

## This Week's Scripture Readings

2nd Sun Advent	Baruch 5:1-9	Ps 126:1-6	Philippians 1:4-6,8-11	Luke 3:1-6
Week 2 Mon	Genesis 3:9-15,20	Ps 98: 2-4	Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12	Luke 1:26-38
Week 2 Tues	Isaiah 40:1-11	Ps 96:1-3,10ac,11-13		Matthew 18:12-14
Week 2 Wed	Isaiah 40:25-31	Ps 103:1-4,8,10		Matthew 11:28-30
Week 2 Thurs	Zechariah 2:14-17	Judith 13:18bcde,19		Luke 1:39-47
Week 2 Fri	Isaiah 48:17-19	Ps 1:1-4,6		Matthew 11:16-19
Week 2 Sat	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11	Ps 80:2ac, 3b,15-16,18-19		Matthew 17:9a,10-13
3rd Sun Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18

**Holy Fathers Prayer intentions for December: For Pilgrims of Hope Pope Francis request this month's prayers " so that this jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."**

### Praying for our Priests this week

**Sunday, Dec. 8th Fr Tom Friedl**  
**Monday, Dec. 9th Fr Greg Gallagher, OMI**  
**Tuesday, Dec.10th Fr Augie Gothman**  
**Wed, Dec.11th Msgr. Roger Grundhaus**  
**Thursday, Dec.12th Fr. Adam Hamness**  
**Friday, Dec.13th Fr. Chuck Huck**  
**Saturday, Dec.14th Fr Xavier Ilango**



**Thursday, December 12th Feast Our Lady of Guadalupe**



**Friday, December 13th St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

**St. Lucy** (died 304, Syracuse, Sicily; feast day December 13) was a virgin and martyr who was one of the earliest Christian saints to achieve popularity, having a widespread following before the 5th century. She is the patron saint of the city of Syracuse (Sicily) and of virgins. Because of various traditions associating her name with light, she came to be thought of as the patron of sight and was depicted by medieval artists carrying a dish containing her eyes.



### YOU ARE INVITED!

Serra is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to the purpose of encouraging and fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Diocese of Crookston's Serra Club is an affiliate of Serra International. There are over six hundred individual, chartered clubs in thirty-six countries.

Our club members invite you to join and learn more about the Diocese of Crookston's Serra Club. We meet over Zoom on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13th, 2025.

Access [Serra Ministry](#) for more details about the club. Contact Shawn Erickson, Crookston Diocese Serra Club President, at [serickson@stjoesmhd.com](mailto:serickson@stjoesmhd.com) for information and to be able to join our Zoom meetings.



**Saturday, December 14th St. John of the Cross Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**St. John of the Cross** was a Spanish Catholic priest, mystic, and Carmelite friar of converso origin. He is a major figure of the Counter-Reformation in Spain, and he is one of the thirty-seven Doctors of the Church.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# ASSUMPTI



# CATH-

206 Dakota Street

(218) 375-

Callaway, Min-

assumptioncal@gmail.com

Sacramental Emergency Line\*: (218) 209-2686

#### CLERGY

Fr. Adam Hamness ahamness@crookston.org  
 -Office at Sacred Heart in Frazee (218) 334-4221

Deacon Pete Bellavance deaconpete.shfre@arvig.net

Deacon Trevor Pikula deacon-trevor.shfre@arvig.net

#### SECRETARY & BOOKKEEPER

Virginia McDougall assumptioncal@gmail.com  
 Thursday 8-2:30 -Parish Office in Callaway (218) 375-3571

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Kristi Foltz assumptioncal@gmail.com  
 -Parish Office in Callaway (218) 375-3571

#### PARISH TRUSTEES

Bill Steffl & Karen Klarer

#### MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL

### From the Desk of Fr. Hamness



**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is coming up on Monday. The Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Immaculate Conception, is the Patron Saint of our diocese. Just as a parish has a patron Saint, so does each diocese. The Immaculate Conception is also the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, so it is a double Holy Day/Holiday. Normally this feast day is celebrated on December 8<sup>th</sup> each year, but this year it is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, so we don't have to lose the Second Sunday of Advent. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, so please make a plan to attend Mass. I will be offering two of them: **5:30 p.m. in Callaway and 7:00 p.m. in Frazee.**

LITURGICAL DAY	WEEK	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFES-
Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	December 8	10:30 am	Mass: Bill & June Steffl	10:10am
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 9</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>NO Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>	
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 9</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Mass:+ Karen Spry</b>	
Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday	December 15	10:30 am	Mass:+ Mark Stalberger	10:10 am

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number)

### **2nd Sunday of Advent**

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (Philippians 1:9-10)*

During Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you fulfilling your “obligation” to give something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend some more time with those you love.

