

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS



Keep Christ in Christmas cards from the Knights of Columbus are in the vestibule of the church. They are \$15.00 a box. If you write a check, please make **payable to Knights of Columbus #562**. Please give the money/checks to Fr. George or the office.

Also there are free bookmarks with a prayer that would make a good stocking stuffer for Christmas. There are "The Hopeful Mysteries of the Rosary"

Pamphlets to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, designed by Roman Catholic Bishop, William Wack, of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee (Florida). The intent of the Hopeful Mysteries is to enrich the four other sets of Rosary Mysteries by inviting the faithful to reflect on key moments of salvation history, from Creation to the Immaculate Conception. For more information, visit www.HopefulMysteries.com



The Visitation to Elizabeth Third Sunday of Annunciation

The third Sunday of the Season of Annunciation commemorates another important event in the unfolding of the promises of God: Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. After the angel of the Lord had communicated the news of Elizabeth's conception to her, Mary perceived it as the Lord's will that she go to be with Elizabeth, and thus chose to share the divine life within her with another. Mary shared Jesus with others even before his birth. The fundamental task of an apostle is to share Jesus with others, and so, Mary is called the "Queen of the Apostles."

When Mary encountered Elizabeth, the unborn infant in Elizabeth's womb leapt for joy, and Elizabeth herself was filled with the Spirit and sang of the blessedness of Mary. Mary is blessed, not simply because she was to be the Mother of God, but also because of her own personal faith. She heard the words of the angel and accepted everything that was to happen with humility. For this reason, she is blessed throughout the ages. The hymn of Mary differs from that of Zechariah. Zechariah's hymn is communal: he is proclaiming gratitude to God on behalf of all the people of Israel. On the other hand, Mary's hymn is personal, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." She is humbly proclaiming the great things that God has done for her. In humility, the Virgin of Nazareth proclaims how great the Lord has made her by choosing her as the Mother of His Son. The hymn of Mary announces a revolution which God will bring about through His Son. This revolution has a variety of aspects: it is moral ("He has shown the strength of His arm; He has scattered the proud in their conceit."); social: ("He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly."); and economic ("He filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty").

To be called by God for any task, brings with it a crown of sorrow and a crown of joy. God chooses us not for our own glorification, but in order to use us to bring about His kingdom. Like Mary, all of us should respond with humility and be grateful to God for choosing us as His instruments.

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November 30, 2025**



Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Liturgy Schedule

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Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Friday following the 9:00 am
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

Mystery of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 PM to
3:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM
or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 29 & 30, 2025

Saturday: 5:00 PM:

Sunday: 10:30 AM: James Thomas, RIP (Sam & Dawn Silek & Ray & Terri Ferris)

Monday, Dec 1: 9 AM-

Tuesday, Dec 2: 9 AM-

Wednesday, Dec 3: 9 AM-

Thursday, Dec 4: 9 AM-

Friday, Dec 5: 9 AM-



SAVE THE DATES

We warmly invite all children in our parish to take part in the Christmas play set for December 14. Please come to the hall during class hours from 9:15am to 10:15am on December 7th. After Mass on that day, we will enjoy lunch and decorate the hall.

ALAR DONATIONS NEEDED



Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, (Holy Day of Obligation). Anyone wishing to donate flowers for our Lady, please let the office know.

Offertory – November 23, 2025 - \$2,531.00



ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION December

The bread, wine & candles are being offered for the living and deceased members of the Salamoun Family



Daily Scripture Readings

Week of November 30, 2025

Monday: Ephesians 1:15-23 : Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:1-10 : Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ephesians 2:11-16 : Luke 19:1-10

Thursday: Ephesians 2:17-22 : John 4:39-42

Friday: Ephesians 3:14-21 : Mk 7:24-30

Saturday: Ephesians 4:1-7 : Luke 5:27-32

Sunday: Galatians 4:21-5:1 : Luke 1:57-66



SAVE THE DATE...

ST. ELIAS PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, Dec. 14th after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

This is a potluck followed by the Nativity Play and a visit from Santa.