SAINT MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • PARK CITY

2026

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS GUIDE



INCLUDING MASS TIMES, SPECIAL ADVENT EVENTS, FAMILY PRAYERS, EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING, AND MORE!

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST. MARY'S

THURSDAY, DEC 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE | ECCLES CENTER
1750 Kearns Boulevard, Park City UT 84060
5 PM (English)
7 PM (English)

FRIDAY, DEC 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY | ST. MARY'S CHURCH
1505 White Pine Canyon Road, Park City UT 84060
12 AM Midnight (English)
Music provided by Choir from 11:30 PM to 12 AM
8 AM (English)
10:30 AM Children's Mass (English)
1 PM (Spanish)

ST. LAWRENCE

ALL MASSES AT ST. LAWRENCE MISSION
5 South 100 West, Heber City UT 84032

THURSDAY, DEC 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE
6 PM (English)
11 PM (English)

FRIDAY, DEC 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY
10 AM (English)
12 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
MASS TIMES

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MONDAY, DEC 7 | ST. MARY'S CHURCH
5:30 PM (English)

TUESDAY, DEC 8 | ST. MARY'S CHURCH
8 AM (English)
5:30 PM (English)
7 PM (Spanish)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY, DEC 31 | ST. MARY'S CHURCH
5:30 PM (English)

FRIDAY, JAN 1 | ST. MARY'S CHURCH
8 AM (English)
10:30 AM (English)
1 PM (Spanish)

ADVENT EVENTS

DECEMBER PARISH POTLUCK

THURSDAY, DEC 3RD | 6:30 PM | ST. MARY'S SOCIAL HALL

As we journey through Advent, join us for our monthly parish potluck to learn more about this penitential season, have questions answered by Fr. Dass, and dive deeper into the purpose of these four holy weeks.

Each month, join the St. Mary's family for a Parish-wide Potluck. Enjoy a brief talk, a Q&A session, a meal and fellowship with your St. Mary's Family!

RSVP FOR THE PARISH POTLUCK BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

ADVENT RETREAT

PREPARE THE WAY: WHAT MUST CHANGE BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

PRESENTED BY

WAY & WONDER CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, DEC 17TH | 6:30 PM | ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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ST. LAWRENCE EVENTS

ALL EVENTS AND MASSES AT ST. LAWRENCE MISSION

5 South 100 West, Heber City UT 84032

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DEC 7

6 PM | Vigil Mass (English)

TUESDAY, DEC 8

8 AM | Mass (English)

6 PM | Mass (Spanish)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FRIDAY, DEC 11 | 11 PM

Vigil Mass at 11 PM on December 11th, followed by Mañanitas at Midnight.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC 16 | 5 PM

Join us at St. Lawrence for a bilingual Advent Communal Penance Service, as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. This will include adoration, confession, and Mass.

SIMBANG GABI

SUNDAY, DEC 20 | 2 PM

Simbang Gabi is a beloved Filipino Christmas tradition in which the faithful honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and prepare their hearts for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

THURSDAY, DEC 31

5 PM | Vigil Mass (English)

FRIDAY, JAN 1

10 AM | Mass (English)

12 PM | Mass (Spanish)

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

BEGIN EACH WEEK WITH THE ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

1. Light the first violet candle.
2. Read from Scripture: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)
3. Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 1: "Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen."

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

1. Light the first and second violet candles.
2. Read from Scripture: "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7) (Isaiah 9:2)
3. Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 2: "Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen."

The THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

1. Light the first and second violet candles and the rose candle.
2. Read from Scripture: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:20)
3. Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 3: "Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen."

The FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

1. Light all four candles.
2. Read from Scripture: "And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)
3. Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 4: "Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen."



LITANY TO THE HOLY FAMILY

A POWERFUL PRAYER FOR FAMILY HEALING

PLEASE PRAY AT LEAST EVERY FRIDAY AT 6 PM TOGETHER

December 27th is Sunday of the Holy Family

Head of the family:
Heavenly Father, I give you thanks, honor, glory, and praise for my family. I ask you, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, to bless and protect each one of us and to help us be attentive to your plan for our lives.

