Sunday, December 14

8:30 am Christian Initiation for Adults, FLC
 9:00 am Religious Ed. For Grades K-12, FLC & SH
10:30 am Mass - John & Richie Mihans †
 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
 11:30 am Children's Choir
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 12:00 pm Franciscans, SH & FLC

Monday, December 8

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 is a Holy Day of Obligation,
 Masses are 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm.**

	December 13 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm	December 14 Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Altar Servers	James Guthier Sora Guthier	Jenna Taylor Maximus Mason
Lectors	Janet deGuzman Margie Secor	Jeffrey Krajnik Max Stephenson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Dennis Kafura Peggy Miller Parish Deacon	Joe Tucciarone Mike McGuire Jim Laub Barbara O'Connell Parish Deacon Mike Sexton Sharyn Sexton
Linen Washer		JoAnn Boucher
Ushers	Paul Chauvin Scott Kuhn Al Scalera Garry Secor	Bryan Boggs Maria Carrier Gary Rowland Christopher Verner
Bus Driver		Nathan Johnson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 7 - December 14, 2025

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and
 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt
 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk
 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom
 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

***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	Larry Keyes	Sue Thompson
Patricia Dopp	Bernie Langheim	John Wizorek



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS invite all parishioners and their families to our Annual Christmas sing-a-long at the Veterans Care Center on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm. Song books will be provided. Address for the Center is 4550 Shenandoah Ave. Salem. *Musicians will warm up at OLPH after the 10:30 am Mass.*

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH ?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WEEKLY OFFERING November 30 th - 31st JULY YTD

Sunday - Holy Days	\$ 16,040.00	\$ 260,608.00
Total Income Budgeted	\$ 10,710.00	\$ 231,200.00
Better or Worse	\$ 5,330.00	\$ 29,408.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 43,613.00

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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