

# *Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church*

*A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition*

*"We've Come This Far By Faith"*



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**Mission Statement:** The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

*December 21, 2025*



*Through [Jesus] we have received the grace of apostleship.*

*The coming of Jesus Christ is the sign of our salvation. He is "God with us" and has invited us to turn our lives over to him. Are we ready to accept this sign? Will we, like Joseph, put aside our fears and enter into a completely new reality, a new way of life?*

**Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Days:** Consult bulletin or call the office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** By Appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Baptism:** Please call the office to make arrangements.

**Catechumenate:** Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the office.

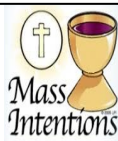


New members are welcome at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. For more information on how to join the parish, please call the parish office at 235-3340 ext. 116.

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Linda Nash**

**Requested by your loving daughters, Lynn Fulmore  
& Shlonda Nash**



*Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family  
and friends of parishioners: Earl Barnes, Fr. Robert  
Bradler, Clara Bray, Jocelyn Bucchann, Fr. Giles  
Conwill, Tom Degnan, Jacquelyn Dobson, Tom  
Fugate, LaVaughans Holcomb, Denise McGowan,  
Harold Moore, David Powe, Bing Reaves, Carolyn  
Walker, Kathy Wheeler*

### **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, December 21, 2025**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver/Nadege Bukuru

#### **Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Christmas)**

Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate

#### **Sunday, December 28, 2025**

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore

#### **Thursday, January 1, 2026**

Reader I & II—Joanie Fraver

#### **Sunday, January 4, 2026**

Reader I & II—Andre Fontenette

#### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

Reader I & II—Keith Parris

#### **Sunday, January 18, 2026**

Reader I & II—Maureen Corral

#### **Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Reader I & II—Lynn Fulmore



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Just a reminder: The 2026 Mass Intention book is available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The cost is \$10.

### **Offerings for December 14, 2025**

**Offerings: \$2,541**

**Attendance: 77**

**Online Giving: \$130**

**Online Givers: 3**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



Wed. Dec. 24

**Christmas Eve—Office Closed**

Christmas Eve Mass—St. Monica-4:00 pm

Thur. Dec. 25

**Christmas Day—Office Closed**

Christmas Day Mass—10:00 am

Fri. Dec. 26

**Day after Christmas —Office Closed**

Wed. Dec. 31

**New Year's Eve—Office Closed**

### **December Christian Action**

#### **BE THE GIFT:**



*Visit someone who is lonely.*

*Wish someone a Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays.*

*Help someone with a task.*

*Make a donation to a food/clothing shelter.*

*Surprise someone with a kind note.*

*Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time.*

*Give someone a hug.*

*Tell someone you love/appreciate them.*

*Tell someone you're sorry.*

*Send a Christmas card to someone who is not expecting one from you.*



*Together  
We Bring  
Hope*

*...and Hope does  
not disappoint*

**2025/2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal**



Parish—Goal \$11,000  
\$6,749 Pledged  
61.35 % of Goal

As of this date, 19 families  
have contributed to the CMA.

We thank those who have  
given generously and ask all who have not yet given to  
prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and  
our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God  
has blessed you and your family, and how the Church has brought  
goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you  
can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US & THE LORD  
**HOLIDAY MASSES**

**ST. MONICA CHURCH · EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH**

*All Masses ASL interpreted.*

**Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24:  
 4:00 pm with pageant @ St. Monica Church**

**Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25:  
 10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**

**New Year's Day Mass Thursday, January 1:  
 10:00 am @ Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church**



ST. MONICA CHURCH  
 EMMANUEL CHURCH OF THE DEAF  
 CORNER OF GENESEE & MONICA STREETS  
 ROCHESTER, NY 14609



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/  
 ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH  
 445 FREDERICK DOUGLASS ST.  
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**ALL ARE WELCOME... ESPECIALLY YOU!**

*The parish office will be closed on Wednesday,  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and  
 Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday.  
 Have a safe and happy Christmas!*



St. Monica's Welcome Committee sponsored a soup supper after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 13. Six different soups, salad, bread, and many desserts were enjoyed by parishioners from both St. Monica's and Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's. Sister Carol Cimino also gave a thoughtful Advent reflection. Thank you to JoAnn DeMott and her team for organizing the event!



***Welcome Visitors!***

***We are blessed by your presence.***

***Please come again.***

# A Christmas Carol



What an exciting treat, the youth at Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's experienced! The teachers and religious education students enjoyed a Sunday afternoon outing to Geva Theatre! They loved seeing "A Christmas Carol"!



The Fourth Sunday of Advent is the final Sunday before Christmas, symbolizing **Love** and the imminent arrival of Jesus, focusing on God's boundless love, the fulfillment of prophecy (like the Virgin Birth of Emmanuel, God with us), and preparing hearts for Christ's coming (first and second) through themes of hope, peace, and joy as seen in Gospel readings, especially the Angel's message to Joseph in Matthew. It's a time to light the final Advent candle on the wreath, completing the circle of light.

<b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b>  A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262	<p align="center"><i>GLORY BE TO GOD WHOSE POWER, WORKING IN US, CAN DO INFINITELY MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>EPHESIANS 3:14-21</i></p>	
<b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornhill.org	<b>Skips on the Ridge</b>  640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896	Jack & Elvira Powell  <i>Thankful For Two Lives Well Lived Endearing Legacies and, A Love Everlasting</i>
In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>RAPHAEL NGUTI</b>  <i>Love Mom, Michael, Camille</i>	<b>Alzheimers Association</b>  Our free 24/7 Helpline provides support and information. Call 800.272.3900 today.
In Loving Memory of <b>RACHAEL ALICEA &amp; THEODORE ALICEA-SMITH</b>  <i>Rick &amp; Colleen Brade</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CANEPA, CULLEN, MILEY FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b>  <i>The Wingo Family</i>	In Loving Memory of My Guess Family, <b>CHARLES, MERCEDES, ERIC &amp; MARVA</b> <i>Out of sight but never out of mind!</i> <i>Marcia Fugate</i>	In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CORRAL, DESTEPHANO FAMILIES</b>  <i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b>  <i>The Stokes Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TOM &amp; NELLIE BOSTICK &amp; ALICE WALTERS</b>	<b>Linda Nash</b> <i>As You Feast in Heaven We'll Place An Empty Chair In Your honor, In Love, With Thanks</i>  <i>Lynn &amp; Shlonda</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>BILL CASTLE</b>  <i>The Castle Family</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID &amp; LOUISE MILES</b>  <i>Gone, but Never Forgotten</i> <i>Bill Sr., Bill Jr., Shannon, Shannel &amp; Brandon</i>	<i>"In Memory of the great bass player</i> <b>Tim Sullivan</b> <i>Doug and Victoria Parker on behalf of the GateSwingers Big Band "</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b>  <i>Joanne Gordon</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b>  <i>Roxana C. Weber</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b> <i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i>
In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McGEE FAMILY</b>  <i>James &amp; Melissa McGee</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>TALLAM NGUTI</b>  <i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i>	In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL &amp; JULIANA NWOKELO SR.</b>  <i>The Nwokelo Family</i>
<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>SPACE AVAILABLE</b>