

Ascension of Our Lord Church

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Second Sunday of

Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Father Jose Kadukunnel, CMI
Pastor

Deacon Peter J. Rooney
Deacon

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday

12:00 Noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

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Liturgies for the Week

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

The following are our parish societies and organizations. If you are interested in joining or helping with any of our activities, kindly contact the parish office or number listed below. We welcome and encourage all members.

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mr. Joe Ciaccio
Council of Catholic Women	Mrs. Mary Thon
Legion of Mary	Mrs. Pauline Mitchell
Pastoral Care Ministers	Mrs. Pauline Mitchell
Prayer Group	Ms. Nilda Cinco
St. Vincent de Paul Society	630-953-4419

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Cindi Felper - Felper Family

† Soledad Grino - Salvador Family

Intentions of Diana Filippi - Judy McGah

Special Intention - Family

Monday, December 10, 2018

12:00 PM † Tara Feldman - Feldman Family

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

12:00 PM † Patricia Pellegrini - Children

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

12:00 PM Intention of Sr. Cecilia Marie

of the Child Jesus, OCD - Friends

Thursday, December 13, 2018

12:00 PM † Mario Giannini - Dr. Barbara Santucci

Friday, December 14, 2018

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the

Tumino and Demma Families - K&M Demma

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00 PM † Jason Bartizal - Family

† Armando, Clarendia, Bob, Jr. and

Chris Mariani - Marge Mariani

† Elaine Spahn -

Ascension Altar Linen Ladies

† Vincent DiCola - Darlene Boncimino

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:00 AM Intention of the Parish Family

10:00 AM † Aurora Mangahas - Ortiz Family

† Eli and Cindi Felper - Felper Family

† Alessandro Mattiuz - Mattiuz Family

† Dr. Jose and Ofelia Lasala - Steve and

Christie Agins and Lasala Family

Intention of Clarita L. Go - Maria Tipton

Intention of Estefania Flores - Maria Tipton

† Denotes Deceased



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*Calendar***Monday**

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1–10

Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1–11

Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a;

12:1–6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26–38 or

Lk 1:39–47

Thursday

DECEMBER 13

*St. Lucy,**Virgin and Martyr*

Is 41:13–20

Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 14

*St. John of the Cross,**Priest and Doctor
of the Church*

Is 48:17–19

Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1–4, 9–11

Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 16

*Third Sunday
of Advent*

Zep 3:14–18a

Phil 4:4–7

Lk 3:10–18

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the word *immaculate* also refer to Jesus' birth?

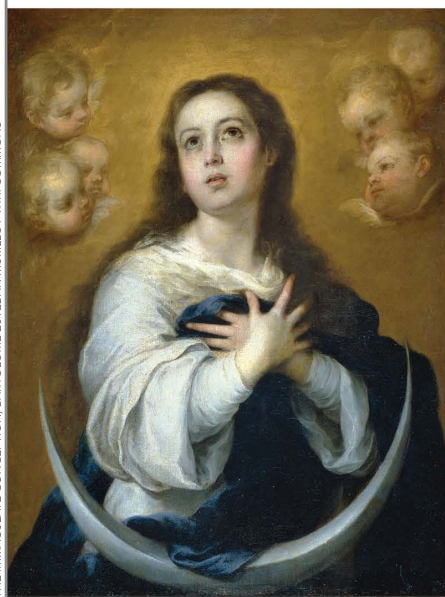
According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning “not”) and *maculatus* (meaning “spotted”). It means “without stain or blemish” and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and

fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR
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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BARTOLOMÉ ESTEBAN MURILLO / WIKI COMMONS



A Word From Pope Francis

The Immaculate Conception leads us to contemplate Our Lady who, by unique privilege, was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. Even living in a world marked by sin, she was not touched by it: Mary is our sister in suffering, but not in evil or in sin.

