

December 3-4, 2022 | Second Sunday of Advent

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekly Reflection



Every Advent, the call of conversion is renewed. Every Advent, we receive the challenge to live a life of holiness. Every Advent, we hear that holiness is not idealism or a theory, but it is the “natural” (or supernatural, we should say) consequence of being a follower of Christ.

Can a person habitually forget God and be holy? Every Advent season, we are called to reaffirm that we belong to God. We are in the world, but we do not belong to the world, and God is our Lord.

The problem of worldliness can be resolved by this idea: the forgetfulness that we are creatures. This forgetfulness is the source of almost all sins of omission.

A worldly person never looks like someone who lives as having to give an account to a higher power. Wherever there is worldliness, there is this forgetfulness: forgetfulness that we are limited and forgetfulness that there is a God.

The Word of God came to the world to teach us that even though we are in the world, we do not belong to the world. We are called to live the life of the blessed in heaven.

Every Advent, we proclaim that holiness is not idealism but is the consequence of being a follower of Christ. This Advent, let us return to Jesus and profess that we belong to Him.

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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Sat. December 3

- 9:00am + Valentina Rybak
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Alice & Stephens Lucas
- 7:00pm (SP) Gratitude St Marcos de Leon

Sun. December 4

- 8:00am Rosania & Vejay Suchdea
- 10:00am The Parish Community
- 12:30pm (EF) Fr. David Vidal
- 7:30pm Michael Baalman

Mon. December 5

- 7:30am Gemma Rowe
- 12:00pm Prayer Box Intentions
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Larry Meyer

Tues. December 6

- 7:30 am (EF) + Michael Hopkins
- 12:00pm + Frank Ludwig
- 5:00pm + Laurence Sullivan

Wed. December 7

- 7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00pm + Barbara Hegele
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Helen & Leo Sandusky

Thur. December 8

- 7:30 am (EF) + Duska Ann Meister Waite
- 12:00 pm + Karen Apang
- 5:00pm Mary Christina Papp

Fri. December 9

- 7:30am + Rita Mills
- 12:00pm Tom Vorholt
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + John Apang
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Sat. December 10

- 9:00am Chris Apang
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + DeGuzman & Conte Parents
- 7:00pm (SP) + Nelson Velazquez

Sun. December 11

- 8:00am + Wayne T.L. Wycoff
- 10:00am Irma Rose Delgado
- 12:30pm (EF) The Parish Community
- 7:30pm + Jennie Stuart

Color Key for Priests

- Fr. David Vidal
- Fr. Romanus Cessario
- Fr. Joseph Lugalambi
- FSSP
- Fr. John Andem
- Fr. Rick Martignetti
- Fr. Anbu
- Fr. Bob Garrity
- Fr. Richard Bondi
- Fr. Guy Mansini

Contact the Parish Office for Mass Intentions. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial para Intenciones de Misa

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

- November 26, 2022
 - Caroline Dopico

*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.

Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a union of love and a response to God's call to holiness. The love of husband and wife becomes the symbol of God's love on earth.

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.

Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



Prayer of the Week:

A PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

Oración de la Semana:

ORACIÓN A LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

Oh Dios, que por la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, preparaste una morada digna para tu Hijo, te suplicamos que, como por la muerte prevista de este, Tu Hijo, Tú la preservaste de toda mancha, así también Tú nos permitas, purificados por Su intercesión, venir a Ti. Por el mismo Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

PARISH LIFE



December 5-7

Advent Retreat
Fr. Robert A. Sirico

7-8 PM / Church



December 8

Eucharistic Procession
Through Ave Maria Town

3:30 PM / Church



December 11

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass and Procession

5:00 - 9:00 PM
Church & Donahue Academy



December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mañanitas

5:30 - 7:00 AM
Church & Parish Hall

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AVE MARIA PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 5TH-7TH FROM 7-8 PM

feat. *Fr. Robert A. Sirico*

Save the Dates for our Advent Parish Retreat!
Monday through Wednesday December, 5th - 7th
From 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Parish Church.

