

November 26-27, 2022 | First Sunday of Advent

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekly Reflection



Why do we have an outreach mission during Advent and Lent? Why do some of our fellow parishioners visit homes and invite people to come closer to Christ and the Church that Jesus has founded?

We answer those questions in just a few words: *"It is a necessity."* This is the answer of Saint Paul: *"If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!"* (1 Cor 9: 16).

The parish outreach mission has a goal, that is, to extend Jesus's call to conversion. Let us reflect on the teachings of St. John Paul II in the Encyclical Letter *Redemptoris Missio* (December 7, 1990):

Conversion means accepting, by a personal decision, the saving sovereignty of Christ and becoming his disciple.

The Church calls all people to conversion following the example of Christ himself, who said: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:14-15).

Nowadays, the call to conversion that missionaries address is questioned or passed over in silence. It is seen as an act of "proselytizing." It is claimed that it is enough to help people to become more human or more faithful to their own religion, that it is enough to build communities capable of working for justice, freedom, peace, and solidarity. What is overlooked is that every person has the right to hear the "Good News" of the God who reveals and gives himself in Christ, so that each one can live out in its fullness his or her proper calling.

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Request for Photos

Do you enjoy taking photos of our beautiful Church? Please share them with us! Send your photos to **Media@AveMariaParish.org** and be featured on the cover of the bulletin. We will of course offer recognition for your beautiful work!

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Sat. November 26

- 9:00am + Robert Rizzo
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm Tyler & Cassie Graham Family
- 7:00pm (SP) Maria T. Miller

Sun. November 27

- 8:00am The Parish Community
- 10:00am Patricia Pineda
- 12:30pm (EF) Gloria Schrader
- 7:30pm + Justo Tirado

Mon. November 28

- 7:30am + Joao Mendes
- 12:00pm + Roger Papp
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Vicente & Luz Crisostomo

Tues. November 29

- 7:30 am (EF) + Francisco Mendes
- 12:00pm Ann & Tom Mayers
- 5:00pm Jan Rau

Wed. November 30

- 7:30am + Joseph Kuric
- 12:00pm Connie Vorholt
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Robert Knapp

Thur. December 1

- 7:30 am (EF) + Duska Ann Meister Waite
- 12:00 pm Tom Vorholt
- 5:00pm Alice & John Dolan

Fri. December 2

- 7:30am Connie La Penta
- 12:00pm Tom Vorholt
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Kevin Tavasi
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Sat. December 3

- 9:00am + Valentina Rybak
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Alice & Stephen Lucas
- 7:00pm (SP) Gratitude St. Marcos de Leon

Sun. December 4

- 8:00am Rosiana & Vejay Suchdea
- 10:00am The Parish Community
- 12:30pm (EF) Fr. David Vidal
- 7:30pm Michael Baalman

Color Key for Priests

- Fr. David Vidal
- Fr. Romanus Cessario
- Fr. Joseph Lugalambi
- FSSP
- Fr. John Andem
- Fr. Rick Martignetti
- Fr. Anbu
- Fr. Bob Garrity
- Fr. Richard Bondi
- Fr. Guy Mansini

Contact the Parish Office for Mass Intentions. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial para Intenciones de Misa

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

Baptism is God's most beautiful gift, it renews us through the Holy Spirit, and washes away our sins, especially original sin.

*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.

Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a union of love and a response to God's call to holiness. The love of husband and wife becomes the symbol of God's love on earth.

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.

Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



Prayer of the Week:

A PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

O Glorious St. Andrew,
you were the first to recognize
and follow the Son of God. With your friend, St John,
you remained with Jesus, for your entire life,
and now throughout eternity.
Just as you led your brother, St Peter,
to Christ and many others after him,
draw us also to Him.
Teach us how to lead them, solely out of love for Jesus
and dedication to His service.
Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross
and carry our daily cross without complaint,
so that they may carry us to God the Almighty Father.
Amen.

Oración de la Semana:

ORACION A SAN ANDRES EL APOSTOL

Oh Glorioso San Andrés,
fuiste el primero en reconocer
y seguir al Hijo de Dios. Con tu amigo, San Juan,
te quedaste con Jesús, toda tu vida,
y ahora por toda la eternidad.
Así como guiaste a tu hermano, San Pedro,
a Cristo y a muchos otros después de él,
acércanos también a Él.
Enséñanos a guiarlos, únicamente por amor a Jesús
y dedicación a su servicio.
Ayúdanos a aprender la lección de la Cruz
y llevar nuestra cruz diaria sin quejarnos,
para que nos lleven a Dios Padre Todopoderoso.
Amén.

