

**Prepare  
the way of**  
*the Lord*

**Preparen  
el camino**  
*del Señor*





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## MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| HOLY ANGELS             | Sunday 11:00am Wednesday 5:30pm FIRST FRIDAYS 7:00am  |
| SAINTS MONICA AND LUKE  | Sunday 11:00am  |
| SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER | Saturday/Sábado 4:00pm Sunday/Domingo 9:00am, 11:30am en Español<br>Monday/Lunes, Tuesday/Martes, Thursday/Jueves, Friday/Viernes 9:00am<br>Martes 6:30pm en Español<br>Adoration and Rosary/Adoración y Rosario, Friday/Viernes 6:30pm |
| SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE  | Sunday 9:30am Thursday 8:00am   |



## CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

**FIRST FRIDAYS HOLY ANGELS** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with Eucharistic Adoration

**SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER / SAN JOSÉ OBRERO** First Friday Adoration / Primer viernes durante la Adoración

**ALWAYS** Available by appointment **SIEMPRE** Disponible con cita previa

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## CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY ANGELS

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent**

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Angels  
+ Clifford, Hilda, & Kathleen LaReau  
By LaReau Family  
*Presider: Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM*

#### **Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception**

12:00 noon Intentions of New Mothers  
*Presider: Fr. Aaron Richardson*

#### **Wednesday, December 10 Immaculate Conception**

12:00 noon Intentions of Daniel Montgomery

#### **Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent**

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Angels  
Birthday Blessings for Maria E. Valtierra,  
by Valtierra Family  
*Presider: Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM*

On **Sunday, December 21**, plan on sticking around to help with our annual **Christmas decorating** of the cathedral church! Some new Christmas trees are on order, replacing the older ones that are a bit worn-out looking and hard to light. Pizza will arrive to nourish our bellies, too!

### COLLECTION

#### **November 23**

Regular Collection \$1,767.00  
Campaign Human Development 205.00

#### **November 30**

Regular Collection \$411.00

Thank you for your support of *your* cathedral parish!



### The weather outside is frightful...

The weather might make it hard to get to church on some Sundays, but our parish bills continue to arrive on time — and need to be paid on time. The church is warm on Sunday, whether you are there or not! If you need to stay home Sunday for your own safety, please follow our live stream and remember to bring your all your weekly tithes when you return. Be safe, be warm, and be always welcome!

*Please join us!*



## Christmas Vigil Mass with Bishop Robert J. McClory

December 24, 2022

Music at 3:30 p.m.

Holy Mass at 4:00 p.m.

light refreshments and photo opportunities follow

*Plenty of free parking!*

640 Tyler St., Gary



## Christmas at the Cathedral

Make plans to attend the cathedral parish Mass on Christmas Eve, with Bishop McClory presiding and concelebrated by Fr. Mike. The choir works extra hard, decorations are carefully set in place, all is ready for you! This annual event is embraced by more and more from around the diocese. Let's assure that our Holy Angels parishioners and our own friends are with us as well!

Check the back page for Mass schedules for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, so if you cannot attend at one of the Gary parishes, please find one more local and convenient to your schedule.

**Please remember to be generous with  
your contributions for Christmas  
Flowers and Decorations this month!**

### Advent Confessions

**Saturday December 13**

**Sunday December 14**

**Sunday December 21**

**1:00 PM — 3:30 PM St. Joseph the Worker**

**9:00 AM — 12:00 PM St. Mary of the Lake**

**8:30 AM — 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM — 11:30 AM St. Mary of the Lake**

View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)



## MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LAS MISA

### Second Sunday Of Advent

Saturday, December 6 **BILIGUAL MASS**

8:00 AM **RETIRO DE ADVIENTO**

12:00 PM Bautismo

4:00 PM †Julie & †George Samarzija

By: Mary Podnar & Family

**Presider:** Fr. Edward Shea, OFM

Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Patricia Salenas

By: Maria Valtierra

**Presider:** Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM

11:30 AM †Jesus Castillo, †Manuel Juarez &

†Guadalupe Cano By: Familia

**Presider:** Fr. Edward Shea, OFM

Monday, December 8 **Immaculate Conception**

9:00 AM Eternal Rest for †Virginia Martinez Rosillo

By: Claudia Tirado

6:30 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory By: Claudia Tirado

6:30 PM Feligrese de San José Obrero

Thursday, December 11

9:00 AM Birthday Wishes for Emily Dragomer

By: Fowler Family

6:30 PM Feligrese de San José Obrero

Friday, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

6:00 AM *Las Mañanitas*

9:00 AM Eternal Rest for †Marianne Sleeper

By: Fowler Family

6:30 PM Feligrese de San José Obrero



### Third Sunday Of Advent

Saturday, December 13

4:00 PM Happy Birthday for Georgia Veneziano

By: Fowler Family

**Presider:** Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM

Sunday, December 14

9:00 AM Eternal Rest for †Gloria Wolfe

By: Maria Valtierra

**Presider:** Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM

11:30 AM Feligrese de San José Obrero

**Presider:** Fr. Edward Shea, OFM

### Your Sacrificial Giving Su Contribución Semanal

November 23/23 de Noviembre.....\$4,813.80

Children / Niños.....\$138.45

Candles / Velas.....\$234.00

November 30/30 de Noviembre.....\$3,436.23

Children / Niños.....\$29.19

Candles / Velas.....\$92.00

Thank you for you generosity with your church

Gracias por su generosidad con su Iglesia



La semana pasada, el Padre Ed se unió a su amigo de Chicago, el Padre Gary Graf, en Nueva York, al concluir su peregrinación en solidaridad con los inmigrantes. El Padre Gary caminó desde Dolton, hogar del Papa León, hasta la Estatua de la Libertad. Mucha gente lo acompañó a lo largo del camino y se unió a una oración interreligiosa en Nueva York.

Last week Fr. Ed joined his friend from Chicago, Fr. Gary Graf, in New York as Fr. Gary concluded his pilgrimage in solidarity with Immigrants. Fr. Gary walked from Dolton, the home of Pope Leo, to the Statue of Liberty. Many people accompanied him along the way and joined in an interfaith prayer in New York.



Many thanks to parishioners Charlene Wozniak Gyurko and Peter Bodnar for their work with the City of Gary, improving the safety of the street in front of our church. In addition to a new stop sign, in Spring will come improvements in the sidewalks and street crossings

Muchas gracias a los feligreses Charlene Wozniak Gyurko y Peter Bodnar por su trabajo con la ciudad de Gary, mejorando la seguridad de la calle frente a nuestra iglesia. Además de una nueva señal de alto, en primavera se realizarán mejoras en las aceras y los cruces de calles.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORTS

| November 16 & 23, 2025 (combined) |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Regular Collection                | 450.00 |
| Food Pantry                       | 20.00  |
| Soup Kitchen                      | 20.00  |

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of ADVENT

**11:00 AM** Presider: Fr. Aaron Richardson, OFM  
 Our Parish Family  
 Shirley Bush, John Gibson, Danny Gibson, Julian  
 Bush, and Patrick Bush by Loving son and brother,  
 Kevin Gibson  
 Louis and Mary Dennis by Dennis and Powers  
 Families

### Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of ADVENT

**11:00 AM** Presider: Fr. Aaron Richardson, OFM  
 Our Parish Family  
 Margaret E. Ulman by James W. Rupp

**Remember:** Sunday, **December 21** there will be **NO MASS** at Saints Monica and Luke. All are encouraged and welcomed to celebrate Mass at Saint Mary of the Lake at 9:30 a.m. and experience their worship and hospitality!

Please plan on Celebrating **Christmas** on December 25 and **Kwanzaa** on December 28!

