# First Sunday of Advent

## November 30, 2025



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OUR MISSION AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER IS TO PROMOTE SPIRITUAL GROWTH, RELIGIOUS FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP WITHIN OUR PARISH. WE SHALL GIVE WITNESS TO CHRIST BY MINISTERING AND LIVING THE WORD OF GOD.

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

#### **Schedules of Masses/Liturgy**

Tuesday through Friday 4:30 p.m. Adoration

Confession

5:00 p.m. Vespers 5:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Adoration

Confession

4:30 p.m. Holy Rosary 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Rosary

10:30 a.m. Holy Mass

#### **Office Hours**

Monday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. *and* 

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### **Religious Ed Office Hours**

Tuesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call or text: 719-501-2771 If you leave a message or text, you will get a response during their office hours.

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Peter John Abogado, SSS

Cathy Walkup

Juan Casaus and Candy Madrill

Gypsy Clearo Parish Volunteers Parish Admin. Secretary Rel. Formation CRE Music Director Maintenance

In case of an Emergency, call: Jim Vigil 719-369-7658

#### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

#### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. (Fr. Stephen Olamolu)

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: 8:30 a.m. followed by

Adoration

CONFESSION: during Adoration

(Fr. Peter J. Abogado, SSS)

#### ST. ALOYSIUS

#### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m.

**CONFESSION** 

BEFORE SUNDAY MASS: 8:15 a.m.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

MASS: 8:30 a.m. ADORATION: 9:00 a.m.



"Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Matthew 24:42

#### MASS INTENTIONS For 11/29/25 through 12/05/25

SATURDAY - November 29th - 5:00 p.m.
+FRED and CONNIE VIGIL by Arlene & Bernadette

SUNDAY - November 30th
OUR LADY OF LOURDES - 8:00 a.m.
For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - 10:30 a.m.

+MELISSA MADRID by Dave & Cathy Walkup

MONDAY - December 1st +Charlotte Marie Espinosa

TUESDAY - December 2nd - 5:30 p.m. No Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY - December 3rd - 5:30 p.m.
No Mass Intentions

THURSDAY - December 4th - 5:30 p.m.
+HELEN MONNET (birthday) by Debbie Monnet

FRIDAY - December 5th - 5:30 p.m.
For Parish Intentions & the People of St. Francis Xavier

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

Candle Name:
1st Week of Advent Represents:
Candle Color:
Prophecy Candle
Hope
Purple



"Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with **hope** and anticipation.
-Dynamic Catholic Website

**Lord**, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Amen

### Readings and Feast Days for 11/30/25 through 12/06/25

#### YEAR A

**30 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** violet Is 2:1-5/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

#### **DECEMBER 2025**

- **1 Mon Advent** Weekday violet Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/ Mt 8:5-11
- 2 Tue Advent Weekday violet Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- **3 Wed Saint Francis Xavier, Priest** white Memorial Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- 4 Thu Advent Weekday violet/white [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- **5 Fri Advent** Weekday violet Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- **6 Sat Advent** Weekday violet/white [Saint Nicholas, Bishop] Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

#### **FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER. PRIEST**



The Feast day of St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint, is on Wednesday, December 3rd. We will celebrate his Feast Day by having a Potluck in the Parish Hall after Mass on Sunday, December 7th. Please be sure to sign up for what you will be bringing in the back of the Church. All are welcome.

St. Francis Xavier was canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622. St. Francis Xavier ranks among the greatest missionaries in Christian history. Historians place his number of baptisms at roughly 30,000 people.

If you have your old missals, please bring to the back of the church and give to Jim or the ushers. We will be accepting them for the next 2 weeks. Father will be taking these to the nursing homes.

Also, the new missals are available in the back for \$5.00.

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the Holidays, Parish Council will be meeting this Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

# CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD Christmas Around the World Tickets for the baskets are now on sale. This fundraiser will be held on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST.

If you have not registered with our Parish or need to update any of your information, please pick up a Registration Form from Jim Vigil at the back of the Church.

## St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Lourdes

November 30, 2025

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u> November 16th, 2025 Our Giving to God

**Offertory Collection** 

\$ 2,189.00

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTERS December 6th and 7th, 2025

Commentator

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m.