PARISH LIFE



November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!



December 2

Hometown Christmas
Save the Date

5:00 PM / Piazza



December 5-7

Advent Retreat
Fr. Robert A. Sirico

7-8 PM / Church



December 8

Eucharistic Procession
Through Ave Maria Town

3:30 PM

SAVE *The* DATE
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AVE MARIA PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 5TH-7TH FROM 7-8 PM

feat. *Fr. Robert A. Sirico*

Save the Dates for our Advent Parish Retreat!
Monday through Wednesday December, 5th - 7th
From 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Parish Church.

Fr. Sirico is the founder of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a political, religious, and cultural commentator. He is also the retired pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Among other awards, Fr. Sirico received an honorary doctoral degree in Christian Ethics from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Fr. Sirico writes for the Wall Street Journal, and he is often called upon by Fox News media for statements and comments regarding economics, civil rights, and issues of religious concern.



12.5-7.22 • 7-8 PM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

COLLECTION SUMMARY

● 11/12 & 11/13 Total	\$16,668	● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943
Donations to CFA 2022	\$60,735	CFA Goal	\$210,000
Pledges Collected to Date	\$2,158,162	Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,818,421	*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt	
Donations to MISSION COOP	\$10,115		



only

\$181,579

TO GO!



Parish Capital Campaign

The ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is underway and your gift is vital for our success. Thanks to the generosity of 198 donors, \$1,359,610 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,818,421. However, we need your help to reach our **goal of \$3,000,000** to help reduce our debt and fund necessary improvements.

Please, join us in supporting ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** to secure the financial future of our growing parish community.

The Giving Tree

Please consider helping Ave Maria families in need this Christmas.

The Giving tree will be in the Narthex near the church's front doors beginning **November 25**. On the Giving Tree, you will find envelopes with a store name and the amount of the gift card requested. Please take an envelope (or two!) and purchase the requested gift card, then seal it inside the envelope. Return the sealed envelope to the Donation Box near the front doors of the church by **Sunday, December 11**. Your kindness will help another Ave Maria family have a blessed Christmas! Thank you!

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

AMP HomeSchoolers

SERVING OUR HOMESCHOOLING COMMUNITY

Recognizing the growing amount of homeschooling families in town, we are honored to introduce, Ave Maria Parish Homeschoolers aka 'AMP Homeschoolers', where families can join together and support each other in the mission of educating our children. "It takes a village", and there's none better than Ave Maria! Under the guidance of Fr. Vidal, meet our AMPH Team:

Sandra Dinan: Main Events

Valerie Barbosa del Moral: Extra-Curr./Service Projects and Field Trips

Dr. Thomas Carr: Academic Events

Ana & Camilo Rodriguez: Treasurers

Ileana Gallego: Communications

AMP Homeschoolers welcomes all homeschooling parishioners to join our new platform, where we share events and opportunities throughout the year to enrich your homeschool journey. Our private BAND group is accessible via app or browser (band.us), with the option of email alerts. You can expect wonderful opportunities for the whole family such as Poetry Recitals, Music & History Fairs, Monthly Apologetics classes, Game Nights, Lego & Chess Club, Potlucks, and Graduation Ceremonies for our seniors. We also alert you to upcoming events in our parish so you don't miss a thing! Homeschooling is a special calling within our vocation, and together we can strengthen and build up our community!

For more info or to request an invite, you can email Ileana at ile244@gmail.com.



Diocesan Convocation

From Mon., Nov. 28 to Wed., Nov. 30 Fr. John Andem & Fr. David Vidal will attend the Annual Diocesan Convocation



Children's Holy Hour

Monday, November 28
6:30-7:30 pm | Church
Becky Hampton
Becky.H@avemariaparish.org



AA Meeting

Thursday, December 1
6:45-8:15 pm | Parish Hall
Daniel Linton
dlinton58@gmail.com



That Man is You! (TMIY)

Saturday, December 3
7-8:30 am | Parish Hall
Dom Micillo
dmicillo@aol.com

Advent Penance Service

LET US RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY!

