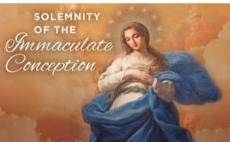


**DECEMBER 1, 2024** 

# **ST. DAVID THE KING**

# First Sunday in Advent





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The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed on Monday, December 9. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass times are 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

# The Pope's Intention for December

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEKENDS:**

Saturday -4 p.m. Sunday -9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. "Last Chance Mass" 7 p.m. WEEKDAYS: Monday - Friday -9 a.m. First Saturday -9 a.m. CONFESSION: Saturday -3 - 3:45 p.m. Thursday -6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



## MASS INTENTIONS

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

9 a.m. John A. Chadwick, dec. req. by the Chadwick Family Anita Dantone, dec. req. by Maggie Provine and Cheryl Ellsworth Mrs. Adaeze Ida Nwuba, dec. \* req. by Chi Okwesa

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

9 a.m. Robert Longstaff, dec. req. by Ray and Kerry Rigoletto John J. Schnell, dec. req. by Kate and Derek Miller David Awanbor, dec.\* req. by Iyekeze Ezefili

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9 a.m. Robert G. Fuller, dec. req. by Susan & Bob Fuller Mrs. Adaeze Oda Nwuba, dec. req. by Chi Okwesa

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

9 a.m. Madeline O'Dell, dec. req. by William O'Dell Frances Robb Murphy, dec. req. by the Garver Family

First Friday and

Friday, Dec. 6

Confessions &

Communal Rosary

Saturday, Dec, 7

Communal

Rosary

Saturday Devotions

\*These mass intentions have been rescheduled from the days it was necessary to cancel mass due to tile work being done in the church.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9 a.m. Elizabeth Stripp, dec. req. by Ray and Kerry Rigoletto John Schnell, dec. req. by Cheryl Ellsworth Gregory Almeida, dec. \* req. by the Gracias Family

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

- 9 p.m. John J. & Anne Chadwick, dec. req. by the Chadwick Family John Schnell, dec. req. by Robert Camilleri
- 4 p.m. Steven Toscano, dec.
  req. by his family
  Palma & Sebastian Garofalo
  req. by the DeLuca Family

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- 9 a.m. Noel Almeida, dec. req. by the Gracias Family Agnes Nicola, dec. req. by Rose & Richard Wiener
- 10:30 a.m. Chester & Viola Skwirut, dec. *req. by their children and grandchildren* For the People of the Parish
- 7 p.m. Marianne & Robert E. Thornton, dec. *req. by Christopher Thornton* John Schnell, dec. *req. by Anne & Steve Kellner*

### The Tabernacle Lamp Shines Before All November 24 - December 7

Richie "Francis" Tula, dec. req. by Ron & Theresa Maruca

## The Marian Candle Shines Before the Blessed Mother

December 1 - 7 Maria Conus



## Advent Reflection: Embracing the Humility of Christ

As we journey through Advent, preparing our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth, we are invited to reflect on the profound humility of the Incarnation. The King of kings chose to enter the world not in wealth or splendor but in the simplicity of a manger, born into poverty and obscurity. This sacred act of humility reveals to us the essence of true joy and fulfillment—a life rooted in God's eternal love.

In contrast, the culture around us, amplified by social media, often encourages a focus on materialism and outward appearances, especially during this season. We are bombarded with images and messages suggesting that happiness can be purchased, wrapped, and displayed. Yet, as followers of Christ, we know that no earthly possession can fill the deepest desires of our hearts. True happiness is found not in what we own but in the One who owns our hearts.

This Advent, let us turn away from the noise of materialism and instead embrace the quiet humility of Bethlehem. May we spend time in prayer, acts of charity, and reflection on the eternal truths of our faith. In doing so, we align our hearts with the peace and joy that only Christ can bring.

Let us prepare room for Him, remembering that the greatest gift we can give or receive is His presence in our lives.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations can be found with your weekly contribution envelopes, and on the table in the Gathering Space.

If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones listed on the Remembrance Poster please use one of the envelopes. Please return the completed envelope to the **Parish Office no later than December 9.** 

#### 2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Thursday, December 19 – 7 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24 Church - 4 pm, 6 pm\*, 10 pm Great Hall – 4 pm \*Music will feature the Children's Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25 Church – 10:30 am, 12 noon

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Saturday, December 28 - 4 pm Sunday, December 29 – 9 am, 10:30 am, 7 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY Wednesday, January 1, 2025 The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God 9 am, 7 pm







Gift Tag Selection: December 7 ど 8 after all masses

### Gift Return: December 15 before 1 p.m.

Please support this project and make a child's Christmas brighter. Thank you for your continued support.











