

# Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022



## SAINT JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor:

Rev. Jason Thuerauf

Deacons:

Deacon Mike Bunch

Deacon Joe Hensley

Deacon John Volk

Deacon Alan Spears (retired)

Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

**Daily Mass** Monday-Friday 8:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

**Saturday Mass** (anticipatory) 5:00 pm

**Sunday Mass** 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

**National Holiday Mass Time:** M-F 9:00 am

The Church is Open Weekdays

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Community Center & Office is Open

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

### Staff

**Business Manager:** Nikkole Cabbage

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*Fourth Sunday*

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



### Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of St. Jude is formed in faith in Jesus Christ. We seek to grow in our faith through the proclamation of God’s Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. We are dedicated to love and care for all God’s people in their physical and spiritual needs. The stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure is conducted in a way that shows our gratitude to God for His blessings.

# Christmas Services



## Christmas & New Year's Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm with the Youth Choir  
Christmas Eve: 7:00 pm with the Joyful Heart Choir  
Midnight Mass with the Chenaniah Praise Band  
(incense will be used at this Mass)

Christmas Day: 10:00 am with a Cantor & Piano

New Year's Eve: 5:00 pm

New Year's Day: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

## Parish & Church Hours for Christmas & New Year's

The Parish offices will be closed beginning Monday, December 26th through January 2nd. We will reopen for regular business hours on January 3rd.

The church will only be open for daily Mass December 26th through December 30th and January 2nd. The rest of the day, the church will be closed. There will not be Adoration on Monday, December 26th & January 2nd.

Important: Please be aware that the IRS requires all charitable donations for the year 2022 be made no later than Dec 31, 2022. All donations for the year 2022 must be in the office or postmarked by Dec 31, 2022. (Our office will be closed Dec 25-31, 2022.)

## Stewardship

**As a Stewardship Parish, we budget 10% tithing of our offertory gifts toward charitable & worthy causes.**

Weekly Offertory Contributions

Dec 8 (Immaculate Conception) \$1,789.03

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## A Message from Our Pastor

### Do Not Be Afraid

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Mt 1:20).

These words spoken by the angel to Joseph are great words to reflect upon as we enter the last week of our Advent journey. Let's consider what they mean to Joseph and what they can also mean to us.

Joseph planned on divorcing Mary quietly—not because the child she was carrying wasn't his, but rather because he knew that the child was set apart for something great, and he did not feel worthy. So the angel tells Joseph not to be afraid and reassures him that he is part of this plan. And Joseph silently responds with his own "yes" by doing what the Lord had commanded him.

What can we then take from this *fiat* of Joseph? First, we too are called to welcome our Mother Mary into our homes. Much of this season of waiting and preparing is to welcome Jesus into our homes at Christmas. But let us not forget His mother. We welcome her into our homes now during this Advent season so that she can help us prepare our hearts and homes for His coming as she did 2,000 years ago. And then let us continue to welcome her into our homes during Christmas so that she can continue to guide us to her Son.

Secondly, we should learn from Joseph's *fiat* that we are each called to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and be not afraid of what God may be calling us to. Sometimes we are called to do great things that are a little terrifying and daunting. Joseph knows what that is like, being asked to care for both the Savior and His mother. But let us have the courage and fortitude of Joseph to go forth as the Lord might be calling us, no matter how daunting the task may be.

Do not be afraid of what the Lord is calling you to do in your life. And do not be afraid to welcome both Jesus and Mary into your homes this Advent and Christmas season.

Fr. Thuerlauf



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# EVENTS/REMINDERS

## Garrison Access Open on Weekends

The Garrison Street entrance to the parking lot question has been resolved. The City of Lakewood has installed 2 gates. St Jude is responsible for opening them 1 hour before and closing them 1 hour after weekend Masses, big funerals, weddings, Holy Days, the annual parish picnic, and Ash Wednesday. Appropriate signage will redirect traffic to the Florida Avenue entrance when closed.

## Catholic Daughters Lunch & Learn

Our last session is Tuesday, December 20th at 12 noon. Bring a sack lunch and a drink and join us in the CCLL as we watch Formed.org to help prepare our hearts for Christmas.

## Bethlehem Arts for Sale this Weekend

View a Beautiful Collection of Hand Carved Statues & Gifts from the Holy Land this weekend, **December 17th & 18th** after all the Masses! Featuring Olive Wood Statues: Jesus Christ, Virgin Mary, Angels & Saints, Crosses & Crucifixes, Rosaries with Holy Land Soil, Nativity Scenes, Wall Art & More!

Bethlehem Handicrafts will showcase a collection of beautiful olive wood carvings & gifts from the Holy Land following each Mass. Help support Christian artisans in Bethlehem during these unprecedented times. With almost no tourists allowed in the Holy Land since early 2020, most Christian families have not made any income. These Christian families are struggling due to the major increase in the cost of living brought on by conflicts around the world. We have taken it upon ourselves to do what we can to help make these difficult times less painful for our Christian families back home, giving them the courage and belief that, even in the most difficult of times, we will all prevail and pass through this together.