### SS. Monica & Luke Soup Kitchen



**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
**Friday, December 19, 2025**  
**12 Noon to 1:00 PM**  
 With KAPPA ALPHA PSI,  
 GARY ALUMNI CHAPTER  
 and  
 The Gift of Warmth Program



*Mary,  
 Mother of Jesus,  
 Mother of God,  
 Mother of the Church,  
 Mother of Us All —*

*Pray for us, your children,  
 who seek your comfort, guidance, and peace!*

## Advent Confessions

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**Sunday December 14**  
**Sunday December 21**

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**9:00 AM — 12:00 PM St. Mary of the Lake**  
**8:30 AM — 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM — 11:30 AM St. Mary of the Lake**

**St. Mary of the Lake**





## Mass For The Week

**Sunday December 7, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Advent-9:30 AM**

*†Lupe Estrada by Werhowatz-Nieman Family*

**Priest Presider: Fr. Aaron Richardson OFM**

**Lectors:** Paul Panther, Pat Kelly

**Altar Server:** Deshaun

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Grandfield, Johan Herzig, Margaret Scissom, Jack Tonk

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**Monday December 8, 2025-7:00 PM**

**Thursday December 11, 2025-8:00 AM**

**Priest Presider: Fr. Mike Surufka, OFM**

*†Intentions of St. Mary of the Lake Parishioners*

**Sunday December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent-9:30 AM**

*†Shelia Young by Pat Kelly*

**Priest Presider: Fr. OFM**

**Lectors:** Scott Williams, Margaret Scissom

**Altar Server:** Deshaun

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Grandfield, Johann Herzig, Amelia Sigala, Adina Wiseman



We want to express our deepest gratitude for your support, hard work, and joyful spirit during our recent Christmas Bazaar. Whether you donated goods, volunteered your time, invited friends, or simply came to enjoy the fellowship, you played a vital role in making this event a success. Because of your generosity and dedication, we not only raised funds to support our ministries, but also strengthened the bonds of love and community that make our church family so special. The laughter, smiles, and shared moments were a beautiful reminder of God's goodness at work among us. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness and service! We look forward to many more opportunities to serve and celebrate together.

Ana Grandfield & Adina Wiseman

Co-chairs 2025 Christmas Bazaar

### SAVE THE DATE

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Mon. Dec. 8</b>  | Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00 PM   |
| <b>Sun. Dec. 14</b> | Advent Confessions<br>Fr. Loren, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM  |
| <b>Mon. Dec. 15</b> | Crisis Center Giving Tree Donations Due<br>Food Pantry Distribution 9—11:00 AM<br>Lessard Hall                           |
| <b>Sun. Dec. 21</b> | Hospitality Sunday Saints Monica and<br>Luke Parishioners Visit<br>Advent Confessions<br>Fr. Aaron – Before & After Mass |
| <b>Wed. Dec. 24</b> | Christmas Eve — 4:00 PM Carols,<br>4:30 Mass   |
| <b>Thu. Dec. 25</b> | Christmas Day — 9:00 AM Carols,<br>9:30 Mass   |

*Thank you for supporting your parish!*

**November 23, 2025**

**Sunday Collection:**\$1,809.00

**Online Giving:**\$1,143.00

**Haiti:** \$10.00

**Fuel:**\$48.00

**Parish Imp:**\$20.00

**November 30, 2025**

**Sunday Collection:**\$692.00

**Online Giving:**\$918.00

**Haiti:** \$10.00

**Fuel:**\$5.00

**Campaign For Human Development:**\$135.00

**Please pray for the health/well-being/special intention of all those listed:**

Therese Arroyo, Joan Bell, Kathryn Carey, Ann Coco, Doris Darby, Reynaldo De La Rosa, Jack Denges, Marie Dowd, Lindsay Fulton, Yuri Hoffman, Tom Iatarola, Dorothy Keyes, Debra Leslie, Patrick Putz, Katie Raimer, Joe Rodriguez, James Stewart

**† Pray for the souls of the departed:**

Lupe Estrada, Sister JoAnn Persch

**“THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE.”**

— Saint Augustine

Do you love music? Do you enjoy praising God through song? Our parish choir is looking for new voices, and we would love for you to be part of this joyful ministry! No professional experience is needed—just a willing heart and a love for worship.

