

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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	Parish Admin.
Cathy Walkup	Secretary
Juan Casaus and Candy Madrill	Rel. Formation CRE
Gypsy Clearo	Music Director
Parish Volunteers	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.
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### CONFESSION

BEFORE SUNDAY MASS:	8:15 a.m.
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### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

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



**"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Matthew 11:10-11**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For 12/13/25 through 12/19/25

**SATURDAY - December 13th - 5:00 p.m.**

**+FRED and CONNIE VIGIL** by Arlene & Bernadette

**+ARTHUR SMITH** by Mary Ann, Anthony, Andres, & Michael

**+ODELIA TRUJILLO** by Rod & Gilberta Montoya

**MARLENA PERALTA (healing)** by Mary Ann, Anthony, Andres, &

**SUNDAY - December 14th**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES - 8:00 a.m.**

**+WAYNE LATKA** by Candy Latka

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

**+RITA and +NANCY VILLANUEVA** by Lawrence Villanueva

**+AARON VIGIL** by Rose Martinez

**DOMINIC JARAMILLO (healing)** by Georgina

**MONDAY - December 15th - No Mass**

**No Mass Intentions**

**TUESDAY - December 16th - 5:30 p.m.**

**For Parish Intentions & the People of St. Francis Xavier**

**WEDNESDAY - December 17th - 5:30 p.m.**

**+GILBERT A. LUCERO** by Monica Lucero

**THURSDAY - December 18th - 5:30 p.m.**

**+JOHNNY J. RAIGOZA Sr.** by His Family

**+EPIMENIO QUINTANA** by His Family

**FRIDAY - December 19th - 5:30 p.m.**

**No Mass Intentions**

## Readings and Feast Days for 12/14/25 through 12/20/25

**14 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** violet or rose  
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7)

**15 Mon Advent Weekday** violet Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

**16 Tue Advent Weekday** violet Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

**17 Wed Advent Weekday** violet Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

**18 Thu Advent Weekday** violet Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

**19 Fri Advent Weekday** violet Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

**20 Sat Advent Weekday** violet Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38



*Listen, put it into your heart, my youngest and dearest son, that the thing that frightens you, the thing that afflicts you, is nothing: do not let it disturb you, Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need something more? Let nothing else worry you or disturb you...*

*- Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego*

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Candle Name: **The Shepherd's Candle**  
1st Week of Advent Represents: **Joy**  
Candle Color: **Rose/Pink**



This third candle is rose/pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus. How is Jesus inviting you to experience greater joy this Advent.  
-Dynamic Catholic Website

"O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen."

## St. Francis Xavier Christmas Tree

We invite everyone to participate in our simple Advent Tradition. There are Christmas ornaments in the back and we also invite you to write your prayers and intentions on the small slips of paper provided. We will collect them all by December 21st and offer them with the Baby in the Manager.



God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

**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

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St. Francis Xavier  
December 7th, 2025  
Our Giving to God

Offertory Collection	\$	2,343.00
St. Francis Xavier Feast Day	\$	160.00
Solemnity of Immaculate Conception	\$	540.50

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTERS December 20th and 21st, 2025

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
<u>SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m.</u> Paul Montez	Rich Falsetto Bambi Falsetto	Rich Falsetto
<u>SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m.</u> Margaret Siegrist	Karen Aguilera Juanita McCulley-Santos	Tony Baca

Our Lady of Lourdes  
December 7th, 2025  
Our Giving to God

Offertory Collection	\$	1,455.00
Solemnity of Immaculate Conception		170.00

## Announcements

As we light the third Advent candle this Sunday, we reflect on those moments of generosity, and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all who donated coats, warm clothing and toys for the people who are served by Los Pobres.

Our Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 5:00 pm, and our annual Christmas Eve potluck will follow Mass.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES MINISTERS December 21st, 2025

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Tara Stosek	Karen Ortiz Marilyn West	Wayne Huber Star Reynolds
	<u>Altar Server</u> Ken Montoya	

## WEEKLY OFFERING/DONATION

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## ONLINE MOBILE APPLICATION

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No Religious Education Classes: 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.
- Christmas Eve Mass: 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation): 10:30 a.m.
- New Year's Eve Mass: 7:00 p.m.  
New Year's Day Mass: 10:30 a.m.

