



Assumption Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist's life was driven by a single, burning passion: to lead others to Jesus Christ and to announce the coming of His Kingdom. But who is John the Baptist, and what significance does his message hold for our own lives? Scripture reveals that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even in his mother's womb (Luke 1:15), touched by the presence of Christ Himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, the unborn John leapt with joy, as both were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). Like the prophets of the Old Testament, John dedicated his entire life to prayer and to the Word of God. Led by the Spirit into the wilderness, he embraced solitude, discipline, and testing, allowing the Word to take deep root within him. His clothing echoed that of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8), signifying his prophetic identity and mission. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, John was prepared for the sacred task entrusted to him: to be the forerunner of the Messiah, Jesus Christ—the eternal Word made flesh for our salvation (John 1:1, 14).

John's baptism was a baptism of repentance—a call to turn away from sin and to embrace a new way of life shaped by God's Word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ, through water and the Spirit, brings about a new birth and welcomes us into God's Kingdom as His beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). Jesus gives us the fire of His Spirit so that we may radiate the joy, light, and truth of the Gospel in a world deeply in need of God's healing and guidance. His Word has the power to transform us, enabling our lives to shine as beacons pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to bear witness to the light and truth of Jesus. Do our words, actions, and daily conduct lead others toward Him?

**Readings for Next Sunday,
December 14**
Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Saint of the Week... Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby village to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.



Feast Day December 12

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis -Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Leroy House, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee**, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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Parish Christmas Party Sunday, December 14, 2025 10:15 am — St. Mary's Hall

Join us next Sunday, December 14 for our second annual parish Christmas brunch!

The catered meal will include a variety of delicious brunch and beverage selections. Cost is \$15 for adults; CCD students are free, compliments of the parish.

Please sign up in the Vestibule or call/email the Parish Office by Sunday, December 7. Cash or check (payable to Assumption Parish) can be dropped in the offertory basket or in person at the Parish Office.

Please pay when you sign up!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, December 8, 2025
Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Can't make it at 6:00? Mass at Our Lady of Grace is Monday at 11 am.

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.

led by Fr. Giles

Confession before Christmas holds special significance because the season of Advent is not only about waiting—it is about preparing. Just as we ready our surroundings for the feast, we are also called to cleanse our inner lives. Through confession, we acknowledge our shortcomings, seek forgiveness, and make room in our hearts for the joy and peace that Christmas promises.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 6	4:00 pm	Souls of Joe & Jackie Altobello	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Soul of Steve Mehalik.....	David & Marcia Albani
		Soul of Elva Calemine	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Sam & Sara Fazzalore.....	S & J
		Intentions of Jean Harber	Mary Shannon
		Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, December 7	8:30 am	Soul of Patricia Burdock	Nancy Starcher
		Deceased members of the Illario Fazzalore family	The Fazzalore family
		<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
Monday, December 8	6:00 pm	People of Assumption Parish	Assumption Parish
Tuesday, December 9	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 10	5:00 pm	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Francy Lyons.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, December 11	12:00 pm	Soul of Dustin Kesner	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco & Margaret McGee	S&J
Friday, December 12	9:00 am	Soul of Joan Roach.....	Linda Marsh
Saturday, December 13	4:00 pm	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Soul of Fred Selders	Eddie & Dorothy Sandoval
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Bob Konka.....	Bob Konka
		Intentions of Sam & Sara Fazzalore.....	Marion Dorsey
Sunday, December 14	8:30 am	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Karen & Howard Barrick
		Souls of Frank, Dotty & Mike Raschella	Sue & Jean Harber
		Soul of Betty McAvoy	Art DeMasi



The CCD students of Assumption Parish invite you to their Christmas program next Sunday, December 14, immediately after Mass in the church!

Accompanied by our music ministers, the students will present the "Festival of Lessons and Carols - A Service of Scripture and Song." Please join us!



Have you seen the beautiful Christmas light display at Brooks Park in Keyser? Assumption Catholic Church is the proud sponsor of the display shown here, "Wise Men Still Seek Him." This was a joint sponsorship by the parish, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild and an anonymous donor.

Your Faithful Stewardship

November 29-30, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,450
Loose Donations	\$660
Christmas Flowers	\$65
Total	\$3,175

Attendance

Saturday, 11/29	82
Sunday, 11/30	109
Total	191

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

The annual collection for retired religious will be taken next weekend. Having taken vows of poverty, our retired religious do not usually have the resources to take care of all their needs when they reach an age when they can no longer actively serve. Yet they have given of themselves for many years to God's people. It is our duty as Catholics to show our esteem and appreciation for their loving service. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 13

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
 EMs: TBD, Norma Clark (c), Karen Yowler (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, December 14 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
 Servers: Remy Kuhn, Lucas Dupuis & Morgan Gustafson
 EMs: Pam Williams, Dave Minnich (c), Tina Stephen (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: CCD Students

Saturday, December 20

Lector: Cathy Pardee
 Servers: Sue Harber, John Gustafson, Morgan Gustafson
 EMs: Cathy Pardee, Jean Harber (c), John Gustafson (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

Sunday, December 21

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Jane Placka & Pippa Dolechek
 EMs: Jane Placka, Nancy Starcher (c), Beverley Iser (c)
 Cantor: Mike Dupuis
 Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

December 11 Meredythe Barrick
 December 18 Cindy Alt



And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.