

| <i>Mass Intentions:</i> |                               |  |
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| 6 December              | Mon. 7:00 am                  | Roberta Morris+  |
| 7 December              | Tue. 7:00 am<br>Tue. 7:00 pm  | Special Intention of the Morris family<br>Terry Thomas + |
| 1 December              | Wed. 7:00 am                  | Deceased priests of DOL                                  |
| 2 December              | Thur. 7:00am                  | Terry Verde +  |
| 3 December              | Fri. 7:00 am                  | Jay Weston +   |
| 4 December              | Sat. 7:00 am<br>Sat. 5:30 pm  | Pat Veik +<br>Tim Collard +                              |
| 5 December              | Sun. 9:00 am<br>Sun. 11:30 am | Mary Garvin +<br>People of the Parish                    |

**Collection:**  
**11/21/21 - \$ 276.75**  
**Mission Co-op - \$ 209.00**

**Second Sunday of Advent:** (Faith Sunday) Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare to celebrate Christmas when we commemorate the first coming of Christ at the Incarnation some 2,000 years ago. In that, we focus on the great and profound mystery of our faith that God became man. We also prepare for the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. In fact, the word “Advent” means “coming.” We are reminded during this season that Christ is coming back and we look forward to that time with great anticipation and hope, while also doing our diligence to prepare well for it.

We believe “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,” as we say in the Creed. But what does that mean? At the end of time there will be a final reckoning in which all people will be held accountable for how they lived on this earth. There are consequences for our actions and those consequences will be eternal. God wants us to repent and turn to Him in love, but He also gives us the freedom to reject Him. God is patient with us. He does not want anyone to “perish but that all should come to repentance.” Still, it is up to us to decide whether or not we will follow Him. We are called to let the grace of God transform us and make us holy so we will be prepared for “the day of the Lord,” whenever that may be.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**5 December 2021**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5:00-5:20 pm  
Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, 11:00-11:20 am  
By appointment

**DAILY MASSES:** Mon.-Sat.: 7:00 am.

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm  
Sunday — 9:00 am  
11:30 am (Español)



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**NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be (vigil) Tuesday December 7th at 7:00pm and Wednesday December 8th at 7:00 am.

**Harvard People's Project:** St. Joseph's will be collecting items for the annual "Christmas box" project for distribution on December 18th. We are collecting hats, gloves, all sizes of socks, boxes of cereal, 1lb packages of rice, cooking oil, bottles of juice, toilet tissue and deodorant. The items may be placed in the box labeled "People's Project" inside the vestibule of the church by December 15th, Thank you for your generosity.

**Altar Society News:** There will be coffee and rolls as after the 9am Mass today December 5th. The Altar Society meeting is postponed until January. We will decorate the church for Christmas and have a soup brunch after the 9am Mass on December 19th.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** December 19th from 4pm-5pm. There will be additional times available to go to confession. Fr. Zimmer and Fr. Morris will be here to hear confessions from 4pm to 5pm or until finished.

## - St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

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| Edith Weber     | Jack Paulus     | Cecilia Meeza  | Delores Leininger |
| Sharon Reasland | Virginia Miller | Teresa Volesky | Mary Garvin       |
| Brad Oschner    | Juan Slazar     | Diane Walz     | Dennis Reddick    |
| Cesaria Gabriel | Cecilia Martel  | Jeff Almond    | Erica Lauinger    |
| Bill Kerber     | Cathy Kamost    | Salvador Palas | Lily Mead         |
| Jordan Ortmeier | Fr. Allan Phan  | Mike Kirwan    | Kelem Fabrice     |
| Doris Henvey +  | Marlene Ostdiek | Diane Noak     | Garry Veik        |
| Kathy Rathman   | Brenda Lang     | Angel Valdivia | Randy Schulte     |

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-772-7381) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

**Adult Bible Study:** The adult bible study is every Thursday at 6:30pm. The topic on December 2nd will be chapters 5-6 of the Gospel of Luke.

**Grief and the Holidays:** December 6th at 7 pm please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores "Grief and the Holidays" from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. More information and registration is at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief>. This free event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse and livestreamed

**Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio:** How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on

social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** in Waverly has published its Spring 2022 Schedule of retreats at [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) - upcoming retreats include:  
Dec. 9-12, Regnum Christi Men's Retreat  
Dec. 17-18 **24-hour Advent Retreat** with Fr. Gary Coulter.  
Or, Join an online **Advent Retreat Series**, Mondays at 7pm Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 - come one week or all four: "Learning to Trust in God" with Connie Rossini, free-will offering at [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org).

**Mass of the Holy Innocents:** The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 402- 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 17th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

## **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

*Friday, December 24*  
*Confessions: 5:30pm -6:00pm*  
*6:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)*  
*9:30pm Mass*

*Saturday, December 25*  
*Confessions will be the same as on Sundays*  
*9:00am Mass (English)*  
*11:30 am Mass (Spanish)*