On Friday, December 16, from 6:30-7:30 PM, Ave Maria Parish will offer a Penance Service at the Church. Several priests will be available for confessions, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for public adoration.

If you regularly come to confession—please continue with this practice. If you haven't been to the sacrament in a while, please come back. Invite others to come as well—after all, Advent is the time for a renewal in Christ.

Jesus tells us: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Mt 11:28). Isn't his message the very essence of the Good News? Please, hear Jesus' call, and come to have your burdens lifted in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come, be healed and restored. Jesus, our most merciful, loving, forgiving God will be waiting for you.

We learn from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*:

Confession, also known as Penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy.

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession, we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God.

ADVENT *Penance Service*



Advent Outreach Mission

Let us Open Wide our Hearts to Christ!

The Parish Advent Outreach Mission will take place on November 26, Saturday and December 3, Saturday.

Parish Volunteers will visit homes in Coquina and Silverwood inviting them to our parish events in December including the Immaculate Conception procession, Guadalupe celebration, the Nativity Play and the Christmas Masses in English and Spanish. The Parish Volunteers will also inquire if the families have any requests for sacraments, house blessings or Pilgrim Virgin statue visits.

Additionally, the Parish Volunteers will distribute information on these December Parish events after the Vigil and Sunday Masses on November 26 and 27.

Please pray for the success of the Parish Advent Mission!



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



¿Por qué tenemos una misión parroquial durante el Adviento y la Cuaresma?
¿Por qué algunos de nuestros parroquianos visitan casas e invitan a las personas a acercarse a Cristo y a la Iglesia que Jesús ha fundado?

En pocas palabras la respuesta es: “*Lo necesitamos hacer.*” Esta es la respuesta de San Pablo: “*Predicar el Evangelio no es para mí ningún motivo de gloria; es más bien un deber que me incumbe. Y ¡ay de mí si no predicara el Evangelio!*” (1 Cor 9: 16). La misión parroquial tiene un objetivo, el cual es, extender el llamado de Jesús a la conversión. Reflexionemos sobre la enseñanza del Santo

Juan Pablo II en la Carta Encíclica *Redemptoris Missio* (December 7, 1990):

La conversión significa aceptar, con decisión personal, la soberanía de Cristo y hacerse discípulos suyos. La Iglesia llama a todos a esta conversión, siguiendo el ejemplo de Cristo mismo, el cual, dijo: “El tiempo se ha cumplido y el Reino de Dios está cerca; convertíos y creed en la Buena Nueva” (Mc 1, 14-15).

Hoy la llamada a la conversión que los misioneros dirigen se pone en tela de juicio o pasa en silencio. Se ve en ella un acto de “proselitismo.” Se dice que basta ayudar a los hombres a ser más humanos o más fieles a la propia religión; que basta formar comunidades capaces de trabajar por la justicia, la libertad, la paz y la solidaridad. Pero se olvida que toda persona tiene el derecho a escuchar la “Buena Nueva” de Dios que se revela y se da en Cristo, para realizar en plenitud la propia vocación.

Encuesta Parroquial

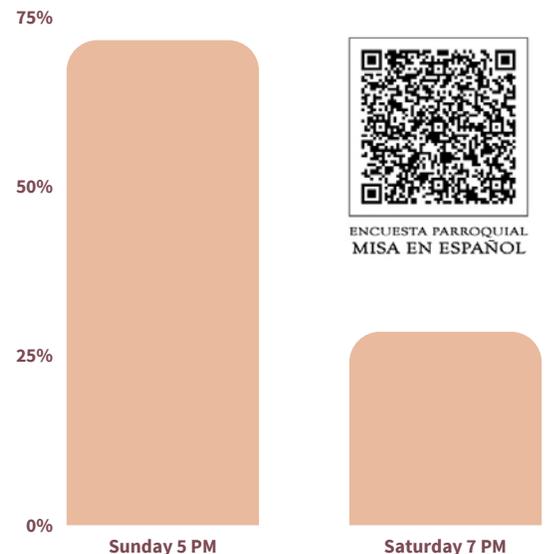
MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Quisieramos conocer su opinión en referencia al horario de la celebración de la Santa Misa en español. En esta breve encuesta podrás marcar tu preferencia, ya sea mantener el horario de la eucaristía el sábado a las 7 de la tarde o modificarlo al día domingo, a las 5 de la tarde. Hasta el momento hemos tenido 165 respuestas.