I also ask you to preserve our health and to heal us individually and collectively as a family unit: spiritually, emotionally, and physically for your greater glory. Remove all obstacles (any unforgiveness, negative inner vows we have made, oppressive ungodly spirits) preventing a harmonious spirit and cooperative behavior within our family.

All:
I believe in You, Lord! Help my unbelief! May Your will be done!
H: From all habits of sin preventing a close relationship with you,
A: *Heal my family, O Jesus.*
H: From anything preventing a Spirit-driven life,
A: *Heal my family, O Jesus.*
From anything preventing acceptance of God the Father's unconditional love he has for us as adopted sons and daughters,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From anything preventing the peace, joy, goodness, and unity that only You can provide,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From anything preventing us from having faith as small as a mustard seed that can move mountains,
Heal my family, O Jesus.

From all forms of selfishness and pride,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all inherited spiritual defects,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From spiritual apathy,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all forms of addiction,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From the effects of painful memories,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From bondage caused by negative inner vows,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all the effects of broken relationships due to unforgiveness, adultery, divorce, or abuse,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all unhealthy attachments,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all ungodly emotions, attitudes, and behaviors,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all inherited emotional and psychological defects,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all emotional and psychological illnesses,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all inherited physical defects,
Heal my family, O Jesus.
From all physical afflictions and illnesses,
Heal my family, O Jesus.

All:
Lord, increase the virtue of faith in my family.
Lord, increase the virtue of hope in my family.
Lord, increase the virtue of charity in my family.
All:
Help us, Lord, to internalize the words of Joshua: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (*Joshua 24:15*)
Our Father (once); Hail Mary (three times)
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

ROSARY NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
DEC 3-11 | 7:30 PM | ST. MARY'S OLD TOWN CHAPEL
121 Park Avenue, Park City UT 84060

ALL NIGHT VIGIL | DEC 11-12 | STARTING 7 PM
ST. MARY'S WHITE PINE CHURCH & SOCIAL HALL
1505 White Pine Canyon Road, Park City UT 84060

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe hosted by our Hispanic Ministry with an all-night vigil. Festivities will begin on Friday, December 11, at 7 PM with a Rosary in the church, followed by a procession of the Image of our Lady into the Social Hall. Spend the night in prayer, dance, and song, culminating with Mañanitas (traditional morning songs), Mass at 6 AM, and breakfast.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7 PM | Rosary begins in the church
- 7:30 PM | Procession with the Icon
- 8 PM | Refreshments
- 9 PM | Reenactment of the Apparitions to St. Juan Diego
- 10 PM | Music & Prayer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 12 AM | Music & Prayer
- 5:30 AM | Procession to the church with our Lady
- 5:45 AM | Mañanitas
- 6 AM | Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 7 AM | Refreshments

Festivities for the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe will be in Spanish. All parishioners are invited to attend.

POSADAS
DEC 16-23 | 7 PM | ST. MARY'S SOCIAL HALL
**Posada will start at 1 PM after Spanish Mass on December 21st*

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

BLESS YOUR HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR



One of the Church's long-held and beautiful traditions is the blessing of homes on or near the Feast of the Epiphany. On this feast, we remember how Christ is revealed as the light for all nations, and we ask that His presence dwell in our homes throughout the year.

Blessed chalk and holy water will be available on and after Sunday, January 3rd, and you are invited to take these sacramentals home to bless your household with prayer. Each year, a special inscription is written above the entrance of the home. For 2027, the inscription is: 20 + C + M + B + 27

The letters C, M, and B have a double meaning. They represent the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also stand for the Latin blessing Christus mansionem benedicat, which means: "May Christ bless this house." The + signs represent the cross, and the numbers refer to the current year.

Instructions on how to bless your home can be found on the next page.

HOW TO BLESS YOUR HOME

You may begin with an optional Scripture reading:
Matthew 2:1-12

If you wish, you may sprinkle holy water in each room of your home while praying the rosary or singing a hymn. Then gather at the main entrance of your home.

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or a porch step, door frame, or a wall inside your home) with:
20 + C + M + B + 27

While doing so, say:
The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son who became human. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then pray together:
Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

