

Third Sunday of
ADVENT



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Saturday, December 13 *Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

5:00 NORMA, ARTHUR & DAVID MARCANTONIO
(deceased) by family
Celebrant: Bishop Lewandowski

Sunday, December 14 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

10:00 SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF SISTER ELIZABETH
CASTRO, HSMP

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 JANET FARRINGTON (deceased) by Msgr. Mancini

6:00 FABIANE FERREIRA DOS SANTOS (deceased)
by Vera and Family (Christmas Rem)

Monday, December 15

12:00 KATHLEEN DEMOE (deceased)
by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Tuesday, December 16

12:00 JAMES J. GRAY (deceased) by family

Wednesday, December 17

12:00 FRANCIS WASHINGTON (deceased)
by mom Anna

Thursday, December 18

12:00 ROBERT, THERESA & TREVOR CUSACK
(deceased) by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Friday, December 19

12:00 LISA ROMANO (deceased) by Linda Doran

Saturday, December 20

5:00 RITA C. SULLIVAN (deceased)

Sunday, December 21 *4th Sunday of Advent*

10:00 GAETANO & MARIE NORMA FARAONE
(deceased) by Norma

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 MARIA BAFFONI (deceased) by daughter Lori
(Christmas Rem.)

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND
SULLIVAN FAMILIES
Celebrant: Bishop Lewandowski

Christmas Flower Memorials for Departed Loved Ones

Special envelopes for **Christmas Flower Memorials** will be available at the entrances to the Cathedral. Donations will help to defray the cost of the flowers that will adorn the Cathedral sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may drop these envelopes in any collection this weekend.

You may inscribe the names of your departed loved ones but we ask that **no more than two intentions be included with each donation**. Names will be published in the Christmas bulletin and placed upon the altar to be remembered in prayer throughout the Christmas season.

Gold Memorials: \$100 and above

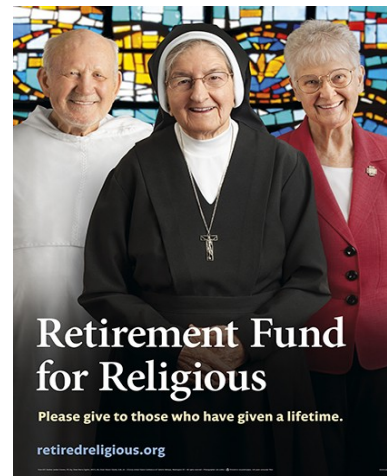
Silver Memorials: \$50 to \$99

Bronze Memorials: \$25 to \$49

Any amount contributed will be greatly appreciated.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Today's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have spent their lives in service—many receiving little to no pay. Now, their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication, and daily living needs. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity. Please give in gratitude



for their lifelong commitment.

A Christmas Giving Tree has been erected at the side entrance to the Cathedral. On this tree there will be tags with a particular gift indicated on each tag. You may take a tag or two and return the indicated gift to the Cathedral by Sunday, December 21st. Please be sure to attach the tag to the gift. Thank you for your generosity!



FROM THE RECTOR - Monsignor Anthony Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

Awaiting the One to Come

Let us prepare for Christ in our hearts a dwelling full of patient merits; let us prepare a crib, a cradle brilliant with the flowers of a good life and the perpetual sweetness of its fragrance. Let us receive the tiny little Lord in our hearts; may he grow and make progress there, nourished by faith, may he ascend to youth there on the steps of life, and may he exercise the powers which are mentioned in the Gospel. Within us the Lord has a blind man to whom he can give light, a lame man whose step he can restore and bring to the path of truth without stumbling. What he did in those who were dead he does in the living. He raises a man to life in the room of his heart.

By those other resurrections which were accomplished for our hope, the Lord promises that he will restore life to all who desire to rise again. He became man so that man whom he had created might not perish; he suffered cruel torments in order that he might free the unworthy from deserving punishments. He hung on the tree of death in order to expiate the fault which was derived from the tree through disobedience. Christ was born in order that he might suffer, he suffered in order that he might die, he died in order that he might descend into hell, he descended there in order that he might free the dead. The Way came to those who were wandering, the Judge came to the guilty, the Physician came to those who were sick, Life came to the dead.

O Lord, with what joy and exultation shall we describe the benefits of such great goodness? What more is there that we who are sick might ask than what you have offered of your own accord to those who did not deserve it? Therefore, let us love our price and let us make ourselves worthy of it by good deeds and right actions. As we joyfully celebrate the feast of his Nativity, with his help may we endeavor to live in such a way that such great and immense benefits of our God may not bring us judgment but may lead to our profit; because he himself is worthy of it.

SAINT CAESARIUS OF ARLES

Saint Caesarius of Arles (†543) was a monk, archbishop, and celebrated preacher.

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The Departure of Sister Elizabeth

After ten years of service here at the Cathedral, Sister Elizabeth will be leaving us for a new assignment at Saint James Church, Saint Joseph City, Missouri. We are so grateful to God for the gift that Sister Elizabeth has been for us, for her witness to Jesus Christ and His Holy Gospel, and her dedication to the religious life. May Almighty God continue to bless and protect Sister in her new ministry. Thank you Sister Elizabeth!

A reception will be held in Cathedral Hall immediately following the 10AM Mass on Sunday, December 14th, 2025. All are welcome!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Teen Confirmation Grades 9-12 will be held on:
Mon., December 15, 2025 at 6:30pm

Classes for First Holy Communion and for children Grades 1-8 will be held on: **Sat., December 20, 2025 at 10:30am.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

O. C. I. A.: **Wed., December 17, 2025 {7pm-8:30pm}**

*For information please contact the Parish Office
at 401-331-2434*