

8 December 2024  
II Sunday of Advent (New Calendar)  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (Traditional)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM  
Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/ Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**MON. 9 DEC. SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Ruth Massett+  
Req: James Massett  
12 Noon For: Protection of Servicemen from our parish  
Req: Regina Rose  
7 PM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

Tue. 10 Dec. Our Lady of Loreto  
8 AM For: Eileen Austin+  
Req: The Anderson Family  
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 11 Dec. St. Damasus I, Pope  
7 PM For: Margaret Frady+  
Req: Col. & Mrs. Michael Adamitis

Thu. 12 Dec. **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**, Empress of the Americas  
Patroness of the Unborn  
8 AM For: James Delaney+  
Req: Sandra Vermeulen

Fri. 13 Dec. St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of the Eyes  
8 AM For: Joseph Bien+  
Req: Don Wood

Sat. 14 Dec. St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church  
8 AM For: Special Intention  
4 PM For: Eli Digman (L.)  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

Sun. 15 Dec. III Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)  
8 AM For: Katherine Mazor+  
Req: The Johnson Family  
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC  
11 AM For: Steven Anderson (L.)  
Req: The Anderson Family

**MON. 9 DECEMBER: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION AND OUR NATION'S PATRONAL FEAST. HOLY MASS AT 8 AM (LATIN); 12 Noon and 7 PM. We have TWO Mass obligations this week: one for Sunday and one for the Holy Day, which is transferred this year to 9 December, since the 8<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday of Advent.

**LOLLIPOPS & STORY TIME: AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND**  
Please bring your children down into the Church basement after Mass and let them hear a beautiful Advent story and enjoy a lollipop.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE CONTINUED**  
The Rosary Society will hold its Christmas Crafts Sale again this weekend, for those who did not get the opportunity last weekend to see their artistry. They made \$800 on the sale thus far. Nice goin', ladies.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: TUE. 10 DECEMBER**  
Jr. High School Class: 7 PM    Adult Class: 8 PM

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 12 DECEMBER 6:30 PM**  
Our program will be on Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose Feast is the day of our meeting. We welcome any Moms with their babies, don't be reluctant!

**HAVE YOU MARKED OFF 15 DEC. ON YOUR CALENDAR?**  
This is the day we have our wonderful, inspiring and beautiful **LIVE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**, starring all the wee ones of our parish: about 60 of them! The girls of Our Lady's Sodality guide the sheep, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the cows and the other visitors to the Infant Lord and His holy Mother and St. Joseph. It is truly a highlight of our Advent season. Refreshments are served, besides! So you do not want to miss this:

**LIVE NATIVITY PAGEANT 5 PM VAN LIESHOUT FARM**  
6166 Happy Valley Rd., Verona

**REHEARSAL FOR THE PAGEANT: SAT. 14 DEC. AT 5 PM**  
at the Brabant (van Lieshout) Farm 6166 Happy Valley Rd., Verona. Sodality girls are asked to be there for this run-through.

**GRACE FORCE PRAYER BOOK**  
We still have a few of the prayer books available that are the same ones that are in the pew racks. They would make a great Christmas gift, and for only \$17!!!

**LIGHT IS ON CONFESSIONS MON. 16 DEC. 4-7 PM**  
Each Advent, we set aside a 3 hour period for Confessions to encourage everyone to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas. Besides this time, there will be many other opportunities here at Our Lady of Good Counsel for Confession prior to the Nativity of Our Lord.

## BISHOP NARROWLY ESCAPES ASSAULT

The Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of El-Obaid in Sudan was assaulted and severely injured in the midst of the civil war in Sudan. Bishop Yunan Tombe Trille Kuku Andale was assaulted by the Raid Support Forces (RSP), one of the paramilitary organizations fighting in Sudan's ongoing civil war, while travelling the country.

Tombe said that he and his travel companion, Deacon Joseph, were first harassed by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), which are in conflict with the RSF. The SAF took some USD cash from the Bishop because "he was carrying forbidden hard currency". After having trouble with the SAT, they ran into the RSF, who almost beat the Bishop to death. "On the side of Rapid Forces, I was given countless heavy blows on the neck, the forehead, on my face and the two sides of my head," Bishop Tombe recalled. He told Hiiboro that he was so injured that he could not move his jaw or eat food. "Together with the deacon, we narrowly missed martyrdom when one leader said "That is enough", adding that he is thankful for the prayers of many.

As ACI Africa notes, this was not the first time Tombe was almost killed amid Sudan's raging civil war. In April of 2023, shortly after the battles between the SAF and the RSF began, the bishop narrowly escaped death together with some other clergymen when rockets hit church premises and destroyed the main gate of the Mary Queen of Africa Cathedral.

No one was injured in that incident.

In an interview with ACI Africa in 2023, the Bishop lamented that the political leaders of both sides are unwilling to make peace. "So far, there is not even a clue to the light of peace dialogue that can bring hope for the Sudanese," he said. "I believe that our leaders are not ready for peace. Fighting and conflict have the upper hand as we hear them say 'unless we defeat other groups we won't put down our weapons.'"

The war and the plight of the Sudanese is almost totally ignored by the western media. The Sudanese people are driven from their homes by the civil war, and many of them are starving.

In your charity this Advent, consider supporting the SUDAN RELIEF FUND, PO Box 7084, Merrifield, VA 22116. God bless you. God will not be outdone in generosity!!!