—Angelus, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015

Parish News

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: Hariman, Palmer, Santucci
Lector: Mitchell

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: J. Butkovich, DeChristopher, Vacco
Lector: Amstadt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Jose/Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: Neffke, J. Palisoc
Lector: G. Palisoc

This week's calendar

Wednesday, December 19:

Senior Adult Ministry, 12:30-2:00 p.m.,
Corpus Christi Hall
Choir Practice, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Hall

Thursday, December 20: Legion of Mary Prayer
Group, 10:30 a.m. in the Founders Foyer

Friday, November 16:

I Thirst Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m., Founders Foyer
Good Shepherd Intercessory Prayer and
Rosary, 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Good Shepherd Prayer Group meeting,
7:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone

STEWARDSHIP

December 2, 2018 - \$9,446
WeShare - \$2,312

*Thank you for your generosity
and ongoing support.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word ***Sundays at 10:00 a.m.***

Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant for **all** children, and is offered on most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass thru early June. Please have **your children** participate so that they can learn about the Gospel using language and terms appropriate to their age.

There, they will pray, color, craft, and participate in a way that's meaningful for them! Parents are always welcome to attend as well.

Please contact the religious education office at 630.953.4415 if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S **MASS SCHEDULE**

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

Monday, December 24, 2018
4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
(Choir program 9:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
8:00 a.m. ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 12 noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

Confessions during Advent every Friday at
12:30 after noon Mass and
Saturdays from 2:45 to 3:45 pm.

*Parish office will be closed December 24 - 26, 2018 and
December 31st after 1:00 p.m. and January 1, 2019*

SIMBANG GABI

All are invited to the Simbang Gabi service
at Ascension of Our Lord Church on
Saturday, December 15th @ 6:00 p.m.



Are you aware that our
Pastoral Care Ministers
will come to your home
to visit and bring
Communion to the
elderly, sick and
homebound?

Please call **Pauline Mitchell at 630-627-0471**
to arrange a time.

Father Jose is also more than happy to stop in for a
chat, visit and to bring Communion to our "in
house" parishioners. Please call
the parish office at **630-629-5810**
to schedule an appointment OR to
advise us of a prolonged hospital or rehab stay.



Vince Zaprzal
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Dear Parishioners,
Over the past few months, we started working on improving our parish communications.
Allow me to share those updates with you.

~Full Color Bulletin: As you may have noticed, we moved to a full color bulletin the weekend of October 20/21. Through a revised contract with our bulletin company, this is being done at no additional cost to the parish! In fact, we have even increased our yearly rebate! Please be sure to support those who advertise in the back of our bulletin as those ads pay for the weekly production of the bulletin. It is also important to note that the advertisers deal strictly with the bulletin company.

~New LED Sign: Our new LED sign outside will replace the existing sign that you see along Summit Avenue. We are told that installation should take place the week before Christmas!

~New Website: In the new year, we will be launching an updated website. Stay tuned!

~Facebook Page: Also in the new year, we will be launching an official Ascension of Our Lord Facebook page.

Parking Lot Lamp Replacement

~As of this writing (this past Wednesday) work was scheduled to take place this past Thursday to replace the lamps and clean the lenses of our parking lot lights. Our lights are at the age that they could start burning out. Seeing that we have two in our parking lot that are currently out, it was decided to do an entire lamp replacement and have the lenses cleaned. With the current lamps that are used, this is expected to take place every three to four years. A cost analysis did take place on converting over to LED. For the amount of time the lights are used throughout the year, it would take approximately a decade before that upgrade would 'pay off'.

Part 8 – “A Walk-through of the Mass”

Sign of Peace —In this ritual sharing of Christ’s peace we use the first words of Jesus after the resurrection: “Peace be with you.” Once we have received Christ’s peace (not just a kind greeting) then we are prepared to receive the fullness of Christ in the Eucharist.

Communion Rite —Once more, we enter into a procession. All processions are outward, physical symbols of inward and spiritual realities. Each one of us, in our own faith lives, is on a procession. Our whole life is one great procession – one great journey - to Heaven and to the Father. So now, as we move forward to receive Holy Communion, we are more than simply “in line.” We are in another procession which is a symbol of our pilgrimage to the Heavenly Banquet!

