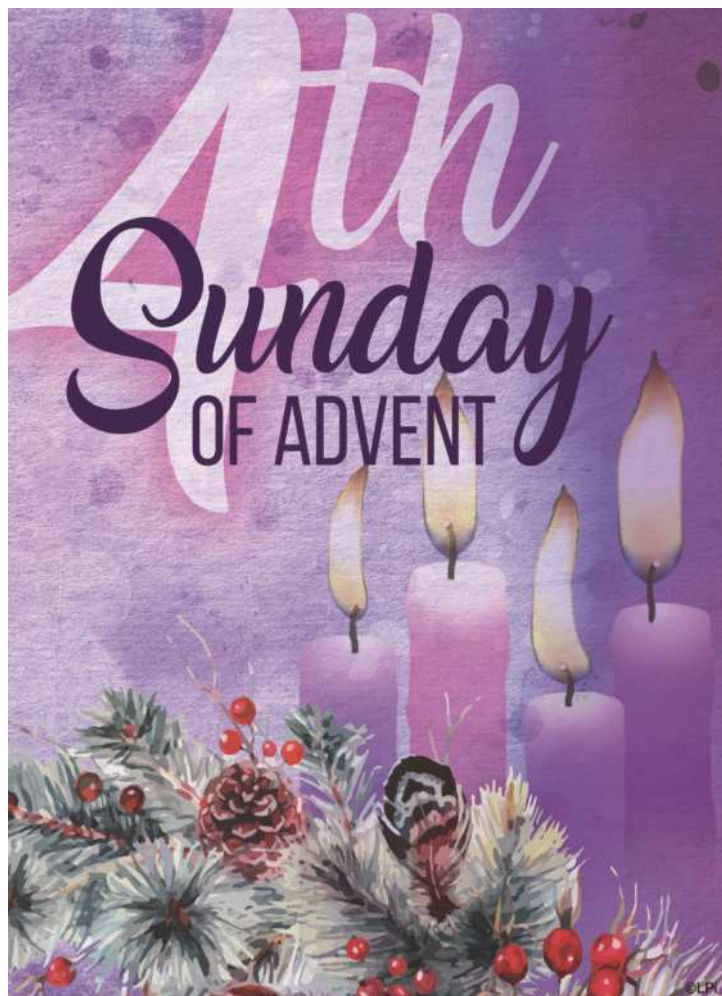


**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
and IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**
December 21, 2025 ~ Christmas Week



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SACRAMENTAL/PRAYER LIFE

Our Lady of Fatima

Mass Schedule:

**8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &
Friday**

5:30 p.m. Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Saturday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Fridays at OLF

Reconciliation/Confession - OLF

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday

Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday

**Anointing the Sick & Baptism: Please contact
the Rectory to make arrangements.**

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six months in advance.**

**Homebound / Hospitalized: Communion
brought to anyone unable to attend Mass.
Call Paul Gorman 603-526-4353**

PARISH MISSION

Our Lady of Fatima and Immaculate Conception Parish is a Catholic faith community called by God to holiness. Our calling is realized in a spirit of love, unity and hospitality. As a faith community, we will deepen our knowledge and love of God in Christ. We will seek to contribute our time, talent and other resources in a spirit of service based on our Baptismal commitment, founded on the Word of God and celebrated in sacramental life, especially Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20, 5:00 PM

Patricia Sheehan (dec) *by* Jane Birk

Sunday, December 21, 8:30 AM

Robert DelGallo (liv) *by* Anthony and Carla Venti

Sunday, December 21, 10:30 AM

Chub Symonds, John and Geraldine Kelly (dec)
by Barbara Symonds

Monday, December 22, 8:30 AM

Mary E. Clinton (dec)

Tuesday, December 23, 8:30 AM

Deceased members of the Tellman and Kollros Families (dec)
by June and Thomas Polisenio

