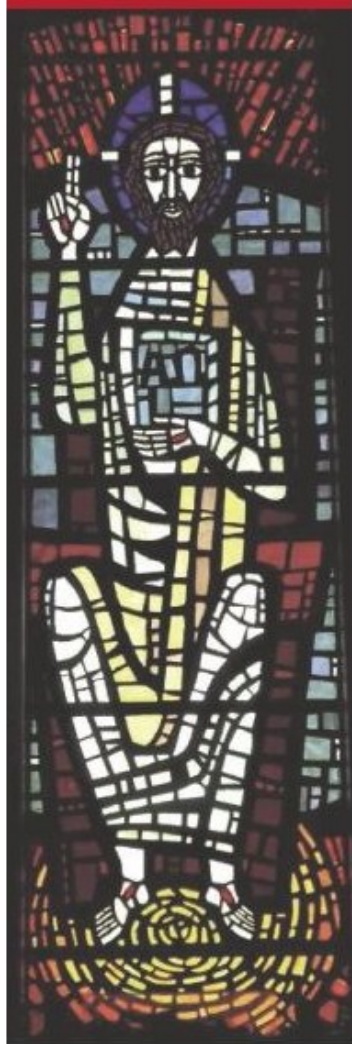


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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM*,
11:30AM & 7:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:00AM

Thurs: 6:00PM

Communion Service

Thurs: 8:00AM

Confessions

Thursday: 4:00PM—5:45PM

Saturday: 3:30PM—4:30PM

Monthly Adoration

First Fridays: 8:30AM—11:00AM

Third Thursdays: 4:00PM—5:45PM

Fourth Sundays: 8:00PM—9:00PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9:00AM—3:00PM

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*Mass will be live-streamed
All Masses are in English

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE NIGHT

This past Wednesday was our last student dinner of the year. Thank you for all your ongoing prayers and meal donations that made those dinners possible. We look forward to kicking off our spring semester and welcoming back our students on January 21st.

WELL WISHES TO OUR STUDENTS

Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and determination throughout the Fall semester. We pray that they may feel proud and accomplished in all they have achieved. May their break be safe, refreshing, and filled with God's peace and joy.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

NO YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our session is canceled on Monday the 22nd and 29th for Christmas break. We will resume on January 5th in the lounge for our regularly scheduled Bible Study followed by a bonfire.

CAMPUS MINISTRY PRESENTS

COUNTINUE THE SEASON OF GIVING

STARTING JANUARY 1ST!

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY WE WILL BE HAVING A CLOTHING DRIVE TO HELP FAMILIES IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY DURING COLDER SEASONS!

DONATE FROM YOUR FAMILIES' CLOSETS TO GIVE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED THIS SEASON!

WE ARE ACCEPTING ALL WINTER CLOTHES SUCH AS COATS, JACKETS, WARM HATS, ETC.

DONATIONS WILL BE DIRECTLY GIVEN TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

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CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Christmas Eve	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed
New Year's Eve	Closed
New Year's Day	Closed

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

The last day to donate for altar flowers is Sunday December 21st at the front office. Please consider taking part in our longstanding tradition of donating in memory of our loved ones to decorate our chapel sanctuary for the Christmas season.



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH
4:00PM - CHILDREN'S MASS*
6:00PM
11:00PM*

DECEMBER 25TH
10:00AM

*Masses will be live-streamed

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please note that incense will be used at all Masses on the 24th and 25th.

GIVING TREE — THANK YOU

To all who have supported the Giving Tree Project this year, Thank You. Many families will benefit from your generosity. If you forgot to turn in your angel with the gift cards, it's never too late. We will make sure a family receives it. Again, thank you and God Bless you!



CLARETIAN YOUTH CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER

WRAPPING WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 6/7 AND 20/21 DURING EACH MASS

Drop off your **UNWRAPPED** gifts before Mass and they will be ready for pick up at the end of Mass

Donations Accepted

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the altar this weekend are donated by Terry and Jeff VanderDussen in memory of their parents, Harold and Earleen VanderDussen, Chester Sr. and Harriet Stoeckle, May they Rest in Peace.



NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

DECEMBER 21ST

THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER.
THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

With the honored presence of
The Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno

Sunday, December 21, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Poverello House

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ALL ARE WELCOME

We will come together to share
stories, offer support, and honor
those whose lives were lost on our
streets.

Light refreshments will be provided.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

As we continue our Advent journey, we hear about Mary and Joseph placing their faith and trust in the will of God in their lives, and thereby encouraging us to embrace God's call with faith and trust while realizing that His plans are always greater than our understanding.