## Eucharistic Adoration | Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Mondays 4:00-7:00 pm & First Fridays 8:30 am-4 pm in the Church.**

On First Friday we will also have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm. Spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. **Sorry, there will be no Adoration December 26th.**



# HIGHLIGHTED MINISTRIES



Militia Immaculata meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the lower level of the Community Center.

Light of God Prayer Community meets Thursdays at 10:00 am in the church basement focusing on Jesus Christ through prayer, song, & scripture all with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. The meeting concludes at 11:30 am. Come join us. For more information please call Marion Budz at 303-973-2613.

Fellowship of Light meets every Wednesday, in the St Benedict room (church basement) from 9:00 am -11:00 am. Currently we are focusing on different aspects of our faith through a DVD series titled "God in America". All are welcome. Questions? Contact Maria LaBreche at 303-986-2017.

Prime Timers is a social group of fun-loving people age 50-105. Our purpose is: **To PRAY, To SERVE, & To ENJOY.** We meet on each 1st & 3rd Friday of the month between Sept and May. Questions? Please call Marg Utz at 303-988-7868. **The next meeting will be January 6th at 8:45 am following the 8am Mass.**

Raphael Book Club meets every Thursday afternoon from 1:00-2:30 pm in the St. Benedict room (church basement). Come join us for a good book, discussion and friendship. Contact Margie at 303-358-2752

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Juan & Beatrice Hernandez celebrated 50 years of marriage on November 25th  
Congratulations!



## Youth Group Fundraiser Items Have Arrived!

Thank you to all who supported our Youth program through the sock & shirt fundraiser. Your items have arrived and can be picked up in the parish office next week, December 19th - 23rd.

## Bulletin & Pulpit Announcements

**Bulletin Announcements** are due Monday one week prior to Sunday publication. Announcements are to be short due to limited space and are to be run one or two weeks prior to the event. Announcements for the bulletin are to be sent to [bulletin@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:bulletin@saintjudelakewood.org)

**Pulpit Announcements** are to be short, up to 110 characters (two sentences). Please submit one week prior to Mass to Rhonda at [rmcintyre@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:rmcintyre@saintjudelakewood.org)

**Flocknote Announcements** may be sent to Tyler Eberle at [teberle@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:teberle@saintjudelakewood.org)

## Handbell Ringers workshop

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. to noon in the church

All are welcome to attend this fun hands-on workshop to learn more about playing handbells or to refresh your memory if you have played before. We will be starting a handbell choir after this workshop and will play on Easter morning at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Whether or not you think you want to join the choir, you are welcome to attend the workshop. Space is limited so please RSVP to Brenda at [bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:bmaxwell@saintjudelakewood.org) or 303-988-6435.



# Fr. Thuerauf's Installation as Pastor



# Stay Connected

## Family Status

Do you have a change in your family status, or have you moved, have a new phone number or a new email address? If you have any updates, please notify us at: [mail@saintjudelakewood.org](mailto:mail@saintjudelakewood.org)

(911) **Outreach Assistance** for those facing temporary financial setbacks within our area: financial assistance is often available for rent assistance, utilities, food, etc. Please arrange for an appointment by calling 303-882-2253.

## Stay connected with St Jude!

Join Flocknote today to receive texts or emails about what is currently happening at our parish. Go to [www.flocknote.com/stjudelakewood](http://www.flocknote.com/stjudelakewood) or text stjude to 84576.



## Christmas Cards for Father Bob

Father Bob is delighted to get Christmas cards from you! You may mail them or drop them off at the Parish office and we will forward them to him.



## Sacraments

**Baptisms:** A pre-baptismal session is required for parents and godparents. Please call the office at 303-988-6435 before or after the child's birth, before you choose godparents, to register. The **next class is January 28, 9am-12pm** in the Community Center lower level.

**Marriage:** Those who wish to be married at St. Jude Church must be registered in the parish for at least one year. Sons and daughters of registered parishioners may also be married here. A 12-month preparation period is required. Please call the office at 303-988-6435 and talk to Deacon Mike.

**Anointing of the Sick:** In the case of serious illness in the family, please call the office immediately at 303-988-6435. Do not wait until death is imminent. When the office is closed, you will be directed to the emergency line.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Call the office 303-988-6435.

## Organizations Involved with St. Jude

Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2035  
Court Madonna of the Mountains

We meet the first Saturday of every month in the Lower Level Community Center from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The next regular meeting is January 7th. It's an organization that helps parishes and communities through the Religious and Charitable Apostolates of the Church. Join us this year to serve those in need. For more information call Juanita Halverson 303-986-2452.



## Sack Lunch Sunday



Please support **Volunteers of America** to help feed the poor. Bring your lunches with 2 sandwiches per sack along with other typical lunch items: water or juice; fruit, vegetables and cookies or chips on **February 12th** prior to the 11:00 am Mass.

## Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council #16052



The council meets on the 1st Tuesday for an Officer's Business meeting and the Membership Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday in the church basement with a rosary at 7:00 pm. For questions, contact John F. Oldani, Jr. at 303-564-7806

**Welcome New Parishioners!**

**If you are new to our parish and have not registered, please pick up a registration form at our welcome desk in the gathering space.**

**The committee will also give you a welcome bag!** You can also go to the office during business hours or go online to [saintjudelakewood.org](http://saintjudelakewood.org) and register!  
*Don't forget to sign up on Flocknote!!*

**Scripture Readings**

**Monday:** Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25  
**Tuesday:** Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38  
**Wednesday:** Zep 3: 14-18a/ Ps 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ Lk 1: 39-45  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Lk 1: 46-56  
**Friday:** Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8-16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ Lk 1: 67-79  
**Sunday:** Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98: 1-6/ Heb 1: 1-6/ Jn 1: 1-18

**Pray for the sick parishioners of our parish**

**(Names will remain for one month)**

Katie Liedtke, Stephanie Colborg, Dana Mullins, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Stephen Roberge, Fred Clarke, Tom Zupancich, Johnny Griffey, Mary Aymani, Suellen Reeves, Lucille Beaudrie, Eugene Beaudrie, Katlyn Fitzpatrick, Bob Cummings, Donna Gallenback, Emillo Alderate, Gary Landry, Paula Landry, Douglas Sawyer, Rich Evans, Rita Jo Van Driel, Joanie Losacco, Pedro Arreola-Rodriguez, Angie Bordonda, Elsie Lunsford, Paul Hoefler, Karen Szuella, Jim Gillcrist, George Stock

**Pray for the deceased parishioners of our parish**

+ Lucretia Collier-Babby, + Earnest Dorrance, + Ben Casias, + Robert Bohman, + Donald Sandner

*Please contact the office if a parishioner needs to be added to our Prayer List for sick or deceased.*

**This Week at Saint Jude**

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
<b>8 am Mass - Anedo</b> 8:30 am Rosary  4:00 pm Adoration  <b>NO Catholic Biblical School Class</b>	<b>8 am Mass - Schaffer</b> 8:30 am Rosary  12:00 pm Catholic Daughters Lunch & Learn  <b>NO Special Ed Class</b>	<b>8 am Mass - Thuerauf</b> 8:30 am Rosary  9:00 am Fellowship of Light  <b>NO Middle School Youth</b>  <b>NO RE Classes</b>	<b>8 am Mass - Thuerauf</b> 8:30 am Rosary  10:00 am Light of God Prayer Group  1:00 pm Raphael Book Club	<b>8 am Mass - Thuerauf</b> 8:30 am Rosary  3:00 pm Divine Mercy	<i>(Holy Day of Obligation 24th or 25th)</i>  <b>NO Confessions</b>  <b>4 pm Christmas Eve Mass - Thuerauf</b>  <b>7 pm Christmas Eve Mass - Reycraft</b>  <b>Christmas Midnight Mass (with incense) - Thuerauf</b>	<b>10 am Christmas Mass - Schaffer</b>

**Mass Intentions**

+ Leo H. Schneider	+ Daniel Leiker	+ Mary Haney	+ Fr. Marian Babjak	+ Gloria Stifflemier	+ Patricia Baker + Gilbert Casias, + Steffie Casias	+ Celia Pino
					For the Parishioners of St. Jude	

# OF INTEREST

## Healing from Divorce Program for Catholic Families

Please join us for this Healing from Divorce Program for Catholic families. Topics include grief, forgiveness, communication with children, annulments, and more. This workshop is being held at two locations:

St Mary Parish in Littleton starting January 9th from 7-8pm for 10 weeks.

St Thomas More, Centennial - Starting Jan 9th from 6:30-8:30pm for 12 weeks

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Call Deacon Steve Stemper, Lisa Kukura or Joshua Gideon at 303-468-9885 for more information.

## Highlighted Ministry Leader

Marg Utz is President of Prime Timers and a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound and nursing



homes. Marg grew up on a farm in a small town in Illinois where her parents, and her community, surrounded her with a strong Catholic faith. Her family prayed the Rosary together and the Catholics in town and surrounding farms all

attended Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. Marg gave of herself as a nurse in surgery for almost 40 years at St. Joseph hospital. She continues to give to others by bringing the Eucharist to nursing homes where she has been touched by witnessing people cry after they receive Jesus. She encourages you to give of your time for others and assures that you will get back more than you give. Her husband died unexpectedly, followed just a few years later by the death of her son. She credits the community of Prime Timers with surrounding her with love during these difficult times and states that without her faith in Christ she would not have gotten through it! Marg feels like she "doesn't do that much". We feel that she is a true disciple of Christ who understands that helping others brings happiness.

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