

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

## CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY

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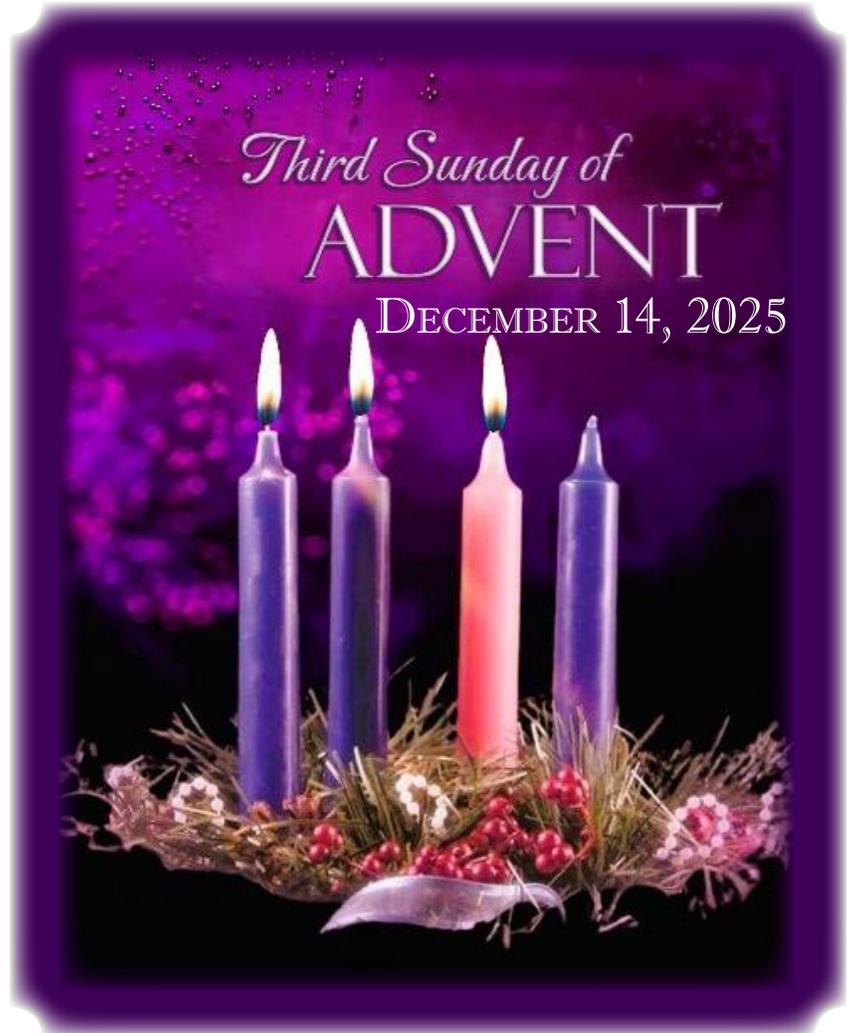
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### *Weekend Mass Schedule:*

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

### *Daily Mass Schedule:*

Tues. 5:30 pm, Wed. 12:00 pm, Thurs. 8:30 am,

Fri. 8:30 am, First Sat. 9:30 am

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation:*

Friday 9:30 - 10:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

### *Parish Office Hours:*

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

### *Bulletin Announcements:*

Due by Friday for the following Sunday bulletin:  
[communications@stlrnc.org](mailto:communications@stlrnc.org)

### *Baptism:*

Parents must be active and registered in the parish for at least three months prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call the Parish Office at 919-848-1533 for more information.

### *Sacrament of Anointing:*

Please call the Parish Office at 919-848-1533

### *Marriage:*

Catholic parties should be registered and active parishioners for at least six months before the wedding to allow enough time in the formation of the sacrament. Please contact Barbara Bower at [weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org](mailto:weddingcoordinator@stlrnc.org) for additional information.

### *Sacrament of Holy Orders:*

If anyone is discerning a call to the priesthood, please contact the Parish Office at 919-848-1533 for additional information.

