

A Jubilee Year Begins!

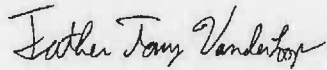
Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord) to be a Jubilee Year of Hope. As Advent begins, rekindling our hope is a great and appropriate theme for our churches of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. Our pope calls this an “event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church.” Pope Francis stated in his letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...”

Advent teaches us to hope in a person who, out of love for us, was born among us -- our Savior Jesus Christ, the King. We hear in Advent of the people of the Old Testament who had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that the blind would see, the deaf hear and the lame walk; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again and united in the blessings of everlasting peace. We celebrate and ponder the Blessed Virgin Mary who never failed to hope in the words of Angel Gabriel to her. We hope with Joseph, with John the Baptist, with Simeon and Anna, with Elizabeth and Zechariah, in recognizing the presence of our Savior in the world.

This Advent, we will dare to hope for big things for our parish and its revitalization as we continue our expectant prayer and worship, continue our participation in small groups, and dream of a new Catholic pre-school. We will imagine the possibilities of new ways that the Lord will come to us personally as we build a community of faith. But we acknowledge that this hope is only possible by our repentance, our alertness to his daily presence, and our faithfulness that Mary and Joseph show us so profoundly. He is Emmanuel – God with Us – God who searches and hopes for us to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist at Mass. Let His search for you be successful. Come to Mass this Advent and Christmas season to meet the one who truly fulfills our hope. May God bless you and your family this Advent and Christmas!

Yours in Christ,



Father Tony VanderLoop
Pastor

Advent and Christmas Schedule 2024-2025

Advent Penance Service	4:00 PM	Sunday, December 8th	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of The Immaculate Conception (English)	9:00 AM	Monday, December 9 th	@ Guardian Angels
(Spanish)	7:00 PM	Monday, December 9 th	@ Guardian Angels
Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)	7:00 PM	Thursday, December 12 th	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of the Nativity of our Lord (English)	4:00 PM	Tuesday, December 24 th	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	10:00 PM	Tuesday, December 24 th	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	9:00 AM	Wednesday, December 25 th	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	9:00 AM	Wednesday, December 25 th	@ Saint Nicholas
(Spanish)	11:00 AM	Wednesday, December 25 th	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph		December 28 th & 29 th , Regular Sat. and Sun. schedule	
Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Spanish)	6:30 PM	Tuesday, December 31 st	@ Guardian Angels
(English)	9:00 AM	Wednesday, January 1 st	@ Guardian Angels
Masses of the Epiphany of Our Lord		January 4 th & 5 th , Regular Sat. and Sun. schedule	
Masses of the Baptism of the Lord		January 11 th & 12 th , Regular Sat. and Sun. schedule	