Sábado: 47 (28.5 %); Domingo: 118 (71.5%)

Using this survey, please let us know if you would prefer keeping the Saturday Mass in Spanish as it is now or changing it to Sundays at 5:00 pm. As of Oct., 26, these are the numbers: Responses: 165. Saturday: 47 (28.5 %); Sunday: 118 (71.5%)

Spanish Mass Schedule Preferences (as of 11/4/22)



Ave Maria University Events

November 26 - November 27

Museum Hours

Mother Teresa Museum

Hours are typically 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday - Saturday

However, hours are subject to change. Please contact James Stella, to learn about the Museum's specific hours the day you want to visit.

James.Stella@avemaria.edu or
239-304-7954



Student Performance

From the Heart...

**O'Bryan Performance Hall
(Thomas and Selby Prince Auditorium)
Saturday | Dec 3 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Join us for an exciting Saturday matinee presented by the voice students of Prof. Kate Owen. Take a break from your studies for a moment and immerse yourself in an amazing array of musical hits, from classical to contemporary. **Admission FREE!**



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DONAHUE ACADEMY

Ave Maria Parish's PK-12 Catholic, Classical School

Annual Canned Food Drive

DONAHUE ACADEMY STUDENTS SERVING OTHERS

Following last year's highly successful Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive, Donahue Academy students established a lofty goal to collect 4,000 non-perishable food items to donate to the Guadalupe Social Services Center in Immokalee.

The parish school's four teams were arranged to include a grade form each stage of academic formation in the school, uniting Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric students as they worked to contribute to the schools' stretch goal and to provide much needed supplies to those in need. As a competitive motivator to achieve the stretch goal, prizes were arranged for both the winning team and the entire school with the winning team receiving a celebratory **Dress Down Day.**



Annual Turkey Trot

FUN AND GAMES BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK!

On the last day of school before our parish school's students are released for Thanksgiving Break, all of the students from Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate in a fun and energetic Turkey Trot.

Organized by our lower school's cross-country coaches, each grade level is split into boys and girls teams. After taking their marks, each individual team races each other around the track. Parents, faculty, and staff cheer on the Donahue Academy students from the sidelines, some even taking the opportunity to dress up and join in the extra festive fun. Even some of our very own Donahue Moms get to put their competitive side to the test and switch positions on the sidelines with their cheering children as they run their own Donahue Moms Turkey Trot!

News / Events



December 3

Donahue Academy is a local test center

www.collegeboard.org



December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

No School



December 10

Donahue Christmas Concert

AMU Prince Theatre
3:00 pm

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Visit With Jesus

There are so many beautiful things to look at on the outside *and* on the inside of our parish Church!

I'll give you a little quiz. Have you ever looked up and noticed the 12 golden statues on the outside entrance of our Church? Who are the people the statues represent? I'll give you a hint: there are 12 beautiful big statues representing the exact same people on the inside of our Church.

If you said: "The 12 Apostles" then you would be right! Now let me ask you another question. Can you name the 12 Apostles? Here is a clever poem that will help you remember:

*Jesus called them one by one
Peter, Andrew, James and John.
Then came Philip, Thomas too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.
James, the one they called the less,
Simon, also Thaddeus.
Twelfth Apostle, Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.*

St. Matthias took the place of Judas after Judas betrayed our Lord Jesus. Try and name all the big statues the next time you come inside the Church.

One of the best ways we can grow in our love for Jesus is to come to Church often and make our visits with Him. Every Monday night from 6:30pm-7:30pm we have our guided Children's Holy Hour with Mrs. Hampton and myself, including Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with our pastor, Fr. Vidal, and Ave's finest altar servers.

Mrs. Prather
CatholicKids101.com
"We are kids telling kids about Jesus!"



The Garden of My Heart

The flowers I will make in "the garden of my heart" for Jesus this week are **Poppy flowers**.

I will make them by praying for the souls of brave soldiers who have given their lives for our country.

"Dear Jesus, when You were a child like me, You talked with God, Your Heavenly Father, every single day in prayer. I want to pray every single day too! I will pray the "Our Father" prayer that You taught us for the souls of brave soldiers who have died by giving their lives for our country. Each time I do this, I will be making a bright red Poppy flower in the 'garden of my heart' for You.

I hope You like my Poppy flowers, Jesus! I think they will be very beautiful flowers to make."

"I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all people."

1 Timothy 2:1



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