Fr. Sirico is the founder of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a political, religious, and cultural commentator. He is also the retired pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Among other awards, Fr. Sirico received an honorary doctoral degree in Christian Ethics from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Fr. Sirico writes for the Wall Street Journal, and he is often called upon by Fox News media for statements and comments regarding economics, civil rights, and issues of religious concern.



12.5-7.22 • 7-8 PM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

COLLECTION SUMMARY

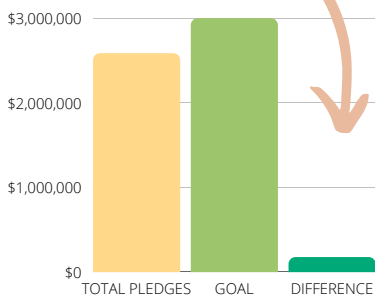
● 11/19 & 11/20 Total	\$21,363	● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943
Donations to CFA 2022	\$60,735	CFA Goal	\$210,000
Pledges Collected to Date	\$2,173,002	Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,823,516	*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt	
Donations to MISSION COOP	\$10,115		



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\$176,484

TO GO!



Parish Capital Campaign

The ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is underway and your gift is vital for our success. Thanks to the generosity of 208 donors, \$1,364,705 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,823,516. However, we need your help to reach our **goal of \$3,000,000** to help reduce our debt and fund necessary improvements.

Please, join us in supporting ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** to secure the financial future of our growing parish community.

The Giving Tree

Please consider helping Ave Maria families in need this Christmas.

The Giving tree will be in the Narthex near the church's front doors beginning **November 25**. On the Giving Tree, you will find envelopes with a store name and the amount of the gift card requested. Please take an envelope (or two!) and purchase the requested gift card, then seal it inside the envelope. Return the sealed envelope to the Donation Box near the front doors of the church by **Sunday, December 11**. Your kindness will help another Ave Maria family have a blessed Christmas! Thank you!

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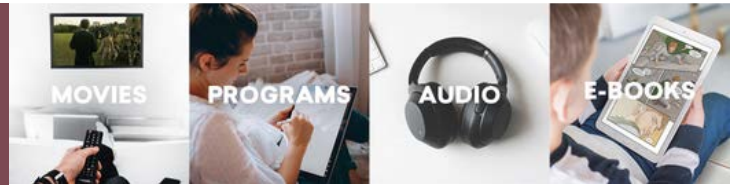
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"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding," (Proverbs 2:6).



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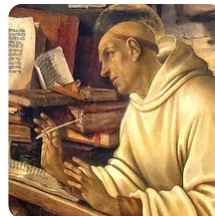
Parish Advent Retreat

From Mon. Dec. 5 to Wed. Dec. 7
7:00-8:00 PM | Church
Fr. Robert A. Sirico



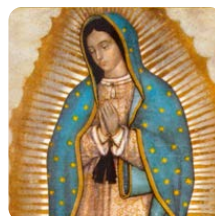
Lay Dominicans

Saturday, December 10
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Donahue Academy
Tom & Ina Carr
laydominicanavemaria@gmail.com



Lay Cistercians

Sunday, December 11
12:00 - 3:00 PM | Parish Hall
Ann Brefka / Bud Karbach
naplesbud@yahoo.com



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 11
5:00 PM | Mass (Bilingual)
6:00 PM | Procession from the Church
to Donahue Academy

Advent Penance Service

LET US RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY!

On Friday, December 16, from 6:30-7:30 PM, Ave Maria Parish will offer a Penance Service at the Church. Several priests will be available for confessions, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for public adoration.

If you regularly come to confession—please continue with this practice. If you haven't been to the sacrament in a while, please come back. Invite others to come as well—after all, Advent is the time for a renewal in Christ.

Jesus tells us: *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest”* (Mt 11:28). Isn't his message the very essence of the Good News? Please, hear Jesus' call, and come to have your burdens lifted in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come, be healed and restored. Jesus, our most merciful, loving, forgiving God will be waiting for you.

