

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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.



Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her". Matthew

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MASS INTENTIONS For 12/20/25 through 12/26/25

SATURDAY - December 20th - 5:00 p.m.

+FRED and +CONNIE VIGIL by Arlene & Bernadette
+JOHN A. and +IRENE A. VIGIL by Michael, Dennis, Nicole,
and family

SUNDAY - December 21st

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

+JEAN FREDRICK by Debbie Monnet

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

+RITA and +RUDY MARQUEZ by Linda & Milton Gallegos
+JOLENE GALLEGOS by Linda & Milton Gallegos
+KARL AGUILERA by Karen Aguilera
FRANCHESCA MENDOZA (healing) by Anonymous

MONDAY - December 22nd - No Mass in Church Father's Private Mass

+VICENTA BESSIE GARCIA by Her Family

TUESDAY - December 23rd - 5:30 p.m.

For Parish Intentions & the People of St. Francis Xavier

WEDNESDAY - December 24th

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

+HELEN MONNET by Debbie Monnet
+MARY IUPPA by Debbie Monnet

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

+FRED T. ARAGON Sr. and +HENRIETTA E. ARAGON
by the Aragon Family
+DONNIE MAES by Richard & Rose Martinez
+RITA and +RUDY MARQUEZ by Linda & Milton Gallegos
+JOLENE GALLEGOS by Linda & Milton Gallegos
+TONY and +BONNIE TRUJILLO by Theresa, Jim Vigil &
family
+CHARLES and +PETRA McCULLEY by the McCulley
Family
+VELKIS McCULLEY MATTHEWS by the McCulley Family
+JUANITA MORRIS by the McCulley Family
+KEITH CARPENTER by Georgina
+MARIE CASADOS by Georgina

THURSDAY - December 25th Christmas Day

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

+RAY MONTOYA by Rose Martinez & Siegrist Family
+FRED and +CONNIE VIGIL by Arlene & Bernadette
+MELISSA MADRID by Arlene & Bernadette
+FRANK, +MARGARET, and +ED HERNANDEZ
by Richard & Rose Martinez
+CHARLES and +PETRA McCULLEY by the McCulley Family
+VELKIS McCULLEY MATTHEWS by the McCulley Family
+JUANITA MORRIS by the McCulley Family
+RITA and +RUDY MARQUEZ by Linda & Milton Gallegos
+JOLENE GALLEGOS by Linda & Milton Gallegos
+RAY MONTOYA by Georgina
+J.C., +JENNY, +SIL, and +CODY MARTINEZ by Georgina
+MICHAEL ANTHONY MARTINEZ by Pamela & Jared Rodriguez
The Mata Family (special intentions) by Georgina

FRIDAY - December 26th - 5:30 p.m.

+PATRICIA GALLEGOS by Rod & Gilberta Montoya
+ODELIA, +GILBERT, and +MORRIS TRUJILLO by Rod & Gilberta
Montoya

Readings and Feast Days for 12/21/25 through 12/27/25

21 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT violet Is 7:10-14/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

22 Mon Advent Weekday violet 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-5

23 Tue Advent Weekday violet [Saint John of Kanty, Priest]
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

24 Wed Advent Weekday violet Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

25 Thu THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas) white
Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation] Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-
17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk
2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

26 Feast Fri Saint Stephen, the First Martyr Acts 6:8-10;
7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

27 Feast Sat Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Message from Bishop Stephen J. Berg

As Joseph and Mary, heavy with child, take the next steps through their desert, wondering what awaits them in Bethlehem, a manger has quietly been set aside by divine providence. Our path returns us to the desert, away and apart from whatever plateau we may have achieved. Have we come closer to Jesus over the past year? Rather, do we realize how much closer he has come to us? He is closer to us than before whether we feel that or not. He is knocking at the door. Open the door. Let us prepare to receive the tiny little Lord, coming humbly in his own fashion, into our hearts. Allow him to grow and make progress there. May he be born and ascend to his youthfulness on the steps of his life, and may his life be yours. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

+Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg



Candle Name:

The Angel's Candle

4th Week of Advent Represents:

Love

Candle Color:

Purple

During this 4th week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. This is the time to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Are you ready?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

St. Francis Xavier December 14th, 2025 Our Giving to God

Offertory Collection \$ 1,385.50
2nd Collection/Retired Religious \$ 526.00

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTERS December 27th and 28th, 2025

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
<u>SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m.</u> Pat Muniz	Maria Nunines Monica Lucero	Paul Montez
<u>SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m.</u> Jamie Vigil	Pearl Casaus Arlene Raigoza	Tony Baca

Our Lady of Lourdes December 14th, 2025 Our Giving to God

Offertory Collection \$ 815.00
2nd Collection/Retired Religious \$ 375.00

Announcements

Thank you to all who joined in to decorate the church. Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated Wednesday evening at 5:00 pm.

