

# *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 12, 2021**



Rejoice in the Lord always.

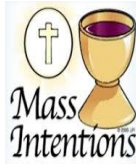
As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, our Liturgy of the Word emphasizes our call to rejoice. We rejoice because the Messiah is coming. We rejoice because God has fulfilled his promises. We rejoice because there is no more need for fear or anxiety. In Christ, we are fulfilled. Rejoice! One mightier is coming!

Why is the third Sunday of Advent pink?

It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink **because rose is a liturgical color for joy**. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Sc McKinney—Bill Gordon**



**Offerings for December 5, 2021**

**Offerings: \$2,793**

**Attendance: 65**

**Online Giving: \$345**

**Online Givers: 6**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



**Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Fr. Robert Bradler, Julie Coe, Fr. Giles Conwill, Morris Doucette, Denise McGowan, Yvette Reaves, Margaret Saint Joy, Carolyn Walker, Alice Walters**



**Fri. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed**

**Sat. Dec. 25 Christmas Day—10:00 am Mass**

**Fri. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve—Office Closed**

**Bible Readings for Sunday, December 12, 2021**

*Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

*Philippians 4:4-7*

*Luke 3:10-18*



**Bible Readings for Sunday, December 19, 2021**

*Micah 5:1-4a*

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

*Luke 1:39-45*

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Reader I & II—Marcia Fugate**

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

**Reader I & II—Maureen Corral**

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**



**December Birthdays**

**Modupe Agunbiade, Thomas Bostick**

**Robert Burgess, Musette Castle, Natalie Cropper**

**Iala Cropper, Thomas Degnan, George Fontenette**

**Caroline Seide, Roxana Weber**



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

**We worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

**New Members Welcome!**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

The 2022 Mass Intention book is now available to schedule Mass Intentions. Please call or stop by the office to schedule Mass Intentions. The offering is \$10

## “Time to Wipe the Slate Clean”

The excitement of building toward Christmas, both as a religious celebration and a holiday, sometimes means that Advent gets “lost in the shuffle”. Yet, truly to appreciate Christmas, we cannot leave Advent behind. Indeed, an “Advent attitude” is something we can carry with us every day, long after the calendar has turned from December 25. Advent offers us the opportunity, as John tells us to start over, to straighten out the paths, to level the mountains in our lives to wipe the slate clean. And as we realize Advent is full of beginnings, we can more truly realize how wonderful it is that God so fully redeems us by sending us Jesus Christ at Christmas.

In preparation for Christmas Father Bradler will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass today and next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Advent - Christmas



### **Sunday, December 12**

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass

### **Sunday, December 19**

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
The placing and blessing of the Christmas ornaments in memory of family members  
Decorate the Christmas Trees after Mass  
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass

### **Friday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Mass ~ 7:00 p.m. Mass

### **Saturday, December 25**

Regular 10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass ~ During the day

### **Sunday, December 26**

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass  
Beginning of Kwanza

### **Saturday, January 1**

Regular 10:00 a.m. Mass ~ New Year's Day  
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God  
World Day of Prayer for Peace

HAPPY  
New Year



### CMA PROGRESS

#### **We have reached 60% of our CMA Goal!**

Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent remind us of the bounty of God's love for each of us. Out of gratitude to God for all He has given us, we give back to Him, as good stewards. One example of stewardship is our parish's participation in the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). We are grateful to the 14 families who have contributed \$4,305 so far to Immaculate Conception's/St. Bridget's \$7,214 CMA goal. The CMA supports our faith life, our parish, and the larger Church as it meets real needs throughout the Diocese. Did you know that you can make a pledge now, and pay it at a later date? This will help our parish to achieve its goal, and also give you the opportunity to spread the payment of your gift over the next few months. And if you are 70 ½ or older, you may wish to consider a gift from your retirement fund. The CMA campaign ends on May 31, 2022. With less than \$3,000 to go to achieve our goal, will you consider a gift or pledge to the CMA today? Please see George Fontenette or reach out to Colleen Brade at [Colleen.Brade@dor.org](mailto:Colleen.Brade@dor.org) with any questions.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4). The pink Advent candle represents **the joy of anticipation for Christmas** and is lit on Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday.