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*St. Luke's Vision Statement: Joyfully living the Gospel through sacraments, service, and love.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 2025 *St. Lucy*

4:00 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Leann & Mike Jones  
 by Mike & Susan Young

### SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2025 *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM Mass Pro Populo  
 11:00 AM † John Arpa, Sr.  
 by Angie Arpa

### MONDAY, DEC. 15, 2025

No Daily Mass

### TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 2025

5:30 PM † William Thea Tatum  
 by Tatum Family

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 2025

12:00 PM † Mark Soisson  
 by Rosemary Herhold

### THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 2025

8:30 AM † Sybil Noviniski  
 by Kelly Family

### FRIDAY, DEC. 19, 2025

8:30 AM † Frances M. Lambertus  
 by Lambertus Family

### SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 2025

4:00 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Mass Pro Populo

### SUNDAY, DEC. 21, 2025 *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM † Walt Ostack  
 by Randi Ostack  
 11:00 AM Mass Pro Populo

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 2025 *St. Lucy*

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP.....7:30 AM  
 FIRST RECONCILIATION.....10:00 AM  
 RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM  
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM  
 VIGIL MASS .....5:30 PM  
 YOUTH GROUP POTLUCK & WRAPPING PARTY.....6:30 PM

### SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2025 *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
 MASSES .....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### MONDAY, DEC. 15, 2025

LEGION OF MARY.....6:30 PM  
 ADVENT BIBLE STUDY-YOUNG ADULT GROUP...7:00 PM

### TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 2025

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (TMBS)...9:15 AM  
 MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GROUP.....1:30 PM  
 EVENING MASS.....5:30 PM  
 CHOIR PRACTICE.....6:30 PM  
 SCHOLA PRACTICE.....7:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 2025

NOON MASS.....12:00 PM  
 WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD.....6:15 PM  
 OCIA.....6:30 PM

### THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 2025

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM  
 GIFTS.....9:30 AM

### FRIDAY, DEC. 19, 2025

MORNING MASS.....8:30 AM  
 ADORATION.....9:00 AM  
 RECONCILIATION.....9:30 AM  
 BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.4:00 PM

### SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 2025

RECONCILIATION.....4:00 PM  
 ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....5:00 PM  
 VIGIL MASS .....5:30 PM

### SUNDAY, DEC. 21, 2025 *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

ROSARY BEFORE MASS.....8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
 MASSES .....8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

ADORATION OF  
 THE EUCHARIST:  
 FRIDAYS 9AM - 4PM



### SCAM ALERT

Scammers are once again sending fake emails to parishioners. You will NEVER get a solicitation email from our Pastor, Staff or Bishop asking for a "favor" or for emergency help in the form of money. Please do not open or click on these emails — mark them as spam or delete them right away.

**WEEKLY READINGS: DEC. 14-21**

**Sunday 12/14:** Isa 35:1-6a, 10 / Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 / Jm 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

**Monday 12/15:** Num 24:2-7, 15-17a / Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 / Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday 12/16:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 / Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday 12/17:** Gen 49:2, 8-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 / Mt 1:1-17

**Thursday 12/18:** Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 / Mt 1:18-25

**Friday 12/19:** Judg 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

**Saturday 12/20:** Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Lk 1:26-38

**Next Sunday 12/21:** Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

**Altar Flowers**

In honor of our  
36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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**Liturgy & Prayer**

Adoration	Mary Kate Travers	919-528-1068	mktravers@nc.rr.com
Altar Flowers	Carol Blando	919-427-3865	cbblando@gmail.com
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Readers	Jim Mooney	510-774-5613	mooney.james.e@gmail.com
Live Streaming	Joe Jacobs	919-400-6327	jjoe.ja@gmail.com

**Outreach**

Bereavement	Parish Office	919-848-1533	Please Call
Catholic Parish Outreach	Ken Low	919-397-4018	Please Call
G.I.F.T.S.	Peggy Miller	501-762-1635	peg.miller@outlook.com
Habitat for Humanity	Randy Giggard	919-637-1893	randygiggard@gmail.com
Homebound	Parish Office	919-848-1533	Please Call
Hospital Ministry	Jeanne Rodriguez	919-434-5017	jeanner517@gmail.com
Nursing Home Ministry	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.com
Respect Life	OPEN	919-848-1533	Please Call