**Why join the choir?**

- Build friendships and community.
- Grow spiritually through music.
- Share your gifts to inspire others!

Please see Johnny Evans if interested.

### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

Next Sunday, December 14, Confessions will be available for **three hours**, from 9:00 AM to Noon. The following Sunday, December 21st, there will be confessions heard before and immediately following Mass. This will be the last chance for confessions before Christmas, so please plan accordingly.



### **Poinsettia Sales**

Order forms are in the entrance of church. Please **PRINT LEGIBLY** and return form with payment to the office. All orders are due by **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**Crisis Center Giving Tree**

**Donations Due NEXT Weekend!**

The tags for our Giving Tree are up and located in the Narthex. Please take a card(s) and purchase an appropriate gift. Gifts should be returned and unwrapped with the card attached no later than Sunday, December 14th. Thank you for spreading holiday cheer to the kids at the Crisis Center! Please see Judy Tonk for more information.



**December 14      Third Sunday of ADVENT**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| FIRST READING  | Isaiah 35:1-6,10 |
| PSALM RESPONSE | Psalms 146       |
| 2nd READING    | James 5:7-10     |
| GOSPEL         | Matthew 11:2-11  |



***NO Bible Study  
Until January 8***

***Monday, December 8      Lunes 8 de diciembre***  
***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception      Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción***

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are available at several Gary parish locations, throughout different times of the day.  
Este es un día santo de precepto. Se ofrecen misas en varias parroquias de Gary, a diferentes horas del día.

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 9:00 a.m.  | St. Joseph the Worker                           |
| 12:00 noon | Cathedral of the Holy Angels                    |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Parroquia San José Obrero ( <i>en Español</i> ) |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Saint Mary of the Lake                          |

***Advent Confessions      Confesiones de Adviento***

|                             |   |                              |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday December 13</b> | <b>1:00 PM — 3:30 PM</b>                      | <b>St. Joseph the Worker</b> |
| <b>Sunday December 14</b>   | <b>9:00 AM — 12:00 PM</b>                     | <b>St. Mary of the Lake</b>  |
| <b>Sunday December 21</b>   | <b>8:30 AM — 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM — 11:30 AM</b> | <b>St. Mary of the Lake</b>  |

**LOVE LETTER FROM SAINT PAUL**

The Bible can sometimes feel overwhelming and confusing. There are so many names of people and places that are unfamiliar and hard to pronounce. There are different kinds of writing: poetry, history, fable, music, parables, letters, admonitions and encouragement. If someone wants to take the Bible seriously and engage in reading it, often one doesn't know where to begin.

Among the most wonderful writings comes from Saint Paul in his letter to the Church in Philippi. This was a significant city with a rich history in the growth of the Greek empire and in its transition to Roman rule. Paul's little community must have felt a bit apart from the mainstream around them.

We hear in the second reading today some of the most tender words from this great Apostle. Written from within prison, likely around the year 55-60 A.D. Paul is clearly suffering for his faithfulness to the Gospel and encouraging his disciples to remain true to the great gift they have been given — the gift of faith in Jesus, their salvation and their hope. He knew that there would be hard times coming for them, as indeed they had already begun for him. His great concern was that they would allow the coming difficulties to break up the unity of their community and thus diminish the potential of the Gospel to spread and bring its hope to others who need the message.

**God is my witness,  
how I long for all of you  
with the affection  
of Christ Jesus.**

And oh, how he LOVED that little community!

Treat yourself and look this letter up in your own Bible. It is short, tender, and uncomplicated. And there are many parallels from his time to ours. Imagine this is from a beloved pastor from your own life, some time after he had left, and who has heard that some difficulties were on their way. Listen to these words of hope and trust in Jesus as if they had come not from an apostle two thousand years ago, but from someone you know and love and trust, who had done something wonderful for you and your community at one time. And whom you miss.

Advent is a holy time of patient waiting and active longing for the fulfillment of God's promise. Set your sights on what already is underway, AND what is yet to come!





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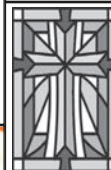
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