

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Mackenzie Lecco
02 Kathleen Hamilton
05 Mia Garcia
05 Carolyn Conner
05 Christopher Cass
07 Helen Berry
08 Will McCabe
14 Glen Moore
16 Christine Hamilton
16 Chere Tew
17 Dory Garcia
18 Emily Sofia Alvarado
22 Don Smith
29 Mary Metzinger
31 Jackie Johnson

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson
Sid Barr
Robert Berry
Patricia Bonnewitz
Gloria Bowden
Kellsei Boyce
Millie Budney
Sandra Burke
Julie Byron
Deacon John Carey
Riordan Cavoris
Suzi Crawford
Justin Curtis
Trish Decresce
Alessia Destefano
Carol Donato
Islea Duncan

John Evans
Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Gillam
Lynn Goss
Mary Graf
Kathleen Hamilton
Jeanne Harper
James Heady
Pablo Ignacio
Patrick Ignacio
Meja Irvin
Leslie Jarrett
Maggie Kreiser
Fran Lecco
Paul Lent
Patel Mahendra
Carolyn Martin

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

07 Jerry and Lisa Wilkerson
29 Tom and Mary Metzinger

Kimberly Martin
Willard Mock
Greg Moore
Jane Moreton
Beverly Moyer
Chris Moyer
Ray Moyer
Don Notestein
Patsy Notestein
Angel Ortiz
George Perry
Gary Peters
Laurie Peters
Frank Powell
Nelson Sanchez
Princess Sanchez
John Seaquist

Bernadette Servis
Ray Servis
Jane Sliwinski
Don Smith
Margaret Smith
Maureen Smith
Chere Tew
Jim Tew
Fred Toth
Amy Tracy
Emilia Walker
Charles Watson
Danielle Weedon
Laura Williams
Louise Williams
Michael Williams
Betty Jo Wolfrum

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent**

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church
2938 Oakleigh Avenue (PO Box 668)
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For emergencies: Fr. Jim's cell number: 434-238-7030
or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church 434-846-5245
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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday: 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
Bonnie Toth at bonnie3871@gmail.com

The Financial Corner

Collections: November 30: \$1895.00
Attendees: November 30: 75

Have you considered E-giving? It's safe and convenient. You can sign up on our website: www.olpcatholicchurch.org or scan the QR Code to the right. You may sign up for recurring donations or make a one-time gift.

More ways to help with the Palestinian Relief Effort:
Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/donate>
Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/>



A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FATHER JIM

Folks prepare for Christmas in many ways. For some, they are preparing for Jesus' birthday. I have even been to the "family service" on Christmas Eve where they prepare a birthday cake for Jesus complete with candles. (Happily, they did not light all 2025 candles, give or take a few!) For others, this is a good place to start. The children love it - Jesus' birthday and the cake.

For others, Advent means preparing for the Second Coming. Our world is apocalyptic when we look around. For me, the Second Coming will be when I go to Him, hopefully after 80 years old. But one does not really know. I believe also in "Kyros, that is, moments when Christ comes in our day.

But one does not really now. The pagans believed that unhealthy cycles of sin were inevitable and unable to break out of. Cycles of violence would repeat themselves continuously and there was no way out. Jesus came to break through those cycles. For anger and violence, there became another way. Jesus, who was a victim of capital punishment, appears with His wounds and says, "Peace be with you!"

From the cross, He forgives us and forgives the criminal dying next to Him. The victim is victorious but never vindictive. There is another option to holding on to resentment. There is another way besides sacrificing human beings in war because of the gods of nationalism and patriotism. High school students no longer need to bring their classmates to the altar of peer group pressure. As Joyce Meyers says about the cycle of abuse from her family history, "It stops here!"

Have you ever noticed unhealthy cycles of sin broken, addicted friends sober, healthy eating habits taken up, anger management succeeding? That is the Lord Jesus, folks! Whether He is acknowledged or not, He comes to us in our day. These are Kyros or Christ moments!

Does not Emmanuel mean "God is with us?" Then, look for Him.

"O Come! O Come! Emmanuel!"

Help us to see you today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR ADVENT THEME IS: "CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT"

ADVENT PACKETS

Don't forget to get your Advent Packet. What do I do to prepare for Jesus? Collect groceries. See your items on the bag. Write Christmas cards to those who are shut-in or homebound. Pray the scripture quote each day.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8, 2025

Two masses will be offered for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: St. Victoria Catholic Church: 10:00 am and Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church: 6:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 13, 2025

To prepare for Christmas, we offer confessions at OLP on Saturday, December 13, at 10:30 am, with Fr. Chris of Farmville and Fr. Jim.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (6 pm)
Saturday, December 13: Confessions (10:00 am); OCIA (10:45 am)
Sunday, December 14: Third Sunday of Advent
Tuesday, December 17: Masses: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
Friday, December 19: Youth Christmas Party (6:00 pm)
Saturday, December 20: OCIA (10:45 am)
Monday, December 22: Prepare altar for Christmas (10:00 am)
Wednesday, December 4: Christmas Vigil: Lessons & Carols (7:15 pm); Christmas Play (7:30 pm); Mass (7:45 pm)