As we reach the priest or the extraordinary minister, we are presented with the Eucharist in the very simplest of words: “The Body of Christ.” This most awesome mystery, the very presence of Christ Jesus, given for our lives, and for the life of the world, demands a response from each one of us. And so we respond, “Amen,” another Hebrew word which means, “Yes,” or “So be it.”

Similarly, we are presented with the chalice with the words, “The Blood of Christ,” and again we respond with a strong “Amen!” The Eucharist is the spiritual and sacramental nourishment for our life journey! As the Lord fed his chosen people with manna from heaven, so too does he feed us with this Bread from Heaven. As the two disciples at Emmaus recognized the presence of the Lord in the breaking of the bread, so too do we recognize the presence of Christ in our midst, feeding us with his very Body & Blood.

When all have received Holy Communion, the Priest prays a prayer of thanks, which brings the Liturgy of the Eucharist to a close. (from <http://legacy.archchicago.org/StrategicPastoralPlan/SundayMass/pdf/resource/WalkThroughMass.pdf>)

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We Always Need Donations AND Referrals

Your assistance of donations of funding and household goods are always needed to provide services to the poor and disadvantaged in the community surrounding this parish. And while you have generously helped us whenever asked, we also believe you can from time to time assist us in locating and identifying those in need who are either too embarrassed to ask for help or who simply do not know our help is available. This is where you can help us by referring individuals and families that you feel may be in need of our help. In the RULE of our Society, it explains that our Members should never discriminate among those we serve but see the face of Christ in all that may need our help. And that is where you can be a source of referral to us of those you see in need of help but have not yet called in or reached the attention of our volunteers. You can help us identify those you see that might benefit from help we can offer to individuals and families you may know or have encountered in your neighborhood or workplace. You can discreetly bring their needs to our attention by calling us at the parish office (630-953-4413) or by providing the information directly to our Members in a way that can help us assist them.

At this time of year, we see children in the neighborhood that may need warmer clothing or whose families may need some food assistance to get them through the holidays. Others in need may be the elderly or handicapped nearby that could use some simple guidance in getting the special help they need to better manage their lives. We know there are more individuals in our community that we have *not yet* reached. You can help us by simply being our referral agents so that we do not neglect those that also show the face of Christ in their daily lives. Do not hesitate to refer others to us.

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want."

Mother Teresa



Bingo for Safe Beds!

Friday, December 14

1:00 – 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Church

4801 Main Street, Downers Grove

Church lower level

Did you know that it costs approximately \$51.00 per night to provide one safe bed for a victim of domestic violence? For over 40 years, Family Shelter Services has been providing safe beds and other vital services to turn victims into survivors. They serve women and children in our area who could be our neighbors, coworkers, friends and even family.

This holiday season - emulate the innkeeper who provided a safe haven for a woman and her family in need. Come play Bingo to benefit Family Shelter Services. All proceeds go to them!

**Prizes to all winners!
Refreshments will be served.
Freewill donations at the door
greatly appreciated.**



***For more information, call or text Linda
Koscik at 630.292.2566.***

7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? A while ago?

**You are invited to prepare your
heart and soul for Christmas**

The priests of the 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage
County will be available to celebrate the
Sacrament of Healing of Sin!

7 Hours of Support for victims of abuse

Priests will also be available separate from hearing
confessions to listen to anyone who has been the
victim of abuse or has experienced pain and
suffering related to the abuse that has take place in
the Catholic Church.

**Saturday, December 15th
from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

There will be select times when the Sacrament will
be offered in both Polish and Spanish.

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace
Visitation Church

779 S. York Street, Elmhurst ~ (630) 834-6700

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARKING REMINDERS



Over the past several weeks illegal parking has been observed and noted in our parking lot. Please review the reminder below for the safety of all. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



- ~Park only in the designated parking spots between the yellow lines.
- ~Parking around the islands or next to our Church sign is not allowed.
- ~Handicap parking should be reserved for those who have a handicap placard or license plate.
- ~Parking in the striped lines between handicap spaces is not allowed. Some handicap vehicles will need that additional space for ramps.
- ~Do not park in the fire lane.
- ~If our parking lot is full, please feel free to use the parking lot that is directly north of our parking lot. We have their permission to do so.