Pat Muniz

Conrad Lucero Maria Nunines **Paul Montez** 

<u>SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m.</u> Margaret Siegrist

Karen Aguilera Juan Casaus Juanita McCulley-Santos

#### WEEKLY OFFERING/DONATION

Make your weekly offering or donation by scanning this QR Code.





#### ONLINE MOBILE APPLICATION

Sign up for the online/mobile app by scanning this QR Code located on the

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation): December 8th, Mass at 5:30 p.m.
- <u>Advent Penance Service</u>: Friday, December 12th at 4:00 p.m.
- <u>No Religious Education Classes:</u> Dec. 21st and 28th there will be no Youth or Adult Classes on Sunday. Also, no Sacrament Classes will be held on the Dec. 26th nor January 2nd.
- <u>Christmas Eve Mass:</u> 7:00 p.m. <u>Christmas Day Mass</u> (Holy Day of Obligation): 10:30 a.m.
- <u>New Year's Eve Mass:</u> 7:00 p.m. <u>New Year's Day Mass:</u> 10:30 a.m.

#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

Legion of Mary Meets every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the classroom

**Divine Mercy** Meets every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the classroom

Finance Committee Meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meets every 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Hall Rental Call Jamie Vigil 719-250-6630

Knights of Columbus #557 1200 Acero Ave 719-564-9620

Our Lady of Lourdes November 16th, 2025 Our Giving to God

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\$ 1,000.00

#### **Announcements**

During the first several weeks of December, we will have a coat and jacket drive for Los Pobres. Please bring gently used coats to church.

Father Peter will celebrate First Friday Mass and Adoration this coming Friday, Dec. 5th, at 8:30. He will again celebrate Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES MINISTERS December 7, 2025 Commentator Lectors Rich Concialdi Marilyn Wren Tyree Morrison Anna Concialdi Karen Oritz Altar Server

#### **Donations Requested**

**Dylan Ortiz** 



We are asking, if you are able, to please donate any amount of money to purchase Poinsettias for our church. You can put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" or you can bring to the Parish Office. Thank you.



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# Advent Sundays: Preparing the Way for Christ



As we enter the beautiful season of Advent, the Church invites us into a time not of stress or hurried preparation, but of quiet expectation and joyful hope. Advent is more than counting down to Christmas; it is a spiritual journey of preparing our hearts, our homes, and even our relationships for the coming of Christ—both at Christmas and at the end of time. Each of the four Sundays of Advent offers us a unique way to "prepare the way of the Lord" and reflect on what it truly means to welcome Jesus into our lives.

The First Sunday of Advent focuses on watchfulness. Jesus tells us to "stay awake" and be ready, not in fear, but in readiness of heart. This week challenges us to look at our spiritual life honestly. Are there areas we've been neglecting? Are there things we need to let go of so Christ can take first place again? Advent begins by turning our attention toward God with renewed purpose and hope.

The Second Sunday of Advent introduces us to the powerful voice of John the Baptist, crying out in the wilderness. His message, "Prepare the way of the Lord," is as urgent today as it was 2,000 years ago. John invites us to repentance—not as a punishment, but as a freeing act. When we clear away our sins, resentments, and old habits, we make room for grace. This is a wonderful week to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing mercy of God.

The Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, shifts the tone from preparation to rejoicing. The rose candle is lit to remind us that joy is at the heart of Christian life. God is near, and His coming brings hope to a weary world. This Sunday urges us to look for signs of God's presence in our daily life—moments of goodness, generosity, and peace. Even small acts of kindness become ways of sharing Christ's joy with others.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent draws our attention to Mary, the woman of faith who teaches us how to say "yes" to God. Her openness and trust make her the perfect model for Advent discipleship. As Christmas approaches, Mary invites us to welcome Christ with the same tenderness and courage she embraced in her own life.

Throughout all four Sundays, Advent offers us a sacred pause in a busy world. Instead of rushing through the season, we are called to slow down, pray a little more, reflect a little deeper, and love a little stronger. Lighting the Advent wreath, attending Mass more intentionally, reading Scripture, or even creating quiet moments of reflection at home can help us prepare spiritually. As a parish family, let us journey together through these holy weeks with hearts open and expectant. May this Advent season renew our hope, strengthen our faith, and prepare a place in our hearts for Jesus Christ, who comes to bring light, peace, and salvation. Let us truly prepare the way for the Lord.