

Ambo Announcements

Gaudete “Rejoice” Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

- Our charitable tithe this Sunday will go to the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is a national collection of the US Bishops.
- For this Gaudete Sunday, we have flowers in the sanctuary. The flowers are in honor of the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Sylvia Crainer. We wish them a very *Happy Anniversary!*
- [11:00 AM Only] In honor of the German-speaking portion of the Church, we’ll have the original German version of the beautiful Advent hymn, *Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming*, sung as our Communion Meditation today.
- As a parish, we share communal property. Most of our property is for sacred use, such as our pew missals. Recently, the staff has made me aware of missals whose pages are torn, or the ribbons purposely knotted, or other such things. Most of this has been caused by some of the children of the parish whose parents allow them to destroy communal property. I’d like to ask our parents, and all parishioners, to care for our shared property. It is virtuous to treat shared property even better than how we treat our own personal property.
- This Tuesday, December 16, there are no morning Confessions. Confessions will still be heard in the afternoon and evening.
- This Wednesday, December 17, the children of the parish are hosting their annual Live Nativity at 7:00 PM. All are invited to come and share in this devotional celebration of our Lord’s birth!
- This Thursday, December 18, from 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM, we’ll have our next gathering of our monthly Gianna Caregiver Support Group.
- This coming Saturday, December 20, we have Solemn Vespers at 4:00 PM, followed by the Las Posadas. The Las Posadas is a Spanish custom that celebrates the travels of the Holy Family to Bethlehem and their difficulty in finding some type of housing. It is a playful and fun custom that can prepare us all for the joys of Christmas. All are welcome!