Ambo Announcements

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

- Our charitable tithe this Sunday will go to Holy Angels, which provides compassionate care for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The facility is in Charlotte and we are very happy to support its life-changing work!

- Due to the penitential nature of Advent, there are no flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday.

- I'm very happy to announce that we currently have three young men from our parish who are in the application process for the seminary! *Thanks be to God!* The application process is a time for personal reflection and prayer. As such, I will not announce any names until the process is complete and the Bishop has accepted them for seminary. In the interim, I ask that we all refrain from asking who the applicants are and instead pray and fast for them and their discernment.

- In preparation for Christmas, the parish campus and church building will close at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, December 23. All afternoon and evening events are suspended.

- The Solemnity of our Lord's Nativity is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Christmas Masses here at the parish are December 24, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 PM (with the Children's Choir) and 7:00 PM (with the Saint Cecilia Girls' Choir); and December 25, Christmas Day, at 10:00 AM. *Come, let us adore him!*

- This May, I'll be hosting a five-day pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Honestly, the shrine was not on my short list of places to visit, but I had a strong movement in prayer that summoned me to go and visit the Patroness of the Americas. I look forward to offering Mass at the shrine, walking up and praying at Tepeyac Hill, as well as visiting the other holy places in the area, especially those associated with the Cristero martyrs. Everyone is invited! Here is more information.