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*prepare the way...*



# ADVENT

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## December 21, 2025

### He Will Save His People from Their Sins

**"Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your divine plan for my life." *Amen.***



- **Bridge Club:** Every Monday, 1pm – 3:30pm – Resumes January 5, 2026
- **The Men of St Francis:** Every Saturday 8am-10:00AM, in the Parish Hall Resumes January 10, 2026.
- **The Legion of Mary:** Every Wednesday 5pm – 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall.
- **Senior Ladies of St. Francis:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 1pm – 4pm – Resumes January 13, 2026 in the Parish Hall.
- **IN the Church:**
- **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Every Friday at 3PM
- **Holy Hour:** Every Friday at 6PM.
- **Confession:** Every 2nd & 4th Friday at 6:15PM -6:45PM and every Saturday, 4PM – 4:45PM.
- **Youth Choir Practice:** Every Saturday at 4PM

#### **MONDAY, December 22 – 7:00PM**

Mass Intentions Available

#### **TUESDAY, December 23 – 8:30AM**

- † Robert Gordon
- † Alfonso Frasson
- † Mary & Maurice Robillard

#### **WEDNESDAY, December 24– Christmas Eve** **4:00PM, 8:00PM & 10:00 PM**

S.I. Manalo & Quiogue Family(8PM)

#### **THURSDAY, December 25 – Christmas Day** **8:30AM, 10:00AM & 12:00PM**

- † Thomas Saldanha
- S.I. Saldanha & Gangisetty Family (12PM)

#### **FRIDAY, December 26 –10:00AM** **(Feast of Saint Stephen)**

Mass Intentions Available

#### **SATURDAY, December 27 – 5:00PM** **(Feast of the Holy Family)**

- † Mrs. Benny Demello
- † Lira Mascarenhas
- † Araceli Anglo

#### **SUNDAY, December 28– 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank you for your donations for their Christmas Collection for those in need. **With your generosity, St. Francis of Assisi raised over \$8,500.**



#### **The Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners that supported the Christmas Poinsettias Campaign. Your donation has filled our church sanctuary with brilliance and beauty. The proceeds will also support programs such as coats-for-kids, food banks & St. Vincent de Paul, Vita Centre. Thank you and may God's grace be with you and your family throughout this Holy season.



## MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE 2025 CHRISTMAS SEASON

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**Christmas Eve** - Wednesday, December 24 – 4pm, 8pm and 10pm.

**Christmas Day** – Thursday, December 25 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm Masses.

**Feast of Saint Stephen** – Friday, December 26 – 10am Mass, **Holy Hour Cancelled, NO 7pm Mass**

**Feast of the Holy Family** – Saturday, December 27 – 4pm Confessions, 5pm Mass  
Sunday, December 28 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm Masses.

**The Nativity of the Lord** – Monday, December 29, 7pm Mass.  
Tuesday, December 30 – 8:30am Mass

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31 – 5:00pm Mass,  
**NO 7pm Mass**  
Thursday, January 1 – 10:00am & 12pm Mass,  
**NO 8:30am Mass**  
Friday, January 2 – 6pm, Holy Hour, 7pm Mass

### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3 – Confessions – 4pm, 5pm Mass  
Sunday, January 4 – 8:30am, 10am and 12pm Masses



## 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory envelope boxes for 2026 are available at the back of the church. Please take a box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on the envelopes you use in the month of JANUARY 2026.** Just as a reminder we cannot issue tax receipts without this information. **Do NOT use your 2025 envelopes in the New Year.**



## 2025 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

2025 is coming to a close. All donations you wish to include for your 2025 Tax Receipt must be received no later than **December 31, 2025**. Thank you for your continued generous support.



## WOMEN AT THE WELL RETREAT

**On Saturday January 3, 2026**, St. Francis of Assisi Church will be

hosting a Women's Retreat, Strengthening Women on Their Journey, facilitated by Elizabeth Pietrantonio. Join us for a day of reflection, prayer and conversation as we enter the new year. Together, we'll discover how we can support each other and walk in faith on the new road on which God is calling us. For more information and to register, please contact the Parish Office at 905-822-8132.



## CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**  
**(Christmas Eve)** – 9:00am to 12pm  
**Thursday, December 25, 2025**  
**(Christmas Day)** – Closed  
**Closed Through Friday, December 26, 2025 – Thursday, January 1, 2026 (New Year's Day)**  
**Friday, January 2, 2026** – Regular office hours resumes 9am to 3pm.



**We have** now entered the final month of the 2025 ShareLife Parish Campaign. To date, **St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have contributed \$153,546.36 which is 92.8% of our parish goal.** Thank you for your tremendous generosity at a time when so many are having trouble making ends meet. If you are still able to contribute to this year's campaign, please do so by the end of the calendar year. Until December 31, 2025, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

Every day, individuals and families silently face depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. Through ShareLife-supported agencies, your YES extends God's love to those struggling with mental health challenges, offering the lifeline they need to find hope.

Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be unable to get the help they need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). **Thank you for your generosity.**



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