We learn from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*:

Confession, also known as Penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy.

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession, we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God.

ADVENT *Penance Service*



Holy Days of Obligation

Let us Open Wide our Hearts to Christ!



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Wed. Dec. 7: 5 PM (Eve Mass)

Thurs. Dec. 8: 7:30 AM (EF High Mass), 12 PM, 5 PM. (3:30 PM Eucharistic Procession starting at the Church)



Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord

Sat. Dec. 24: 5 PM (Eve Mass), 3 PM Nativity Play in front of the Church, 12:00 AM (Midnight Mass)

Sun. Dec. 25: 10 AM, 12:30 PM (EF High Mass), 5 PM (Spanish)



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sat. Dec. 31: 5 PM (Eve Mass)

Sun. Jan. 1: 10 AM, 12:30 PM (EF), 5 PM (Spanish)

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Cada Adviento se renueva el llamado a la conversión. Cada Adviento recibimos el desafío de vivir la vida de la santidad. Cada Adviento escuchamos que la santidad no es idealismo o una teoría sino la consecuencia natural (o sobrenatural, debemos decir) de ser discípulos de Cristo.

¿Puede una persona olvidarse de Dios de modo habitual y ser santo? Cada Adviento, somos llamados a afirmar que pertenecemos a Dios. Estamos en el mundo, pero no pertenecemos al mundo, y Dios es nuestro Señor.

El problema del ser mundano se resuelve en esta idea: el olvido que somos creaturas. Este olvido es la fuente de casi todos los pecados de omisión. Una persona mundana nunca se muestra como alguien que tiene que dar cuenta de sí mismo a un poder mas alto. Allí donde hay mundanidad, hay también olvido: olvido de que somos limitados y olvido de que hay un Dios.

El Verbo de Dios vino al mundo a enseñarnos que aunque estamos en el mundo, no pertenecemos al mundo. Estamos llamados a vivir la vida de los bienaventurados en el cielo.

Cada Adviento, proclamamos que la santidad no es idealism sino la consecuencia de ser discípulos de Cristo. Este Adviento, volvamos a Jesús y profesemos que pertenecemos a El.

Domingos a las 5:00PM

AVE MARIA CHURCH - MISA EN ESPAÑOL

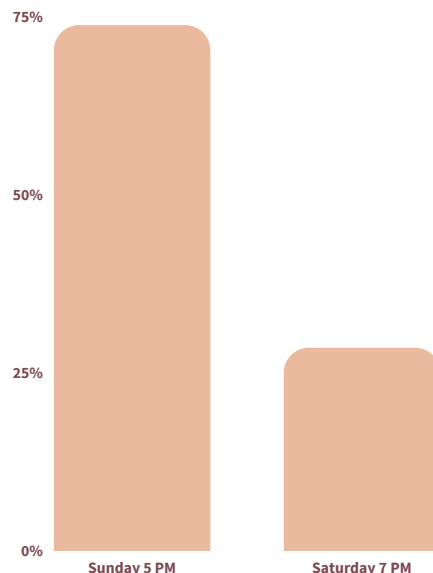
Quisiéramos hacerles conocer los números finales de nuestra encuesta por el cambio de día y horario de la Misa en español en nuestra parroquia.

- 141 personas manifestaron que preferían la Misa los domingos a las 5:00 PM (73.8%).
- 50 personas dijeron que preferían el sábado a las 7:00 PM (26.2%).

Luego de escuchar esta consulta y evaluar las conveniencias del cambio, **la Misa en español comenzará a ser celebrada en nuestra parroquia los domingos a las 5:00 PM a partir del domingo 25 de diciembre.** Agradecemos a todos los que han participado en la encuesta.

Starting on Sunday, December 25th, the Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sundays at 5:00 PM. Thank you for your participation in the parish survey.