## Thank You!

We would like to thank Andy Bachica, from the Pueblo Fire Department, who were recently trained our ushers for CPR/AED. We appreciate him sharing these life-saving skills with them.

## PARISH INFORMATION

<u>Legion of Mary</u>	Meets every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the classroom
<u>Divine Mercy</u>	Meets every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the classroom
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Meets every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
<u>Parish Council</u>	Meets every 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
<u>Hall Rental</u>	Call Jamie Vigil 719-250-6630

## Donations Requested



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.

**WE WILL BE HAVING A POTLUCK FOR OUR CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD FUNDRAISER. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THIS WILL OCCUR AFTER THE 10:30 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST.**

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## 30 Minutes B.C. A Nativity Play



## 30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

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## The Power of Confession: Why It Matters Today



There is a quiet place in every Catholic church where miracles happen. A place where burdens are lifted, hearts are healed, and broken souls are restored. It's not always the first place we think of when we feel overwhelmed or discouraged. But it should be. This sacred place is the confessional.

For many Catholics, confession can bring mixed emotions—nervousness, fear, embarrassment, or the thought that “I don’t need to confess to a priest.” Yet, when Jesus gave the apostles the authority to forgive sins (John 20:22–23), He gave us a powerful, tangible way to experience His mercy. Confession is not about judgment—it is about healing and freedom.

Every time we step into the confessional, we are stepping into the loving embrace of Christ, who never condemns us but invites us to begin again. Think about the words we hear at the end of confession: “I absolve you of your sins.” Those aren’t simply comforting words. They are God’s forgiveness spoken directly into our lives. They bring a fresh start, a clean heart, and renewed grace to follow Jesus more faithfully.

Confession reminds us that sin is real, but God’s mercy is greater. We all stumble. We all make choices that hurt our relationship with God and others. Sometimes those mistakes weigh on us for months or even years. But Jesus does not want us to carry that weight alone. In confession, He removes what we cannot remove ourselves. He washes away what we wish we could undo. He speaks peace where we have felt shame.

Saint John Paul II once said, “Do not be afraid to go to confession! When you kneel before the priest, you kneel before the mercy of God.” The priest is there not as a judge, but as a shepherd—someone who wants to guide us back to the Father’s love. The priest’s role is a reminder that God uses human instruments to bring divine grace into our lives. Through the sacrament, we receive supernatural help to resist temptation and to grow in holiness.

Confession also brings reconciliation—not only with God but with the Church and community. Sin hurts relationships. Mercy restores them. When we come back to God, we are also reunited with our spiritual family, strengthened to love more generously and to serve more joyfully.

Maybe it’s been a long time since you last went to confession. Maybe you’re unsure what to say or how to begin. That’s okay. Just come. The priest can help you. What matters most is the desire to return to God. Even one small step toward confession is already a step toward healing.

Lent and Advent remind us strongly of the importance of this sacrament, but reconciliation is available to us all year long. Frequent confession is a gift—like regular spiritual maintenance for the soul. It helps us notice patterns of sin before they grow. It keeps our hearts open to grace. It strengthens virtues like patience, humility, and charity.

Imagine how different our lives could be if we regularly experienced God’s mercy. Imagine marriages where wounds are forgiven. Families where anger doesn’t linger. Friendships restored. Interior peace replacing stress and guilt. All of this begins when we let Jesus take away what separates us from His love.

So, if you feel burdened today—if you’re carrying guilt, regret, or past hurts—Jesus is waiting for you in the confessional. He longs to tell you: “Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.” Those words have the power to change everything.

Let us rediscover the beauty of confession. Let us encourage one another to return to the sacrament of mercy. And let us rejoice every time a heart is made new in the love of Christ.

**St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!**

*St. Francis Corner:  
Fr. Peter John Abogado, SSS*