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**Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor**

## Second Sunday of Advent

**December 8, 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](mailto:adorers@hspalmyra.com).

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

**A Message from Deacon Jorge**

On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we journey towards the joyous celebration of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the powerful message of John the Baptist. His proclamation, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths," echoes through the ages, urging us to examine our hearts and lives. John's call to repentance is not merely a superficial act, but a profound transformation of our inner selves. It requires us to confront our sins, to let go of harmful habits, and to embrace a life of virtue and love. By doing so, we create space for the Holy Spirit to work within us, renewing our minds and souls.

As we prepare for the coming of the Messiah, let us strive to live as beacons of hope and love in a world often marked by darkness and despair. Let us share the good news of salvation with others, inviting them to join us on this sacred journey. May we be generous in our acts of charity, patient in our dealings with others, and steadfast in our faith.

My brothers and sisters, as we await the Lord's arrival, let us cultivate a spirit of joy, and an eagerness to embrace the gift of His presence. May we be filled with gratitude for the countless blessings He has bestowed upon us, and may we open our hearts to receive the fullness of His love.

May the blessings of the Advent season be upon you and your loved ones.

**TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING**

<b>Sunday Offering 11/24/2024</b>	<b>\$ 10,970</b>
<b>Focused Giving Enhancements</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>\$ 435</b>
<b>Matthew 25 Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,599</b>
<b>Sunday Offering 12/1/2024</b>	<b>\$ 11,883</b>
<b>Focused Giving Enhancements</b>	<b>\$ 775</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>\$ 701</b>
<b>Matthew 25 Collection</b>	<b>\$ 390</b>

**FOCUSED GIVING ENVELOPE CHANGES**

Please note that the Focused Giving Envelope will end December 31 in your packets and online. Thank you to all who have contributed to this fund.

**CALENDAR & INTENTIONS**

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Arthur Amelio, Sr. (From Art & Renee Amelio)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn in loving memory of Joseph & Rita Tursi (From Janet & Bob Parks & family)

The **Altar Flowers** are offered in loving memory of Ron & Gloria Williams (From Mary & Jeff Williams)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9** **Immaculate Conception**  
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
9:00am Mass † **Geraldine Kalanick**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
3:15pm Cenacle  
7:00pm Folk Group; Migrant Justice; St. Paul Penance Service

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
9:30am Rejoice Advent Study  
4:30pm Legion of Mary  
5:30pm Rosary  
6:00pm Mass † **Ron & Gloria Williams**  
6:40pm Confessions  
6:45pm Advent Reflection  
7:00pm RCIA

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38  
9:00am Mass † **Richard Grimes**  
10:30am Londonderry Village † **Sandra Manthorpe**  
4:00pm Shine Fitness  
7:00pm Sunday Choir; KofC General Meeting

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
7:00am Mass † **Patricia Von Kleunen**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13  
12noon Rosary at the Square  
4:00pm Mass † **Caroline Gorsic**  
5:00pm Confessions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18  
8:30am Mass **For the People of the Parish**  
9:30am CGS-6th PREP  
11:00am Mass † **Lucia Gomez**  
6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP  
7:00pm SJA Penance Service; St. Benedict Penance Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS IS ON MONDAY  
AT 9AM IN THE MAIN CHURCH**

### A “Thank You” from Respect Life Ministry

The Respect for Life Ministry would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Spirit church for their generosity in supporting the baby bottles for Morning Star Pregnancy Center. This year our parish donated almost \$5,000.

### Immaculate Conception Dispensation

Bishop Timothy Senior dispenses from the obligation of the Immaculate Conception of Mary for this year, 2024. However, our parishioners are encouraged to celebrate the Mass of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, at 9am in the Main Church.

### Oplatki

Oplatki is available at our parish office window. It is a free-will offering; parishioners can drop off their donations in the collection basket or at the office.

### Caring Cupboard

Please pick up a canvas bag for CARING CUPBOARD and return your filled bag next weekend. Their wish list this month is: instant mashed potatoes (family sized), cake mix, and white and brown rice. Canned wish list items: chicken noodle soup, corn, green beans, carrots, and sweet potatoes.

### Holiday Rolls

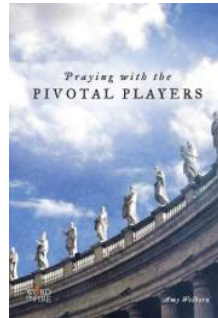
Today is the last day to order your Holiday Rolls from the Knights of Columbus. Order forms are available in the narthex, or order online at <https://www.hskofc10502.org/shop/nut-rolls/2>. Pick-up dates are December 21/22 in the Social Hall after Masses.

### Carols and Cocoa

The Children’s Choir is hosting their 3rd annual “Carols and Cocoa!” event on Tuesday, December 17, at 6pm. This family-friendly evening includes Christmas carol singing and a reception with cookies and hot cocoa. Bring your comfiest blankets, wear your favorite PJs, and bring some cookies to share if you’d like. No RSVP needed.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!**

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### Parish Library: Book of the Month

Saints aren’t just people who live exemplary moral lives, they serve as guides on the road to God. In this book, you’ll journey with six holy men and women toward a deeper intimacy with the Lord. Great pick for the month of December! For more parish library information, please email [library@hspalmyra.com](mailto:library@hspalmyra.com).

### Local Advent Penance Services

December 10 at 7pm	St. Paul, Annville
December 15 at 7pm	St. Joan of Arc, Hershey
December 15 at 7pm	St. Benedict, Lebanon
<b>December 16 at 7pm</b>	<b>Holy Spirit Church, Palmyra</b>

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

### Epiphany Italian Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Please join us for the Holy Mass celebrated with Bishop Timothy Senior and Father Joshua Brommer. For information, please contact Maria DiSanto at 717-544-5698, or email her at [disanto1@comcast.net](mailto:disanto1@comcast.net). You can also find more information by calling Mariella Amato at 717-278-9420.

### 2025 Catholic Calendar

The Catholic calendars have arrived and are available in the narthex.

### FROM OUR ADORATION CHAPEL

We are now in the season of Advent, which is our liturgical season of waiting and watching. What are some practices that can spiritually help us during Advent? We recommend the classically Catholic discipline of Eucharistic Adoration. To spend time in the real Presence of our Lord is a particularly rich form of spiritual waiting. In addition to individual Adoration, we are also offering a Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays at 3pm, and/or an Advent prayer session on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. This prayer session will involve Scripture readings and prayers. Please take advantage of the many opportunities this Advent season. The chapel hours are posted in the bulletin, on the narthex door, and on the chapel door. For more information or questions, please contact Bart Kaminiski at 717-838-3369 x 111.

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