

PENINSULA CLUSTER OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES

DECEMBER 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” - Lk 1:45

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DROP DOWN DEW FROM ABOVE,
YOU HEAVENS,
AND LET THE CLOUDS RAIN DOWN
THE JUST ONE:
LET THE EARTH BE OPENED
AND BRING FORTH A SAVIOR.

First Reading: Mi 5:1

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Psalm: 80

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Heb 10:7

“Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

Gospel: Lk 1:43

“And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT JOSEPH

Saturday 4pm (English) & 6:30 pm (Español)
Sunday 8am & 11am

SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Saturday 4pm
Sunday 10am

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21

St. Joseph (9am) +Liza Ford by St. Joseph's
St. Joseph (4pm) +John Boerner by Mary
San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado
St. Mary (5:30pm) ~Pro Populo
St. Vincent (4pm) +Agnes Liakos by Ames Family

Sunday, December 22

St. Joseph (8am) +Christopher Tromly by The Tromly Family
St. Joseph (11am) ~People of our Parish
St. Mary (9:30am) +Donald Riley by Teresa Mares
St. Vincent (10am) ~People of our Parish

Tuesday, December 24 NO Novena Mass

Tuesday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

St. Joseph (4pm) +Sharon Fallon by the Foley Family
St. Mary (5:30pm) +Carl & Elisa Grose by the family
St. Vincent (6pm) +St. Vincent Parishioners
San José (8:30pm) ~Será Anunciado
St. Joseph (10pm) +Andrew & Hannah Lawlor by Ann Baker

Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

St. Joseph (8am) ~Antonia Araojo by Art & Denise Kelly
St. Mary (9:30am) ~Pro Populo
St. Vincent (10am) ~Phipps & Soriano Families
by Howard & Angelita Phipps

Thursday, December 26

St. Joseph (9am) +Mical Cruishank by Don Boyce
St. Vincent (12:05pm) ~St. Vincent Parishioners
San José (6pm) ~NO MASS

Friday, December 27

St. Mary (12:05) ~Pro Populo

Saturday, December 28

St. Joseph (9am) ~Birthday wishes for Polly Siemann
St. Joseph (4pm) +Ric Murray by The Murray Family
San José (6:30pm) ~Será Anunciado
St. Mary (5:30pm) +Ruby Sansone by the Cheung Family
St. Vincent (4pm) ~People of Our Parish

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**Parish Offices will be closed 23 December
thru 1 January and will re-open
Thursday, 2 January.
We wish you and yours
a most Blessed Christmas.**

Parish Registration: To register in one of our cluster parishes, please pick up a registration form at Mass and turn it in to the parish office, or contact your parish office directly.

Baptism: For infants and children under the age of 7: a pre-baptismal preparation process for parents is required, and the sacrament is celebrated on a scheduled basis. Please contact your Deacon to register for preparation.

RCIA (Becoming Catholic): The RCIA process is for unbaptized persons, ages 7 and older, and those who were baptized in another Christian tradition. The process is one of conversion and formation and people are welcomed into the process year-round. Contact one of our Deacon's for more information.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at St. Joseph on Wednesdays: 5pm & Saturdays: 3-3:45pm, St. Vincent on Wednesdays: 12:30 & Saturdays: 3:30pm and St. Mary's on Sundays: 8:45-9:15am.

Christian Formation

Teens Service Project: Teens remember to keep collecting travel sized toiletries for our Service Project.

All Teen and Family Formation Families: Please start thinking of a gift you'd like to share with the baby Jesus as we celebrate Epiphany at our January 5th gathering. See Flocknote for items most often requested.

Coffee with Clergy: All are welcome to grab a cup of coffee with Fr. Dillon on **Thursdays from 10-11am at Buckroe Coffee**. This is an informal event each Thursday to learn about topics of your choice and to pick a priest's brain about any subject you want.