Spanish Mass Schedule Preferences (Final Numbers)



Ave Maria University Events

December 4 - 10

Museum Hours

Mother Teresa Museum

Hours are typically 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday - Saturday

However, hours are subject to change.
Please contact James Stella, to learn about
the Museum's specific hours the day you
want to visit.

James.Stella@avemaria.edu or
239-304-7954



Women's Basketball

AMU vs FGCU

Fort Myers, Florida

Sunday | Dec 4 3:00 p.m.

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DONAHUE ACADEMY

Ave Maria Parish's PK-12 Catholic, Classical School

Preschoolers Performance

THIS OUR HYMN OF GRATEFUL PRAISE!

As the school prepared for Thanksgiving Break, Donahue Academy's preschool parents were treated to a beautifully choreographed performance of a few traditional hymns including "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul." The preschoolers worked hard in the weeks leading up to the performance with their dedicated teacher, Ms. Amy Gawron, and the preschool aide, Ms. Marie Bruce, to learn the lyrics and carefully arranged choreography which complimented the words perfectly.

It was a wonderfully heart-warming performance which left everyone with great smiles on their faces, especially our preschoolers who beamed with excitement and pride. What a privilege it is to watch those youngest members of our parish school being formed in such beautiful traditions!



Donahue Academy's Christmas Concert

SING PRAISES TO THE LORD IN MELODIOUS SONG!

Our parish school's music teacher, Mr. Trenton O'Neil, and the school choir have been practicing diligently in preparation for their upcoming Christmas Concert. The concert will showcase our students' musical talents as well as the wealth of knowledge they are receiving in their music courses.

The greater Ave Maria community is encouraged to come join the Donahue Academy family in celebrating the Advent Season and Christ's birth as we enjoy traditional hymns and carols complimented with multipart harmonies.

The concert will be performed on December 10th at 3:30 PM at the Ave Maria University campus in the O'Bryan Performance Hall, housed in the Thomas and Selby Prince building.

News / Events



December 3

Donahue Academy is a local test center

www.collegeboard.org



December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

No School



December 10

Donahue Christmas Concert

AMU Prince Theatre
3:30 PM

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Visit With Jesus

Here is a letter the young Carmelite Saint Teresa of the Andes wrote to her beloved cousin, Herminia:

"Dear Chubby: May Jesus be born in your soul...Get ready for Christmas...I am sending you a list so that you can prepare a layette for Jesus and, when you write, tell me if you did it.

LITTLE SHIRTS to keep Him warm: five daily acts of love and the desire to receive Him in Communion. 'My Jesus, come into my poor heart, which only desires to beat for You.'

SWADDLE BLANKETS to wrap His little feet: since He cannot walk, you will be charitable to everyone, sacrificing and giving up your comfort.

COLIC BANDS to hold Him tight: you won't fuss when they send you something that you don't like, but do what they say.

BABY CAP: study and do everything for Jesus, thinking about His love.

MANGER: don't slack off in bed; go to Mass and receive Communion.

STRAW: doing some small act, like depriving yourself of sweets or eating something you don't like.

Do everything for the love of Jesus...

Good bye. I will pray for everything you tell me.

Your unworthy Carmelite sends you a hug.

Teresa of Jesus, Carmelite (November 29, 1919)"

There is no Children's Holy Hour this Monday, December 5th because of the Parish Advent Retreat. We'll resume December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! See you in Church then!

Mrs. Prather

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The Garden of My Heart

The flowers I will make in "the garden of my heart" for Jesus this week are bright **SUNFLOWERS**.

I will make them by being cheerful!

"Dear Jesus, when You were a child like me, You had what we call a "sunny disposition." You were never grumpy or crabby; disagreeable, contrary or bossy. You were kind and cheerful to all! Each time I am kind and cheerful in the way that I act and speak, I will be making a bright yellow SUNFLOWER in the 'garden of my heart' for You.

I hope You like my sunflowers, Jesus! Sometimes they can be kind of hard to make."

"This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24



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