



14 december 2025  
3rd sunday of advent  
(English)  
gaudete sunday (Latin)



**PRINCE of PEACE**  
*Catholic Church & School*  
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**A Parish Family of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston**

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Canon Christopher Smith

**Parochial Vicar**

Fr. Richard Tomlinson

**Deacons**

Nestor Acosta, Michael Cavin, Dean Schroeder, Robert Smith, Gus Suárez, Mark Thompson & Michael Thompson

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To share the fullness of the Gospel to all we encounter in our lives by equipping disciples to create and strengthen a personal relationship with Christ. By the grace of God, we are called to strive for personal holiness, participate fully in the vibrant life of the Church's Tradition and transform the world.

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**Are you new? Welcome!**

We are grateful that you have come to our parish and hope that you will soon call this faith community your home! Learn more by emailing us at [welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org).



# Guest Parishioner Letter: Dan Burnos

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parishioners,

*God gives us all the opportunity and means to participate in the building of His Church.*

We joined Prince of Peace in 2022 and have inherited the work and generosity of all the parishioners before us. The church building, the school, and the parish life; all of these are here because of those who listened and followed God's calling and for them, we are truly grateful. Even in only three years, my family has visibly seen the growth of the size of the community, the enrollment in the school, and the ministries.

We have a second grader and kindergartener enrolled in the school, but I would like to take this opportunity to speak about a different ministry I am involved with at the church: the men's Bible study. I personally have been involved with the men's Bible study since we joined. I have also been able to see this ministry flourish with many new faces. The study meets in Guadalupe Hall and when I first started, we all sat in middle school student desks. I think I can speak for the entire group when I say that lab tables have been a much welcomed upgrade. At times, the attendance has been so large that we have filled those seats and brought other folding chairs in to accommodate the group.

At this time, one benefit (blessing) of meeting in the middle school is that we know and pray for the middle schoolers' intentions along with our personal intentions at the beginning of each session. Lord-willing, we can continue this tradition as our campus grows, but for now, it has been a silver-lining to meeting in the middle school space.

When making your gift, consider how it can be multiplied. Many corporations offer generous charitable gift matching programs for employees, so check with your company! My family is taking advantage of this program. Quite often these exclude contributions to churches, but often allow for religious affiliated schools. If you have questions about this, contact Phil Head.

During Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming, reflect on how Christ poured out His love for us, and continues to pour out gifts and blessings in our lives. All these talents and treasures are meant for the building of His kingdom. This Advent, take some time to pray and reflect on how to put these treasures to use in His kingdom today and for those who come into it tomorrow.

In Christ,  
Dan Burnos



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### Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- 1 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima (includes within it Croghan Hall)
- 2 Guadalupe Hall
- 3 Lourdes Hall & School Office
- 4 Walsingham Hall
- 5 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 6 St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Hall
- 7 Blessed McGivney Hall
- 8 Church
- 9 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 10 St Joseph's Workshop
- Parking Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
- 16 St Isidore Garden (feeds the hungry of SVDP)



= where you see this symbol, it means live broadcast simultaneously on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

# Parish Calendar

Fr Christopher Smith = FCS Fr Richard Tomlinson = FRT Fr Timothy Davison= FTD | Readings are Year A