Ephesian Bible Study: Father Dillon will be leading an 8-part bible study on the Letter to the Ephesians starting **Dec. 30th**. We will explore how this book of the Word of God helps us better understand the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare. We will gather on **Mondays at Saint Mary's parish hall from 7pm-8:30pm**. Please sign up using the forms in the back of the church or in the parish halls (Dec. 30 Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17).

The Angelic Doctor: Join Father Dillon on a 5-week series about Saint Thomas Aquinas and his theology. We will learn about the life of this great saint, how to read his theological works, and study his thoughts on God and the Christian faith. The group will meet at **Saint Joseph's Cordier Hall after the 9am Mass on Saturdays beginning January 4th** (Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1.)

Upcoming Young Adult Series at St. Clare Retreat Center:

Tues, Dec. 31, 2024, 7-9pm: **New Years Eve Dancing & Midnite Adoration with Benediction**

Sat, Jan. 18-19, 2025 4pm: **Young Adult Retreat: Saturday till noon on Sunday**

Sun, Feb. 9, 2025, 6-10pm: **Super Bowl Party and Potluck**

Tues, Mar. 4, 2025, 7-9pm: **Mardi Gras Party and Potluck**

Tues, Apr. 1, 2025, 7-9pm: **Fool for Christ and Potluck--Living Boldly for Christ; St. Francis**

***Contact Deacon Dave for more info.**

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Blessed are you who believed," Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary's example, and believe.

This Week's Scripture:

First Reading

Micah prophesied a "ruler" would come through the line of David ("Bethlehem-Ephrathah") and bring peace to the divided kingdom of Judah and Israel. How might you be able to promote peace this week among your family or co-workers?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews reminds us that Christ makes us holy so that above all else, we do God's will. As the season of Advent draws to a close, what could be one practical way to do God's will this week?

Gospel:

Elizabeth calls Mary "blessed" because she believed and trusted in the Lord. Are there people in your life who model such trust and faith in God?

Saint Joseph, Pray for us

December 8, 2024

OFFERTORY:	\$6,413.54
E-Giving:	\$3,685.00
Retired Religious	\$1,001.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,185.00
General Operating	\$25.00
Parish Charities	\$555.00
SOS	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$600.00
Flowers	\$655.00
Catholic Charities	\$35.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Donuts	\$32.00
Candles	\$54.00



Attendance:

Saturday 4pm: 91 6:30pm: 70
Sunday 8am: 115 11am: 387

Weekly budgeted offertory \$11,000

This week's second collection: **No 2nd Collection**
Christmas second collection: **Catholic Charities**
Next week's second collection: **No 2nd Collection**



It was great to see everyone for all of our feast days and advent offerings this month: Thank you for the beauty you brought as a cluster to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Simbang Gabi masses that were wonderfully attended! We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas masses!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Angel Giving Tree! Together we gifted over 65 people with your generosity this Christmas!

Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry: We appreciate all the generous donors and volunteers who make services to our patrons and friends possible! **47 Holiday Food Baskets and 61 Thanksgiving dinners** were distributed Thanksgiving and more are being prepared for Christmas! That is outside of the beautiful Thanksgiving meal that is generously provided and enjoyed by many volunteers, parishioners, and local patrons who may be celebrating alone or with very little community. Your efforts were bountiful and we served many in need this season. Thank you for helping us serve **over 109 families with a Food Pantry bags in the month of November.** Additionally, the Breakfast and Sandwich volunteers served **over 307 breakfasts and lunches** with their efforts. No gesture is too small and it takes the whole community to serve so well... **THANK YOU** for your continuous charity and service!

Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in our Prayer Shawl Raffle. Our lucky winner is Mike Araojo! We are grateful to the community for your outpouring of support. All members please be aware our ministry is having its last meeting for the year on December 13th. Meetings will resume the 2nd week of January.

Poinsettia Memorialization: Saint Joseph's Arts and Environment is offering Poinsettia Memorialization for the Month of December. These will adorn our worship space Christmas Season.

Light of Hope Intercessory Prayer Ministry: SJ prayer intercessory group will greet, get to know, and pray for and with our regular patrons of Tuesday morning Food Pantry and Breakfast Ministry services. All interested parties should contact Bobbye Sinclair at 305-527-6716 or Melanie Plue in the office.

