



Our Lady of the Assumption Church
**Advent and
 Christmas 2021**



Advent Begins Sunday, November 28th

During the weeks of Advent – at all Masses – we will continue to provide an opportunity for a **time of quiet**; a time to cultivate the patience of waiting . . . and listening. We all need time to prepare ourselves to hear the Lord’s coming; to listen for His gentle footsteps. For this preparation, we need silence. There will be a minimum of liturgical music, still enabling us to enter deeper into the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist. Perhaps, with better preparation, our Christmas may burst into even *greater* song and praise as we welcome Christ, Our Savior, more deeply into our lives.

Bells & Stars

Bells & Stars is our Helping Hands Christmas Gift Program for children less fortunate in our community, to help make their Christmas a little brighter. Please return wrapped gifts – along with the original Bells & Stars gift tag – **no later than Sunday, December 12th**. Gifts will be distributed to families on December 18th. Place them in the special box in the Gathering Area or Parish Center as soon as possible. If you have questions, call Coordinator Ann-Marie Minerly @ 775-8224.



Christmas Flower Remembrances

Donations for Christmas Flower Remembrances are now being accepted in memory of, or in support of the health of a loved one. Thanks to your generosity these donations help defray the cost of the church’s Christmas decorations. Special envelopes are available in your mailed packets, or you can obtain one in the gathering area of the church. Suggested gift for each memorial is \$10.00 and you may place your envelope in the offering box at Mass. All names must be submitted no later than **Sunday, December 19th**. *(Please print clearly so that names will be printed correctly in the bulletin.)*

Reconciliation for R. E. Students and Families

Tuesday, December 7th, 6:30-7:30 PM, all parents and older siblings are invited to join the R.E. students for their evening of Reconciliation. Additional Carmelite Friars will assist Fr. Paul.

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8th ~ Mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM



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Advent "Reconciliation Monday"

Monday, December 20th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
There will be NO Reconciliation available at OLA or St. Paul's on that day.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th

ONE Mass ONLY at **5:30 PM**

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass at **9:30 AM**

(**NO** 5:30 PM Mass)



New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1st

"Solemnity of Mary" – Mass at **9:30 AM**

*(There **WILL** be a 5:30 PM Mass — the Vigil for Sunday Mass.)*