Following Mass will be our Christmas Eve pot luck dinner in the parish hall. Ham will be provided. If you're able, please bring a side dish to share. can join us. We hope everyone Has a Blessed Christmas!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MINISTERS December 28th, 2025

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Kathy Serena	Rich Concialdi Regina Fortune	Julie Lord Wayne Huber
<u>Altar Server</u> Dylan Ortiz		

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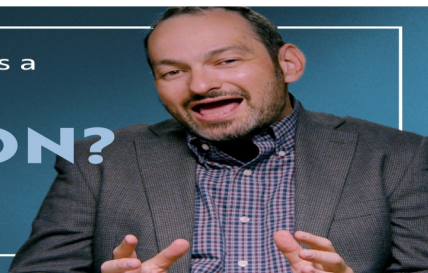
- No Religious Education Classes:** Dec. 28th, there will be no Youth or Adult Classes on Sunday. Also, no Sacrament Classes will be held on the Dec. 26th nor January 2nd.
- Christmas Eve Mass:** 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation): 10:30 a.m.
- New Year's Eve Mass:** 7:00 p.m.
New Year's Day Mass: (Holy Day of Obligation): 10:30 a.m.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



*Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth
of Jesus, that we may share in the
song of the angels, the gladness of
the shepherds, and worship of the
wise men.
Close the door of hate and open the
door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every
greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
Christ brings, and teach us to be
merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children
and Christmas evening bring us to
our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
A VERY MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

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



How to Make a Good Examination of Conscience

An examination of conscience is a prayerful review of our thoughts, words, actions, and omissions in the light of God's love. It is not meant to make us afraid or discouraged, but to help us see ourselves honestly so that we may experience God's mercy more deeply. When done well, it becomes a moment of grace, healing, and conversion.

1. Begin with Prayer

A good examination of conscience always begins with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit for light and honesty. We cannot truly know our hearts on our own; we need God's grace to see clearly. A simple prayer, such as "Come, Holy Spirit, help me to know my sins and trust in God's mercy," is enough to place us in the right disposition.

2. Remember God's Love and Mercy

Before looking at our sins, it is important to remember who God is. God is not a harsh judge waiting to condemn us, but a loving Father who desires our healing. The purpose of the examination is not self-accusation but reconciliation. Keeping God's mercy in mind prevents us from falling into either despair or excuses.

3. Review Your Life Honestly

Take time to reflect calmly on your life since your last confession. Look at your relationship with God, with others, and with yourself. Many people find it helpful to use guides such as the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, or the duties of one's state in life.

Ask yourself concrete questions:

- Have I placed God first in my life through prayer, worship, and trust?
- Have I used God's name with reverence?
- Have I kept holy the Lord's Day?
- How have I treated my family, neighbors, and those I disagree with?
- Have I been honest, just, and charitable in my words and actions?
- Have I cared for the poor, the sick, and those in need?

Also reflect on sins of omission—good things you failed to do, such as neglecting prayer, forgiveness, or acts of charity.

4. Be Specific, Not Vague

A good examination of conscience is concrete. Rather than saying, "I have not loved enough," try to identify specific actions or attitudes: impatience, gossip, dishonesty, neglect of responsibilities, or lack of prayer. This helps form the conscience and makes confession more sincere and fruitful.

5. Avoid Extremes

There are two common mistakes to avoid. The first is being too harsh with oneself, focusing only on faults and forgetting God's mercy. The second is being too lenient, minimizing sin, or blaming others. A healthy examination holds truth and mercy together: honest acknowledgment of sin, combined with trust in God's forgiveness.

6. Stir Up Sorrow for Sin

True sorrow for sin does not come from fear alone but from love. As you recognize your sins, ask for a heart that is sorry because those sins have wounded your relationship with God and others. This sorrow prepares the soul to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7. Make a Resolution to Change

An examination of conscience should lead to a concrete resolution. Ask yourself: What is one thing I can do differently with God's help? It may be a commitment to pray daily, to forgive someone, to avoid a particular sin, or to grow in patience and charity. Small, realistic resolutions are often the most effective.

8. End with Trust and Gratitude

Conclude your examination by thanking God for His patience and love. Even the ability to recognize our sins is already a gift of grace. Place yourself confidently in God's mercy, especially as you prepare for confession, trusting that the Lord who calls you to conversion is the same Lord who forgives and heals.

A good examination of conscience is not about looking inward with fear, but about opening our hearts to God's transforming love. When practiced regularly, it forms our conscience, deepens our humility, and leads us step by step toward a more faithful and joyful Christian life.

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!

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