**Community Life & Facilities**

God's Housekeepers	Dan Schubert	919-847-0282	dan.molly@att.net
Knights of Columbus	Rick Beebe	919-418-0845	bbgunrtb@yahoo.com
Parish Library	Allison Coates	612-418-8201	Please Call
Wedding Coordinator	Barbara Bower	919-841-2202	weddingcoordinator@stlrc.org

**Evangelization**

Legion of Mary	Tammy Huffman	919-744-6998	Please Call
OCIA Coordinator	Dcn. Mike Sanchez	Please Email	dcnmikes7@gmail.com

**Pastoral Council**

Dave Olechovsky	stlukepc@gmail.com	919-621-1778
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Andy Kleitsch	akleitsch@gmail.com	919-274-9766
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**Mary's Corner**

"Whoever asks and wishes to obtain graces without the intercession of Mary, attempts to fly without wings."

- St. Antoninus



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**Those Who Are Sick:**

Carolyn Barbarito, Peter Le, Daniel Nisbeth, Joseph Rothengast Sr., Daniel Ritchie, Jessica Fitzharris

**Repose of the Soul:**

Edward Yatta, Douglas Wipperman, Tim White, William (Bill) Schultz, Walt Ostack, Terry Miner

**Those Who Are Actively Serving In The Military:**

Nathan Thomas, Brendon Burns, Bret Marrow, Brad Miller, Lane Wade, Madeline Chafin, Nico Muzo, James Boland, Caroline Todd, Isaac Cade

**Please Pray For Our Family, Our Friends and Our Parish**

If you'd like to add or remove a name from our prayer list, please email [communications@stlrc.org](mailto:communications@stlrc.org).

Names are kept on the list for 3 weeks. Contact us to extend or update. Thank you!

# Parish Finance Report

## December 14, 2025

FY25-26 Weekly YOY					
Oct-25		Oct-24			
299,580.54		296,282.12			
Current Year (FY 2025)		Prior Year (FY 2024)		Difference	
Nov-25	Total FY 2026	Nov-24	Total FY 2025	\$ YOY by WK	% YOY
2nd	17,061.88	3rd	20,745.63	(3,683.75)	-18%
9th	28,132.13	10th	14,790.95	13,341.18	90%
16th	13,775.79	17th	18,466.07	(4,690.28)	-25%
23rd	18,884.38	24th	18,357.60	526.78	3%
30th	14,974.75	25th-29th	2,562.71	12,412.04	484%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,828.93</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>74,922.96</b>	<b>17,905.97</b>	<b>24%</b>
Thru Nov-25	392,409.47	Thru Nov-24	371,205.08	21,204.39	6%

Budget Comparison		
Nov-25	Mo Budget	83,967.17
	Actual	92,828.93
	Over Under	8,861.76
	YTD Budget	419,835.85
	YTD Actual	392,409.47
	Over/Under	<b>(27,426.38)</b>
	Budget	-6.53%

### Second Collection This Weekend



**12/14/25**  
Please put your donations in the basket when it is passed. Envelopes will be available in the gathering spaces. Thank you!

If you have moved recently, please let us know by emailing [secretary@stlrc.org](mailto:secretary@stlrc.org) so we can update your records.  
  
Thank you!



**Christmas Flowers for the Church**  
  
Donation Envelopes are available in the gathering spaces.

**Offertory Counting Ministry**  
**Volunteers Needed!**

Our volunteers record weekly offertory collections. The time commitment is small but the support to St. Luke's Parish and staff is HUGE! As the new year approaches, we are in need of at least 3 new volunteers.

If you are called to help, please contact Cyndy Aremia by email :  
[Accountant@stlrc.org](mailto:Accountant@stlrc.org) or call between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays: 919-848-1533.  
**Thank you for your prayerful consideration of joining our team.**

# At St. Luke's

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

NOW - DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>



Please select a gift tag from the tree and return it with your unwrapped gift. Thank you! These gifts help support those in need in our community.