# Bakers are needed for the CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL!

If you are interested in baking or contributing cookies, please contact Colleen Cosgrove <u>ccosgrove@stdavidthekingnj.com</u>.



# CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7 – 8:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

Don't miss this uplifting evening of music and song! We will sing traditional Christmas carols. Stay for wassail and homemade cookies and treats. This will be a terrific time to catch up with old friends and meet a few new ones, too! All are welcome!

> If you have questions please contact Cindy Sosa at <u>cindyanne92@yahoo.com</u>





The festival will begin with the Saint Sebastian Procession followed by Mass with Bishop O'Connell, C.M. and finally, we will feast on a variety of International Foods.

Mark your calendar for this special event when we can once again gather and celebrate the rich cultural diversity in our parish community.

Parishioners are invited to bring your favorite ethnic dish for our potluck meal.



More information and signup form to come soon.



#### Simbang Gabi 2024

Simbang Gabi is the Filipino tradition of a nine-day series of Masses held in honor of the Virgin Mary in preparation for Christmas. Why not plan to attend one or all of the Masses this Advent?

Schedule of Masses (subject to change) 12/15/24 - Sunday - 4 pm St. Anthony of Padua 251 Franklin St., Hightstown

12/16/24 - Monday - 7 pm St. David the King 1 Village Road, Princeton Jct.

12/17/24 - Tuesday - 7 pm St. Gregory the Great Church 4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton

12/18/24 - Wednesday - 7 pm St. Paul's Church 214 Nassau St., Princeton

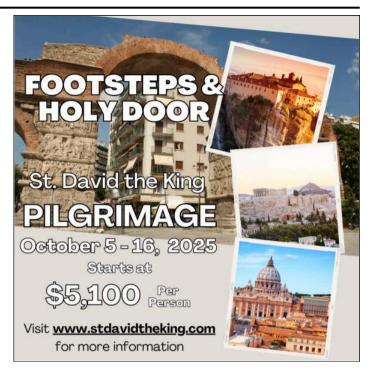
12/19/24 - Thursday - 7 pm St. Vincent de Paul 555 Yardville-Allentown Road, Yardville

12/20/24 - Friday -7 pm Incarnation/St. James 1545 Pennington Road, Ewing

12/21/24 - Saturday - 7 pm St. Raphael Church 3500 South Broad St. Hamilton

12/22/24 - Sunday - 7 pm Our Lady of Good Counsel 137 W Upper Ferry Rd., Ewing

12/23/24 - Monday - 7 pm Church of St. Ann 253 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville



#### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

- . Are you new to the parish?
- Are you a young adult who recently moved out of the family home?
- Have you moved or changed contact information recently?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we would like to hear from you to make sure our records are current. Registration packets may be picked up from the Parish Office during the week, Monday through Friday between 9 and 2. Packets can also be mailed to you. To have a packet mailed, please contact parishoffice@stdavidtheking.com, or call 609.275.7111 x101.

Return the form included in the registration packet to the front office as soon as possible.

If you have moved or changed your telephone number in the past year, please stop by the office and complete a Parishioner Change of Information form or email Vivian at <u>voliveti@stdavidtheking.com</u>.



# Consider a Stock Donation to the Parish this Christmas

The parish accepts donations of stock and other appreciated securities. This is a tax effective way to maximize your donation, while reducing your income tax burden.

If you would like to donate stocks or securities this Christmas, please contact Deirdre Misiura at <u>dmisiura@stdavidtheking.com</u> or 609.275.7111, ext. 105



#### PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of Sexual Abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

# The Catholic Community of St. David the King

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We are formed by faith, live in hope, serve with love. Inspired by the joy of the Gospel message, our mission is to provide liturgies that are joyful and transformational, Faith Formation that supports all generations, hospitality that welcomes everyone and generous service that brings the Presence of Christ to others.

#### PARISH OFFICE

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Open after weekend Masses

#### ADORATION:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 - 8:45 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 - 3:45 p.m.

#### **DEVOTIONS:**

First Friday, 9 a.m. Mass & Communal Rosary First Saturday, 9 a.m. Mass & Confessions & Communal Rosary Miraculous Medal Novena Following Monday Mass St. Jude Novena Following Wednesday Mass Communal Rosary Following Friday Mass



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