Wednesday, Christmas Eve - December 24, 4:00 PM

Venti and Aulogia Families (dec) *by* Anthony & Carla Venti

Wednesday, Christmas Eve - December 24, 6:30 PM

Clinton and Gallagher Families (dec)

Thursday, Christmas Day - December 25, 8:30 AM

Mary Thayer (liv) *by* a Friend

Thursday, Christmas Day - December 25, 10:30 AM

Michael Dion (liv) *by* Ken and Margaret Muller

Friday, December 26, 8:30 AM

Mary E. Clinton (dec)

Saturday, December 27, 5:00 PM

Bunnie Keeshan (dec) *by* Ken and Margaret Muller

Sunday, December 28, 8:30 AM

Michael Sheehan (dec) *by* The Sheehan Family

Sunday, December 28, 10:30 AM

Nancy Mitchell (dec) *by* The Muller's

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

No financial information was available at the time of this printing due to an advanced printing schedule.

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Please donate to Our Lady of Fatima. We have various capital improvement projects scheduled for 2025 including the repaving of our parking lot and improvement to our drains.

LIVESTREAM MASS

Watch our 10:30 am Sunday Mass via Livestream. Go to: OLFIC.ORG scroll to LIVESTREAM and press enter

PARISH WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon. Dec. 22,

8:30 am Mass - OLF

5:30 pm Mass - IC

9:00 am Rosary - OLF

Tue Dec. 23,

7:00-8:30 am Men's Scripture Hall OLF

8:30 am Mass - OLF

9:00 am Rosary

Wed Dec. 24,

4:00 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - OLF

6:30 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - OLF

8:30 am Christmas Mass - IC

10:30 am Christmas Mass - OLF

Thu Dec. 25,

8:30 am Mass - OLF

9-10 am Adoration at OLF

Sat Dec. 27,

4-4:45 pm Confessions - OLF

5:00 pm Mass - OLF

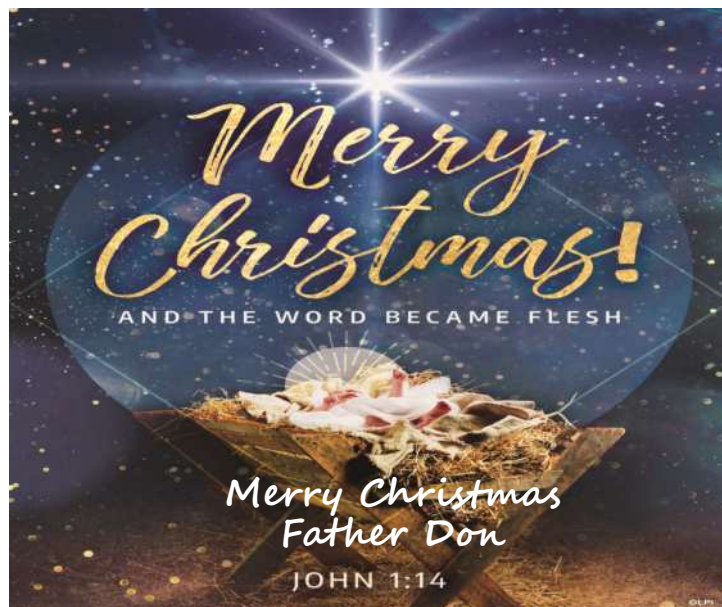
Sun Dec. 28,

8:30 am Mass - IC

10:30 am Mass - OLF

PARISH NEWS NOTES

- ◆ Are you unable to attend Sunday Mass due to a cold, flu, or Covid? You can livestream it at home. Go to OLFIC.Org - scroll to Livestream and press enter.
- ◆ **Second Collections: December 25 - Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- ◆ After Holiday Party: Beginning December 20th, envelopes will be available. \$ 10.00 per person. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex of OLF. Party will be in the OLF Hall.
- ◆ Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima, Christmas Day: 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception and 10:30 am at Our Lady of Fatima. (4pm Mass limited to 400 attendees per New London Fire Department.
- ◆ OLF/IC Women's Society Meeting, January 8th at OLF Hall. 12-3:00 pm.
- ◆ OLF/IC Women's Society Soup Sale on January 24th And January 25th after each Mass. 5:00 and 10:30



Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-
12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti
3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1,
2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a,
2-8
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday: Christmas Eve
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord
Friday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist



PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Marschner	Avan Pyle
Cailyn Dezotell	Michael Holt
Judy Lafond	Paul Nagy
Matt Ezovski	Richard Reed
Joseph Ganley	Jeanne Demars
Felicity	Barbara Jean Cannon
Bill Connors	Robert L. Ward
Debra Marshall	Sue Reel
Heather Steve	Charlie Freiberg
and Roman Capraro	Frank Murphy
MP McEnrue	Ken Celmer
Tim Fleury	Kim Kristl
Doreen & Randy Currier	Carla Everson
Robyn Muller	Pat and Jack Murphy
Michael Lenihan	Gene Finn
John Moran	Rob Grant
Joanne Watson	Paula Rosander
Jeanne Wallace	Earlene Vetere
Gretchen Evans	Lindsay Herrin
Catherine Parquett	Lisa Simakas
Richard Turgeon	Maureen McElhern
Brenda Levingood	Paul Finnegan
Mary Thayer	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK—UPDATE

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Christmas | Sacred Art

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TAKE FIVE

Oh, what a beautiful morning!

Today we name the Messiah “O Radiant Dawn, Sun of Justice, Splendor of Eternal Light!” Anyone whose morning commute includes a sunrise or who has risen early to watch the sun come up knows why primitive peoples and even oh-so-sophisticated selves finds godliness in a sunrise. At the Easter Vigil we sang “May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning!” While Christmas lights have been shining for weeks, today we can think of them explicitly as a reminder of God’s gift of Light to the waiting world! We remember poet Gerald Manley Hopkins’ wonderful “Oh !” at the sight of “God’s grandeur” and this great renewal: ‘Oh morning at the brown brink eastward, springs/ Because the Holy Ghost over the bent/World broods with warm breast and with ah! Bright wings.”

THE FIRST TRANSFIGURATION

I imagine Joseph waking up the morning after the dream, blinking in the dim half-light of the dawn.

One day, decades from now, the baby his wife carries will stand on a mountaintop. His face will shine like the sun, and those who look upon him will fall down upon their own faces in fear. We call this the transfiguration, and Joseph won’t be there to see it. But that doesn’t matter. What those men will learn on the mountaintop, Joseph already knows. He learned it last night.

Today, he shrugs off the remnants of slumber and stands up. “Rise, and do not be afraid.” This is what the baby — a baby no longer, but a man now, one in the last days of his life — will say to his companions on the mountain a few decades from now. They will look up to see him standing there the same as he always was, and they will realize that he did not change at all. They did.

“Do not be afraid.” This is what the angel said last night as he revealed to Joseph the will of God: that Joseph take Mary and the Child as his own, despite having so many reasons not to do so. And today Joseph wakes up and the world is the same as it always was: Mary is pregnant, and the Child does not belong to him.

No, the world has not changed. Joseph has. He rises, and goes to Mary.

Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept



it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

December 21 ~ Christmas Week

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which saint’s nickname is “Santa Claus”?
Answer: St. Nicholas



Our Lady of Fatima and the Immaculate Conception churches will celebrate at an After Holiday Party on January 10th 2026 starting at 6:30 pm.. Beginning December 20th envelopes will be in the Narthex for the party. Your cost is only \$10.00 per person and the party will be held in the OLF Hall. It's sure to be a great time with excellent food. Don't miss out on a fun time to celebrate the new year with friends. Come one, come all.....see you there. Thank you!



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During the month of **December** we have been asked to collect **cereal**. Please donate leave your contributions in the receptacle in the narthex at OLF.

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