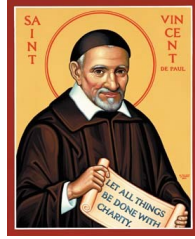
Respect Life: Join our Peninsula Cluster Parishes Respect Life Ministry as we pray and work for further protection for the unborn and vulnerable among us. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Little White House, 516 Buckroe Ave., Hampton. For further information or questions contact Carolyn Moore at (757) 719-6666 or www.respectlife.org



Saint Vincent de Paul, Pray for us

December 8, 2024

OFFERTORY:	\$2,800.00
E-Giving	\$2,540.00
Back Door Ministry	\$575.00
Downtown Christmas	\$290.00
Christmas Flowers	\$285.00
Immaculate Offering	\$105.00
Retired Religious	\$734.00



Attendance:

Saturday: 75 Sunday: 70
Immaculate Conception: 50

Weekly budgeted offertory \$6,080

This week's 2nd collection: **No 2nd Collection**
Christmas Second Collection: **Catholic Charities**
Next week's 2nd collection: **No 2nd Collection**

St. Vincent Social Ministries Footsteps for November

Clothes Closet: In the month of November, 122 persons were helped. Thank you for helping to meet the ongoing need for warm clothes for the homeless.

Food Pantry: In November, 27 families (37 people) and 55 homeless were served. The total number of individuals served by the pantry was 92. Thank you to everyone who contributes.

Back Door Ministry: Through the backdoor of St. Vincent's kitchen, 1,404 meals were served to lunch guests in November. It has been surprising to the ministry that the number of individuals coming to us for lunch has remained almost as high as during warm months.

The need is great and thank you for your contributions, both with food and to continued support of our Back Door Ministry Meals Fund.

Fr. Romy wishes to thank all who contribute to our Social Action Ministries.

KPC Christmas Dinner Raffle: The Lloyd F Stephenson St. Vincent De Paul Knights of Peter Claver Council 362 is sponsoring a Christmas Dinner Giveaway Raffle. The "dinner" consists of a Cracker Barrel Gift Card for \$70.00. Two gift cards will be awarded. The drawing will be conducted at St Vincent De Paul Church on **December 22, 2024, after the 10 am Mass**. The winner need not be present to claim their prize. Ticket price is \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Knights of Peter Claver Council 362.



Downtown Christmas

Donations: Pictured are gifts from the ladies of St Martha's Guild of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for an adopted family. This guild has donated gift items for many years for the Downtown Christmas, and we are grateful.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Newport News delivered 300 snack bags for the homeless and to accompany gift bags going to named families provided to St. Vincent by Newport News Housing and Redevelopment. St. Andrews has provided bags of food for the Downtown Christmas since the year of its inception, and we are grateful for their continued support.



Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Pray for us

This week's 2nd Collection: **Parish Charities** Christmas 2nd Collection: **Catholic Charities**

Next week's 2nd Collection: **No 2nd Collection**

Average Budgeted Offertory is \$3,033 per weekend.

December 8, 2024 Attendance: Saturday: 47 Sunday: 138

OFFERTORY:	Basket	E-Give
1st Collection	\$2,379.00	\$930.00
Support Our Schools	\$41.00	\$135.00
Building Fund	\$85.00	\$115.00
Parish Charities	\$5.00	\$75.00
Catholic Virginian	\$0	\$10.00
Slate Roof	\$25.00	\$20.00
Flowers	\$400.00	\$100.00
Christmas	\$20.00	\$100.00
Retired Religious	\$679.00	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$698.00	\$0
Slate Roof Replacement	\$25.00	\$0



Immaculate Conception Attendance: 98

Advent Wreath: Thank you to all our families who took part in lighting our Advent wreath this season. The four candles represent the Christian virtues of hope, peace, joy, and love.