At St Luke's, we are blessed and privileged to have Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Adoration, and Benediction every Friday. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after 8:30 Mass with Adoration available all day until Benediction at 4pm. Every hour has 2 committed adorers in addition to our many weekly visitors. At the moment, St Luke's has an "open" hour, meaning that one adorer has left an "open" spot. Please prayerfully consider taking up this hour to offer Adoration to our Lord. It is a wonderful time to sit quietly with Him. To read spiritual works. To pray. To reflect. To listen. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Kate Travers at (mktravers@nc.rr.com) or (914) 548-1614.

### Catholic Parish Outreach featured on Good Morning America!

Scan the QR code to watch:



#### VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME... AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

A committed group St. Luke's parishioners volunteer at CPO on various days of the week so that CPO could provide food to more than **130,000 people in the last year**. They participate in a variety of jobs while volunteering such as interviewing clients, packing bags of food, assembling clients' grocery orders, handing out food to clients, unloading trucks and helping with distribution of children's clothing.

**Please consider joining the group!** If you can't be available every week, consider volunteering one day per month or to be an occasional substitute! **CPO is now open every Saturday**, providing volunteer opportunities for those who work full-time during the week.

If you have questions about volunteering at CPO, please contact Ken Low at 919-397-4018.

To volunteer your time at CPO, email [CpoVolCoordinator@ccharities.org](mailto:CpoVolCoordinator@ccharities.org). For more information about CPO volunteering opportunities, you can access their website at [ccharitiesdor.org](http://ccharitiesdor.org).

## St. Luke's Mass Schedule



### DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Mass: 5:00 PM

Choral Prelude: 8:30 PM

Christmas Eve Mass: 9:00 PM

### DECEMBER 25

Christmas Morning Mass: 8:30 AM

Christmas Morning Mass: 11:00 AM

### DECEMBER 31

Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: 5:30 PM

### JANUARY 1

Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: 9:30 AM

### JANUARY 2

Lessons & Carols: 7:00pm

## ST. LUKE'S

### Family Fun Corner

## ADVENT

Find the word in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

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F Q H T A E R W G E B P E U N B
O A Z U X Z Y I U V R E C S S I
Z E I C N M O E S M A A I G X G
Q N D T X J R S Z G T C O T E J
I Y J E H O T L N N S E J Y G X
P L A Y I T M Q S E U A E O S H
Z G F V I T C Q I I S P R B E N
Y R A M N C A N D L E U G R F H
F S J E A L V N P F J R D W Z K
O E V O J N T H O Q A P X K N L
L D V E S P W Z Z I I L Y N K S
A E S E L E G T F Q Z E G S P L
S O G U I Y P H O L Y N M I Z K
G D M N U L M H G H T R N N M Q
Q L W S A Z E X T V C K Q H K A
I P M U L N G B F W H X S E S Y
    
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|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| ADVENT  | FAITH  | MARY   | REJOICE |
| ANGEL   | HOLY   | PEACE  | SAVIOR  |
| BELIEVE | JESUS  | PINK   | WREATH  |
| CANDLE  | JOSEPH | PURPLE |         |

# At St. Luke's

## Children & Youth Religious Education



### O ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

All St. Luke's Families  
are invited to pick up a Family Activity Pack  
in the Upper Gathering Space  
after all Weekend Masses (12/13 & 14)  
to learn how to participate in this ancient  
Advent tradition of quieting our hearts and  
preparing our hearts to celebrate the Nativity  
of our Lord.

## ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY OF YOUNG CATHOLICS

ST. LUKES INVITES YOU TO A SERIES OF UPCOMING POTLUCK  
TALKS WITH ROB AGNELLI FOR YOUNG ADULTS, ESPECIALLY  
THOSE RECENTLY MARRIED WITH YOUNG FAMILIES

### POTLUCK TALKS

12/16/25	<b>Wives Obey your Husbands:</b> The Masculine Genius and the Feminine Heart	
1/20/26	<b>Do not Provoke your Children:</b> The Unfolding of the Personality of your Child	
2/17/26	<b>Music and Moral Formation</b>	
3/17/26	<b>Technology and the Healthy Family</b>	

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 5:30PM MASS AT ST. LUKES  
30 MIN TALK WHILE EATING, 10 MIN Q+A, 30 MIN TABLE DISCUSSIONS  
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE  
POTLUCK SIGN-UP: [TINYURL.COM/LUKESPOTLUCK](http://TINYURL.COM/LUKESPOTLUCK)

## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, December 13

Adopt-a-Family  
Wrapping Party & Christmas Potluck  
6:30-10:00p.m.

