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November 30, 2025

1st Sunday OF ADVENT



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass 5PM

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30AM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday - 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Bulletin News for December 21st & 28th must be submitted to Bulletin Editor by Wednesday, December 10th

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STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF 11/23/25

Offerstory	11/23/2025	\$ 14,828.90
eferred Maintenance	11/23/2025	\$ 50.10
Building Loan Reduction	11/23/2025	\$ 1,458.05
MTD Offerstory		\$ 77,909.97
MTD Deferred Maintenance		\$ 1,187.14
MTD Building Loan Reduction		\$ 7,274.05
Total amount owed on building loan as of 10/31/2025		\$ 680,983.66
Monthly Building Loan Payment		\$ 17,200.00

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Rest In Peace
Roy Abeyta

Mass Intentions
December 1st - 7th

Monday, December 1st

Leo Elio
+ Walt Nawrocki

Tuesday, December 2nd

+ Mary Martinez

Wednesday, December 3rd

Anabel Reis

Thursday, December 4th

+ Joe Forsmark

Friday, December 5th

+ Thomas Sandoval

Saturday, December 6th

+ Aaron Martinez

Sunday, December 7th

+ Mary Martinez

St. Mark Parishioners

+ Benjamin Zucca

+ indicates deceased
All others are intentions

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

If you've visited the United Nations building in New York, you have no doubt been touched by the stunning bronze sculpture of a strong man, holding a hammer aloft, pounding his sword.

Beneath the sculpture is an inscription: *They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again (Isaiah 2:4).*

And here's the sad irony. The sculpture was donated to the U.S. by the then-USSR at the height of the Cold War. Think of all the terrible wars around the globe that have erupted since they donated it in 1959.

But Isaiah's vision has found fulfillment in practical applications since WWII. Surplus armored vehicles were transformed into agricultural tractors. Nitrogen mustard, developed from mustard nerve gas, was key in developing the first chemotherapies. And, of course, the GPS originated in guidance software for long-range missiles.

Closer to home, the Guns to Gardens movement continues to gain momentum. Whenever a parish hosts one, there are lines around the block of grateful citizens, ready to safely dispose of the weapons they don't want in their homes anymore. The guns are turned over to blacksmiths right there on site, who forge the leftover scraps into garden tools.

Even closer to home, this is the beautiful season of the year where we breathe in those Advent candles. Our eyes adjust to the darkened church, with the Advent candles luring our darkened souls into the Light. Our ears adjust to the minor keys of the stirring Advent carols.

Ah, Advent. Transform us, Jesus. Make use of the failings we gratefully leave behind.

What weaknesses have you seen transformed into good?

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November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Family Faith Formation News

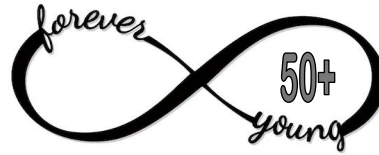
Happy Thanksgiving Everyone

"Rejoice Always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- December 4—No sacrament class, due to the retreat on December 6
- December 6—Retreat for OCIC and Reconciliation children, St. Ignatius and St. Rose Room in Main Office. Time: 9:30 am—1:00 pm
- December 14—Family Activity Day, Las Posadas. Join us from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. Las Posadas journey outside, singin, pot-luck and we finish off with a Pinata.



CHANGE IN FFF SCHEDULE: There will be NO class on December 21st.



President:
Lois Tochtrop
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Dues: \$10 (single)
\$15 (couple)

- **POTLUCK:** Tuesday, December 2, 11:30 am. Parish Center. Christmas Theme, please bring food according to your last name (A-I Main), (J-M Side), (N-Z Dessert). Entertainment: Donna and Gabriella (Music Director and Soloist) will be leading us in Christmas Carols. PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS OR GIFT CARDS TO BE DONATED TO "GROWING HOME."
- **FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE/DONUTS:** Friday, December 5, after 8:30 am Mass
- **BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, December 9th, 10:00am St. Rose Room / Church.
- **BOOK CLUB:** Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 am, St. Rose Room/Church. Book: *"The Snow Child"* by Eowyn Ivey
- **PARISH GAME DAY:** (Everyone welcome). Wednesday, December 17, 1:00pm, St. Rose Room/Church. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Come join the fun!
- **LUNCH/BOCCE:** Mickey's—Cancelled for December.

****Please note:**

During inclement weather, check TV if Westminster Public Schools and/or Adams County Dist. #12 schools are closed, or the church has sent a Flocknote and is closed this means all FY activities are also Cancelled. Sign up for Flocknote if you haven't this is the easiest way to be reached!

Knights of Columbus

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Poster Contest

Poster must reflect the theme of

"Keep Christ in Christmas" theme.

Poster blanks and entry forms available in Gathering Space. Posters must be dropped in box in Gathering Space no later than

December 14th.

Judging will take place after all Masses

December 20th/21st & 27th/28th.

Winners will be announced on

January 4th.

For more information contact

Mark Myers, 303-903-1575.

ALONENESS SUPPORT GROUP

"Where Aloneness ends and Friendship begins"

No Meeting in December due to the holidays!

Environment Committee

Christmas Volunteers NEEDED!

St. Mark's is beautifully decorated for Christmas and it takes many hands to accomplish this feat. We are in need of helpers to assemble Christmas trees, as well as decorate the Church on the weekend before Christmas. Please come and help us on Saturday December 20th (10am) for Christmas tree assembly and Sunday December 21st at 1 pm to complete the decorating for the holiday. Thank you very much for your support and we know that everyone will enjoy this time together.

WEEKLY PLANNER FOR NOV 30TH – DEC 7TH

Sunday 30th	
Monday 1st	9:00am Scripture Class with Fr. Ron / Church
Tuesday 2nd	11:00am FY Potluck / Center 6:00pm OCIA Class / Center
Wednesday 3rd	5:30pm The Chosen Season 4 / Church 7:00pm Choir Practice / Church
Thursday 4th	
Friday 5th	6:30am That Man is You / Church 9:00am Coffee & Donuts / Church 9:30am Scripture Class with Fr. Jim / Church
Saturday 6th	
Sunday 7th	

*Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

December 8th

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 8:30am & 6pm

Ministers please

go online

and sign up.

2025 SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8th

Masses: 8:30AM & 6:00PM

PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 16th

6:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday, December 24th

Masses:

4:00PM - Children's Mass

(Christmas Carols begin at 3:30pm)

6:00PM

(Christmas Carols begin at 5:30pm)

10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, December 25th

Masses:

8:00AM

10:00AM

(Christmas Carols begin at 9:30am)

NO DAILY MASS

Friday, December 26th

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Anticipated Mass: Wednesday, December 31st 6:00PM

Thursday, January 1st Mass: 8:30AM

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

December 8th Holy Day

December 23rd thru January 2nd Christmas Break
(re-opens 9:00AM Monday, January 5th)