With a sense of hope and awe, we honor the "greatest yes" by inviting all expectant Mothers and their families to receive a special blessing during each of the Masses on the fourth Sunday of Advent (**December 20/21**).



CHAPEL DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the chapel for Christmas this Monday, **Dec. 22, 2025**, starting at 9 a.m. We invite all former and new volunteers to join us to help prepare the chapel for this season of joy.

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our Rectory Open House after all Masses the weekend of **December 20th and 21st!** Come tour the space and enjoy some light refreshments.

HOME VEGETABLE GARDENING WORKSHOP

ALL PARISHIONERS WHO GARDEN ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

JANUARY

SATURDAY

10

9:00AM-10:30AM

CLASSROOM 3

**Presenter – Mr. John Duran – University of
California Master Gardener**

Topics Covered

- Size of the garden
- Plant varieties appropriate for our climate
- Planting schedule and calendar
- Building healthy soil and watering
- Addressing problems and pests
- Herb production

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TOILETRY DONATION — THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you, to all who contributed to Familiastery and the Claretian Youth's amazing ministry of making hygiene bags and gift bags for our brothers and sisters on the streets.

We met a young woman pushing her cart of possessions as she looked for food. We offered her a sack lunch and water. She was very appreciative and started to turn to leave but we asked her to wait because there was a hygiene and gift bag for her. When she turned back around, she began to openly weep tears of joy, and explained how much those extras meant to her. As she left with her food and gifts, her many, many "thank yous" could be heard between her sobs of joy.



You do not get to see everybody that benefits from your generous gifts of your leadership, resources, time, compassion, and love, but Jesus recognized it many, many times through smiles, tears, and grateful thanks from our brothers and sisters in Christ that live on the streets of Fresno.

-Newman Thursday Sandwich Squad

END OF YEAR GIVING

Thank you for your very generous donations during 2025! As we approach the end of the calendar year, we kindly ask that all 2025 donations are received in the office by **December 22nd**. This will help ensure that staff have sufficient time to process all contributions before the end of the year given the holiday closures. Your up-to-date giving information can be viewed on FlockNote. We thank you for your continued generosity!

PRAYERS

♥ Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Peggy Grant	Michael O'Hare
Tim Camacho	Yvonnee Ivan Guzman Vital
Sandra Baronian	Lucyna Dinces
Mary Peterson	Benita Lankford
Kathy Coit	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Eileen Ogle

Please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the ["Prayer Requests"](#) tab to have a name included on this prayer list.

Names of the sick / for special intentions will be published in the bulletin for 1-4 weeks, and then removed unless otherwise requested.

Names of the deceased are published the week after death.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2024		2025	
December 1	\$14,368.04	December 7	\$23,911.93
December 8	\$33,365.21	December 14	\$28,819.59
December 15	\$22,101.01	December 21	
December 22	\$17,513.02	December 28	
December 29	\$25,193.77		
DECEMBER 2024 TOTAL	\$112,541.05	DECEMBER 2025 TOTAL	\$52,731.52

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Submissions are accepted no later than Monday 12:00pm the week of publication.



We have transitioned to using Flocknote to email the bulletin. If you would like the bulletin emailed to you every week, please join the Weekly Bulletin group on Flocknote! Thank you!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 21 — DECEMBER 28, 2025

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Claretian Youth Gift Wrapping

Rectory Open House after all Masses

7:30am	Mass for Marlene Makely	Chapel
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Terry & Shirley Jesse	Chapel
2:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Bernadette Shaby B. Tran & Jean Baptiste Truong D. Hien	Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:40am	Liturgy of the Hours	Chapel
8:00am	Mass for Joey Nocito	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
9:00am	Morning Book Study	Cafeteria

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:40am	Liturgy of the Hours	Chapel
8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Office Closed

4:00pm	Mass for Jose Bonifacio Garcia	Chapel
6:00pm	Special Intention for Tim & Rose O'Sullivan	Chapel
11:00pm	Special Intention for Irma Lopez	Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS

Office Closed

10:00am	Mass for John Baptiste Tonthat N. Phuong & Marie Therese Pham T. Thuan	Chapel
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00am	Mass for Mark & Joel Patrick	Chapel
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Paul Rodriguez	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30am	Mass for Miguel & Armalinda Duran	Chapel
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Edward J Boyle, III	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Richard Jameson	Chapel
8:00pm	Adoration	Chapel



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