



Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
**Advent and  
Christmas 2022**



## Advent Begins Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

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. We pray that it helps make their Christmas a little brighter. Please return wrapped gifts – along with the original Bells & Stars gift tag – **no later than Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be distributed to families on December 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 @ 845-775-8224.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>**. (*Please print clearly so that names can be printed correctly in the bulletin.*)

## Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Mass at 7:00 PM



## Reconciliation for R. E. Students and Their Families

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## Advent "Reconciliation Monday"

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.  
*There will be NO Reconciliation available at OLA or St. Paul's on that day.*

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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



**New Year's Eve – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Vigil Mass for "The Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God" – **5:30 PM**

**New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

"The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God" – **9:30 AM**

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