- **First candle:** The Prophecy Candle, representing **hope** and the anticipation of Christ's coming
- **Second candle:** The Bethlehem Candle, representing **peace** and preparation
- **Third candle:** The Shepherd's Candle, representing **joy** at the birth of Christ and the anticipation of His return
- **Fourth candle:** The Love Candle, representing the boundless **love** of God

Thank You for your Generosity: You gifted over \$2,640 in gift cards to our brothers & sisters in need!

Christmas Flowers and Decorations: If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flowers and Decorations, please use the envelopes in the vestibule. Please **PRINT ALL MEMORIAMS AND HONORIES IN ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS!** Don't forget to include your name or Parish number!



Christmas Eve Carols: Join us before mass at 5:15pm Christmas Eve, for a Community Caroling Singalong.

Seeking Additional Cantors and Choir Members: If you enjoy singing joyfully to the Lord, and would like to join our music ministry, please see a choir member or our Music Minister Danny after mass! *You do not have to be a soloist to join. You can just sing along with the group. Instrumentalists are also welcome!*

Office Closure: The St. Mary office will be closed 23 December thru 3 January. There will be daily mass at 12:05 on Friday, 27 December and 3 January.

Sunday Socials: Join us immediately following Sunday Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Hospitality is a cooperative effort to build our community and strengthen the bonds of our Parish family. Please consider signing up to host on the sheet posted in hall. All are always welcome!

THANK YOU to the following families for hosting recent Socials:

WOLCOTT, SWISHER, STEPHENSON, NEWTON, JONES, PASSARELLI, MCKENNA, TURNER, TENCH, JOHNSTON, CHEUNG, QUIRK, CHLEBO GARCIA.

Your generosity is most appreciated!

CLUSTER

The Knights of Columbus # 511 will sponsor the Consecration to the Holy Family on December 29th, at all Masses at St. Joseph & St. Mary. We will distribute the Consecration Prayer Cards before Masses this weekend and the day of the Consecration. In preparation, we ask that you please read the Consecration Prayer every day until the Mass on December 29th. In addition, we encourage each family member to intentionally fast from something this week ahead of the consecration. Lastly, we strongly encourage you to go to confession before the consecra-



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The Legion of Mary has a new Rosary Crusade: We are looking for 100 million Rosaries starting now and continuing all over the world. We are asking people to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, peace in the Church, and peace in the womb. (Or for an end to abortion.) You are welcome to pray as many Rosaries as you like, or if you would like to be counted, you can email me at rshennum56@gmail.com where you can commit to the number of Rosaries you will pray each week. The Crusade started in August of 2024 and is ongoing, until there is peace in the world!

**"May the words of the Holy Gospel
be on my mind,
on my lips and in my heart."**

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



This Week's Readings

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

St. Joseph: Don Boyce, Joe Boyce, David Braunbeck, Roxanne Brown, Jeremiah C. Burke, Wynette Burke, James Burns, Dean Charles, Steven Charles, Brian Emmons, Skip Fontz, Catherine Freel, James Freel, Rita Haynes, Mark Harmer, Cindy Hoffer, Cindy Jo, Ellie Kalski, Art Kelly, Michelle & Paul Kirkland, Annette Lyons, Mona Mazonkey, Eugenia Perugi, John Ruth, Barbara Scheuren, Delores Shackley, James & Pamela Shoffber, Margaret Silvia, Tede Smith, Loretta Thompson, Gary Vonderhaar, Eugenia Walters, Carol Williams, Danielle Winters, AC White, Nellie Jo Yannarella

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St. Vincent: Irene Aleandro, Anthony Bland, Juanita Brown, Jim Buckman, Myasia Butler, Judy Drew, Charles Farquhar, Pam Haas, Doris Inman, Michael J. Link, Grayson Mineck, Bambi Mohammed, Brenda Orie, Vincent Paige, Pat Patterson, Angela Reilly, Lanny Smith, Mary Stephenson, Franziska Steverson, Tondalaya Thomas, Dillion Witherspoon

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**"and please remember-
don't forget
to pray for me".
~Pope Francis**

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