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DECEMBER 7, 2025

second Sunday of **ADVENT**



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MASS SCHEDULE

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Monday & Friday | 8:30 am
St. Joseph

Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30
St Francis

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis
Or by appointment

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community
of St. Francis of Assisi and
St. Joseph's
are called to live the Gospel message
of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship,
Faith Formation and Service to others.

Trustees

SJ	SF
Sheila Bleyl	William D. Saksen III
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (Dec. 6)

Robert M. Halgas & Debra Cechnicki
+Debbie & David Walendziak

Sunday (Dec. 7)

Frank T. Szumowski +Penny Szumowski
Living & Deceased members of Rosenzweig, Munnely,
Trimachi family +Cheryl & Richard Palmer

Monday (Dec. 8)

Joseph Cardone Jr.
Special Intention +Pat Cardone
Friday (12)

Saturday (Dec. 13)

Living & Deceased Galiardo Family +Mary Pisanti

Sunday (Dec. 14)

Teresita J. Segura +Penny Szumowski
Jaime Gatusang + SJ Thrift Shop Staff

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin.

The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20.

All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (Dec. 7)

Jaime Gatusang
Teresita J. Segura +St. Francis Parish

Sunday (Dec. 14)

Nenita S. Chvilicek +St. Francis Parish

Mass Intentions:

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE:

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ. ©LPi

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Observances for the week of Dec. 7, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEK 2
Advent ©LPI

St. Joseph

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Dec. 5, 2025, Feb. 6, 2026—Adoration at SJ Church at 6:00 PM
Jan. 2, 2026, Mar. 6, 2026: Adoration, SF at 6:00 PM
Jan.31 ~ Filipinos Sponsored Gathering: Mass 11am,
pot luck to follow.
July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

Fr. Jun will be in Rome for a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage from Nov. 24th to Dec. 4th (there will be no weekday Masses).

St. Francis

LENDING LIBRARY NEWS

ADVENT (1st Sunday of Advent: Nov. 30)
Advent meditation, reflection and prayer books will be available during Advent. They will help us as we journey and

Immaculate Conception

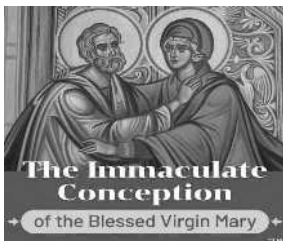
Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin! ©LPI



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**Diocesan
Appeal**

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

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Matthew 6:21*

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11/22& 11/23

SJ 4 / 10:30

SF 8:30

Attendance

84/ 117

114

Contribution

\$ 921.00/ \$ 940.00

\$2,431.00

October e-giving

\$972.10

\$1,132.25

Poor & Votive

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Prayer for Advent – Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!
Bring your peace to our
world. Inspire reconcili-
ation, heal divisions,
bind wounds, rewrite
scripts. You are the
Prince of Peace, bring
that light into every
space. Amen. @Lpi

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