**Question of the week? What do I need to repent of in order to cross the main chasm that separates me from God?**

*Liturgy of the Hours: Week II of the Psalter*

*Reflection on the Gospel*

*Using Isaiah’s word, John speaks in imperatives: prepare and make straight the way. But then the verbs shift to the passive voice, implying that the Coming One himself will fill in the valleys and level the mountains, straighten winding roads and smooth the rough way for Luk’s readers and for us, his coming does not eliminate these challenges along life’s path but fills us with saving joy, justice, forgiveness and mercy as we open ourselves to the great things God has done and continues to do for us.*

–Living Liturgy™, Second Sunday of Advent 2024

[Advent Blue Books are available on the counter in the entry of the church](#)

It’s Time to get your Mass requests in for 2025! Mass Stipends are \$15.00 per mass.

Website: formed.org Parish Access Code 38HAZ8V

### **JESUS SENT HIS FOLLOWERS TO PREACH AND HEAL THE SICK.**

Please contact Fr. Adam Hamness if you or a family member is suffering from anguish or anxiety about their health, especially before medical intervention like surgery and through their recovery.

### **Prayer Requests:**

**The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:**

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their souls to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit then to your mercy.

Cleo Baker, **Cecelia Baumgartner (Msgr David’s Mother)** Dick & Marilyn Bellefeuille, Randi Bernard, LaMae Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Francis Carlson, Charlie Crommett, Alice DuChene, Shannon Donner, Chris Fairbanks, Sharon Greminger, Kathryn Grady, Michael Harvala, Brian Hazelton, Irene Hazelton, Cindy Hilber, Pat Hilber, Daniel Kapphahn, Jeanine Kivi, Delores Manning, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Ken & Rita Pearson, Greg Ronning, Bob Solmon, Joe Solmon, Renee Solmon, John Steffl Jr, Parishioners suffering chronic pain

**Today we will have a Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Support those who have given a lifetime.**

Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provided for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.



*Weekly Offering* Sunday,

December 1, 2024

Adult Envelopes \$ 795.00

Loose Plate \$ 122.00

St Mary’s Mission \$393.00

Thanksgiving \$220.00

### **Ministry Schedule for Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**Altar Server: Caleb Rodewald**

**Lector: Sarah Helm**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Lori Stalberger & David Steffl**

**Presentation of Gifts: Ed & Linda Scheler**

**Ushers: Danny Steffl & Don Tietz**

**Music: Avis Flottemesch**



**Tuesday, December 10th**

On 10 December, the liturgical feast of Our Lady of Loreto is celebrated.

The festival is also called the *Feast of the Coming* and has very ancient origins.

In fact, it has been celebrated for over four hundred years on the night between 9 and 10 December. A characteristic of this festival is the lighting of fires that light up the night, in the cities and the countryside, and that recall those that on that same night in 1296 would have been lit to accompany a very particular procession. This is the procession of angels that brought the Holy House to Loreto.

Legend has it that the Holy House of Mary was taken away from Nazareth by the angels when Palestine fell to the infidel Turks in 1291.

### **Upcoming.**

- Today, December 8th Second Collection for Retired Religious
- **Monday, December 9th Mass 5:30 Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- Wednesday, December 11th, 10:30am Advent Study. Followed by a light lunch
- Monday, December 16th, 10:30am Advent Study. Followed by a light lunch
- Wednesday, December 18th, 11am Church Cleaning, Followed by potluck lunch
- Monday, December 23rd, 10:30am Advent Study. Followed by a light lunch
- Sunday, January 12th Lions Pancake Breakfast
- January 19th, Mercy Healing Hour, St Francis, Moorhead 3:00 pm

### **Upcoming Fellowship**



**TODAY St Rachels Circle Brunch**

**December 15th OPEN**

December 22nd Rick & Ginny McDougall (Lunch)

**December 29th NO Fellowship**

**Birthdays this weeks**

**December 8th Christina Loreth**

**December 9th Larry Frank**

**December 10th Avis Flottemesch**

**December 10th Lori Stalberger**



**Praying for our Students!!**

Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Bella Steffl, Ellie Steffl, Grace Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Luke Helm, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Maria Foltz, and our youngest students Savannah Rodewald and Odessa Schmit