The logo for St. Monica Church, featuring a heart and the text "St. Monica CHURCH".

BE A PART OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

# JOIN ST. MONICA'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

For youth ages 0-18.  
Friday, December 24, 2021  
4:00 PM Mass

## MANDATORY REHEARSAL

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1:00-3:00 PM

To sign up your youth or to help out with the pageant, contact Jessica at [jessica.tette@dor.org](mailto:jessica.tette@dor.org) or (585)235-3340.

<p><b>St. Joseph's House of Hospitality</b></p> <p>A Rochester, NY Catholic Worker Community 402 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 585-232-3262</p>	<p align="center"><b>BUCKMAN'S PLAZA</b></p> <p align="center"><b>2590 W. Ridge Road, Rochester</b></p> <p align="center">Visit our many stores including City Mattress, Visionworks, Pino's Deli, Megan Nail Spa, Red Cross, Sign Impressions, Greece Chiropractic, Orville's Appliances and many more.</p>	
<p><b>Corn Hill Neighborhood Association</b> 133 S. Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608 www.cornill.org</p>	<p><b>Mileage Master Center of Rochester</b></p> <p>2488 Browncroft Blvd. Rochester, NY 14625 585-586-1870</p> <p><i>The perfect place for all of your grilling needs</i></p>	<p><b>Tom Zubert, Realtor</b></p> <p><b>RE/MAX REALTY GROUP</b> 585-721-1313 zubert.tom@gmail.com (ICS Graduate)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of the <b>QUAMINA &amp; HARPER FAMILIES</b></p> <p><i>Love Gail, Elise, Joyce, Richard</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of My Wife <b>ILONA WHITE</b></p> <p><i>Alphonse White</i></p>	<p><b>Skips on the Ridge</b></p> <p>640 West Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14615 585-865-3896</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>HENRY FAISON JR.</b></p> <p><i>Love Mom, George, Adrian, Andre</i></p>	<p>Prayerful Remembrance of the Gordons <b>ARTHUR, SARAH, PEGGY, BUD, BOB, NANCY, GARY</b></p> <p><i>Blessings Bill &amp; Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOE HAUSER</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DR. NATHANIEL HURST</b></p> <p><i>The Wingo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DAVID MILES</b></p> <p><i>Love your Wife &amp; Children</i></p>	<p>In Prayerful Remembrance of the Deceased Members of the <b>CULLEN &amp; CORRAL FAMILIES</b></p> <p><i>Love Ralph &amp; Maureen</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES STOKES</b></p> <p><i>The Stokes Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JAMES WALTERS</b></p> <p><i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JEFFREY WALTERS</b></p> <p><i>Alice Walters</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>DOUGLAS SIMMONS</b></p> <p><i>Alice Walters</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>GILBERT &amp; CHARITY ADIELE</b></p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>RITA VIOLET AUGUSTINE &amp; ADA FULLWOOD</b></p> <p><i>The Augustine/Fullwood Families</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>CREÓLE MON'AE FONTENETTE</b></p> <p><i>Love your Grandparents</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOSEPH RONALD WEBER</b></p> <p><i>Roxana C. Weber</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH &amp; DONALD GORDON &amp; HENRY BELL SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Gordon/Bell Families</i></p>
<p>For all Deceased Families, Friends &amp; Parishioners of Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church</p> <p><i>Love Rose Stokes</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>JOANNE LESSLEY</b></p> <p><i>Joanne Gordon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MARY JACKSON</b></p> <p><i>Thomas &amp; Nellie Bostick</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>ALL THE DECEASED DOUCETTE FAMILY</b></p> <p><i>Love Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>SARAH ANN GORDON</b></p> <p><i>Louise &amp; Shannon</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of <b>MICHAEL NWOKELO SR.</b></p> <p><i>The Nwokelo Family</i></p>