## ST. LUKE'S YOUNG ADULTS

### ADVENT STUDY

Monday, December 15 at 7:00p.m.  
In the Holy Family Room

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Thursday, December 18 at 7:00p.m.  
In the Holy Family Room



## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

### Classes Underway!

Wednesdays—6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

Interested in Learning more about the Catholic faith?

Inquiry: [Cecile\\_Hosey\\_cawalc@gmail.com](mailto:Cecile_Hosey_cawalc@gmail.com)

# Around the Diocese

During this holy season of Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take this opportunity to return to the Lord and receive His healing grace and peace in the mercy of the Lord.



## Raleigh Deanery Advent Penance Services

**December 16 | 10:30 am**

St. Bernadette - Fuquay-Varina  
English & Spanish

**December 16 | 7 pm**

Holy Name of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Mary,  
& NCSU - Raleigh  
English & Spanish

**December 17 | 7 pm**

St. Raphael - Raleigh  
English & Spanish

**December 18 | 10 am**

St. Michael - Cary  
English & Spanish



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Christmas 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Christmas season always feels familiar and comfortable as we return again to beloved traditions and treasured holiday memories. In addition to carols and sounds of celebration we will listen again to the story of Christmas. Through Mary and Joseph humbly welcoming the child Jesus, God enters our world, revealing His love through his human vulnerability and ultimately inviting all of humanity into salvation through him.

The Christmas story may be familiar to us but if we listen with open hearts we will find that it always brings something new – something that stretches us, challenges us, and calls us to go deeper in our faith. As we reflect on Mary’s “yes,” we remember that God chose to bring salvation into the world through her free and loving response. He did not impose His plan – He awaited her trust. God asks for our trust and waits for our “yes” as well.

During this Advent and Christmas season, I encourage all of us to embrace the joys of the holiday which are so dear to us but also to welcome the new and unfamiliar. Listen closely as God’s Word is proclaimed and allow even the most familiar readings to surprise you. Be especially attentive and compassionate towards those with whom you gather during this season. Ponder whether God may be speaking to you through both the joys and struggles of friends and loved ones. And seek moments of quiet prayer amid the busyness of the season to discover what the Holy Spirit is whispering to you. How is God calling you to go deeper in your vocation? What is the “yes” He is asking for in your life?

In a time marked by uncertainty and doubt we cannot lose sight of how God reveals himself - often in ways that appears small or are easily overlooked – a Child in a manger, a quiet act of kindness, a heart turning to Him. To discover the true meaning and true joy of the familiar Christmas story we sometimes need to look for what is unfamiliar or uncomfortable to us.

Please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones at every Christmas Mass I offer. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may their Son and our Lord Jesus help us to live as God’s holy family at Christmas, throughout the New Year and all the days of our lives.

In the Love of Jesus,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Raleigh



**ST. JOSEPH**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

### RORATE CAELI MASS, SATURDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 A.M.

A Rorate Caeli (Drop down, ye heavens) Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary’s role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. Mass begins in darkness before sunrise, with only candles lighting the church to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of the “Light of the World.” As Mass progresses, the church becomes brighter until the risen sun fills it with the light of day. As a votive Mass for the Blessed Mother, white vestments are worn.

## NATIONAL MARCH for LIFE

Save date = **FRIDAY JAN 23, 2026**



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### Advent Meditation

Advent is a season of silence. That is, it is a season that calls us to seek silence—both interiorly (in our heart and mind) and exteriorly (in our surroundings). For most of us in the northern hemisphere, the weather itself is a perfect summons to this silence. The first hard frost has already taken place. Growing things lie dormant. Many birds have migrated south and we no longer hear their song. Insects are overwintering in silent places that are not visible to us. Some animals lie perfectly still in hibernation. Snow falls softly and gently. In the face of this natural invitation to silence, there is an immediate contradiction in our culture. Our ears are deafened by sounds and songs and solicitations. But we can't let the noise take over. We need silence too much to let it go without a fight. - Good Catholic Digital Content Series, Great Advent

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2026



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