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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

Confessions: Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email adorers@hspalmyra.com.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email church@hspalmyra.com.

Sponsor Forms: Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

Bulletin Deadline: Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

OUR MISSION

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

The lighting of the fourth candle of our Advent Wreath signifies our entry into the final week of the Advent Season. These past weeks of waiting in joyful expectation of the coming of our Lord Jesus has brought some light into the darkness that many people have been experiencing in this world. Christ is our bright and shining light! Symbolized by the lighting of each candle on the Advent Wreath, we celebrate Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. Our hope rests in Jesus, our rock. From generation to generation, the scriptures and the prophets tell us of the hope that Jesus’ coming brings to the world. Love is the name of God. It is love that gives Jesus to this world. Joy is our expression of rejoicing in all that God is doing in our lives and the expectation of God’s continued presence in our lives. Peace is God’s gift to us, both at Jesus’ birth and in Jesus’ resurrection. Lord, help me feel your love, that above all things I may know I am loved by you. Lord, thanks for the gift of love and for those who help me discover its meaning and power.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6y4yE2FP5vbgJTzhS-zqiQ/videos?view=57>

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last week’s offerings will be reported in the next week’s bulletin due to an early submission deadline to our publisher.



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CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Frank Macus (From Fran & Maria)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

9:00am Mass

† Michael Shelly

12noon Tosco’s Baptism

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16; Lk 1:67-79

Office Closed

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

† Joseph Spear

5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass **For the People of the Parish**

11:45pm Christmas Midnight Mass † Jill Longchamp

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Office Closed; No Confessions

11:00am Christmas Day Mass

† Charles Anthony Shermo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Office Closed

9:00am Mass

† Marcelo Reyes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1, 2-8

7:00am Mass

† Jill M. Longchamp

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

4:00pm Mass

† Elba Carballo

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

8:30am Mass

† Sheldon Eckrote

11:00am Mass

For the People of the Parish

12noon Fifth Sunday Rosary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO PREP CLASSES TODAY FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK.
CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 5, 2025.**

Charismatic Mass

On Tuesday, January 7, at 7pm there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland. Rev. Dwight D. Schlaline, Pastor at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will say Mass. All are welcome. For more information, please call Vicki at 717-364-6260, or Mary Ann at 717-512-3628.

Security Update at Holy Spirit Church

After review of our property and a couple of incidents, it was decided that we would install additional security cameras at Holy Spirit. This was done to not only keep our parishioners, staff, and visitors safe but also to protect our property and belongings. These cameras are motion sensor only and not audio recording.

Parish Library: Books of the Month



"Let the children come to me..." (Mt 19:14). Mass can be challenging for kids, but did you know our Parish Library has TONS of FREE religious coloring books to use? Crayons also available!

For more parish library information, please email Library@hspalmyra.com.

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless

This holiday season consider donating for the benefit of others. Interfaith Shelter is a community partner with Community Aid. When someone donates clothing, bedding, or household items under Interfaith's number (10178), the shelter benefits in several ways. The shelter receives cards which their families can use to go to Community Aid to shop. The shelter can also receive a quarterly check reflecting the total number of pounds donated on their behalf.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4PM; 5:30PM; 11:45PM (MIDNIGHT MASS)

CHRISTMAS DAY

11AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

6PM VIGIL ON DECEMBER 31;

9AM ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1



Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join in a Consecration to the Holy Family at next weekend's Masses on December 28/29. We encourage families to attend and devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Prayer cards will be available prior to the Masses.

Mass Intention Book Open

To schedule Masses, candles, or flowers, stop by the parish office, email church@hspalmyra.com, or call 717-838-3369. The Mass intention book is now open for February and March, 2025.

FROM OUR ADORATION CHAPEL



This week we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. When Jesus was born on Christmas day, the angels appeared to the shepherds who were in the fields keeping night watch over their sheep. The glory of the Lord shone around them and they were afraid. The angels brought the shepherds the good news of the birth of Jesus who lays in a manger in Bethlehem. The shepherds, in haste, ran to see this miracle of the birth of the Messiah, the Lord. They found Jesus, as the angel told them, lying in a manger in Bethlehem. The shepherds experienced the real Presence of Jesus that day and they rejoiced. Today, we can experience the real Presence ourselves when we visit Jesus in our Adoration Chapel. He is truly present there as He was on that first Christmas in Bethlehem. This Christmas season we invite you to visit our Adoration Chapel and experience that same real Presence of Jesus that the shepherds experienced on that first Christmas, and consider becoming a regular adorers. Contact Bart Kaminski at 717-838-3369 x 111. Merry Christmas!

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