



Our Lady of the Assumption Church
**Advent and
Christmas 2024**



Advent Begins Sunday, December 1st

During the weeks of Advent – at all Masses – we will continue to provide an opportunity for a **time of quiet**; a time to cultivate the patience of waiting . . . and listening. We all need time to prepare ourselves to hear the Lord’s coming; to listen for His gentle footsteps. For this preparation, we need silence. There will be a minimum of liturgical music, still enabling us to enter deeper into the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist. Perhaps, with better preparation, our Christmas may burst into even *greater* song and praise as we welcome Christ, Our Savior, more deeply into our lives.

Bells & Stars

Bells & Stars is our Helping Hands Christmas Gift Program for children less fortunate in our community. We pray that it helps make their Christmas a little brighter. Please return wrapped gifts – along with the original Bells & Stars gift tag – **no later than Sunday, December 15th**. Place them in the special box in the Gathering Area or Parish Center as soon as possible. Gifts will be distributed to families on December 21st. If you have questions, call Coordinator Ann-Marie Minerly @ 845-775-8224.



Christmas Flower Remembrances

Donations for Christmas Flower Remembrances are now being accepted in memory or in support of the health of a loved one. Thanks to your generosity these donations help defray the cost of the church’s Christmas decorations. Special envelopes are available in your mailed packets, or you may obtain one in the Gathering Area of the church. The suggested gift for each memorial is \$10.00 and you may place your envelope in the offering at Mass. All names must be submitted no later than **Sunday, December 15th**. *[Please print clearly.]* so names can be correct in the bulletin.)

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

Celebrated on Monday, December 9th ~ Mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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Reconciliation for R. E. Students and Their Families

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30-7:30 PM, all parents and older siblings are invited to join the R.E. students for their evening of Reconciliation.

Advent "Reconciliation Monday"

Monday, December 16th from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.
There will be NO Reconciliation available at OLA or St. Paul's on that day.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th

ONE Christmas Eve Mass ONLY at **5:30 PM**

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass at **9:30 AM**



New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1st

(Holy Day of Obligation)

"The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God"

Mass at **9:30 AM**