<b>sunday, 14 dec</b> third sunday of advent (English) gaudette sunday (Latin)	<b>monday, 15 dec</b> advent weekday (English) feria of advent (Latin)	<b>tuesday, 16 dec</b> advent weekday (English) st eusebius (Latin)
<p>8a Mass Fred Adams+ (FRT)</p> <p><b>LB</b> 10a Mass For the People of the Parish (FCS) with Blessing of Expectant Mothers</p> <p>12p Latin Mass David &amp; Elise Mershon-L (FCS) with Blessing of Expectant Mothers</p> <p>7p Compline</p> <p><i>8-12 gift wrapping walsingham hall</i>  <i>8.50a religious education</i>  <i>after 10a cookies on plaza</i>  <i>1p basketball</i>  <i>3p craft group mcgivney hall</i>  <i>4p advent study parish house</i>  <i>6.30p cyo</i></p> 	<p>7a Mass Catherine Coleman+ (FTD)</p> <p>12p Latin Mass Fr Bart Leon-L (FRT)</p> <p><i>5.30a men's workout</i>  <i>6p basketball pac</i>  <i>6.30p legion of mary walsingham hall</i></p>	<p>7a Mass Samantha, Andrea &amp; Jennifer Sexton &amp; Aaron &amp; Finneas Campbell-L (FRT)</p> <p>7-9a Advent Confession</p> <p>11a-1p Advent Confession</p> <p>12p Latin Mass Kelly Family-L (FCS)</p> <p>5-7p Advent Confession</p> <p><i>6.30p fidelis/fraternus</i>  <i>6.30p 4th degree kofc mcgivney hall</i>  <i>7p men's bible study guadalupe hall</i></p>
<b>wednesday, 17 dec</b> advent weekday (English) ember wednesday of advent (Latin)	<b>thursday, 18 dec</b> advent weekday (English) greater feria of advent (Latin)	<b>friday, 19 dec</b> advent weekday (English) ember friday of advent (Latin)
<p>7a Mass Susan, John &amp; Brady Cunningham-L (FTD)</p> <p>7-9a Advent Confession</p> <p>11a-1p Advent Confession</p> <p>12p Latin Mass Andrew Lewis-L (FRT)</p> <p>5-7p Advent Confession</p> <p><i>7p introduction to catholicism pac</i></p>	<p>7a Mass Grayson Woods-L (FCS)</p> <p>7-9a Advent Confession</p> <p>11a-1p Advent Confession</p> <p>12p Latin Mass Christian Kopeck-L (FRT)</p> <p>5-7p Advent Confession</p> <p><i>6p basketball pac</i>  <i>6.30p baptism class walsingham hall</i></p>	<p>7a Mass Matt &amp; Denise Mannino-L (FTD)</p> <p>12p Latin Mass Tracey Mershon-L (FCS)</p> <p><i>6p basketball pac</i>  <i>7p men's recollection</i></p>
<b>saturday, 20 dec</b> advent weekday (English) ember saturday of advent (Latin)	<b>sunday, 21 dec</b> fourth sunday of advent (English & Latin)	<b>prayer requests</b>
<p>6.30a High Solemn Latin Mass Rauch Family-L (FCS)</p> <p>3.30p Confession</p> <p>5p Mass Jackson Family+ (FTD)</p> <p><i>8a basketball pac</i>  <i>9a women's recollection</i>  <i>9.30a legion of mary lourdes hall</i></p>	<p>8a Mass For the People of the Parish (FRT)</p> <p><b>LB</b> 10a Mass H. Lee+ &amp; Mary Jean Heap-L (FTD)</p> <p>12p Latin Mass James Nowlan+ (FCS)</p> <p>7p Compline</p> <p><i>8-12 gift wrapping walsingham hall</i>  <i>no religious education</i>  <i>1p basketball</i>  <i>4p advent study parish house</i>  <i>no cyo</i></p>	<p>All those serving our country, Brian Aho, Lucretia Albright, Angela Bagley, Deborah Baker, Jim Bannister, Vanessa Baugh, Daniel Bennett, Gerard Brady, Francine Burke, Wrenn Calcutt, Michael Campanelli, Jean Casey, Martha Catel, Frank Cespedes, Julia Chatignyblais, John Cegledy, Anna Chevalier &amp; Casey Chevalier, Alan Coker, Rosemary Craig, Gena Cunningham, Alan &amp; Linda Deese, Carol Deretchin, Thomas Dorsey, Gloria Dussich, Jim Eagan, Mary Ann Egan, Annmarie Egas, Andrew Frisari, Kenneth Gifford &amp; Kathryn Gifford, Jim Green, Jennifer Gregory, Bridgitte Gunnells, Shannon Harkins, Eileen Harrison, Mary Jean Heap, Riley Holcomb, Judith Inghram, Carl Jones, Tammy Jones, Alejandro Kawasaki, Laura Kuczewski, Cliff Leavitt, Julie Mallory, Mary Martin, Ed Matthews, Dorothy McDonald, Peter McPherson, Connie Meiners, Kathy Melone, Sandy Milton, Janine Moore, Kathleen Mottl &amp; Dan Mottl, Kristina Murphy, Lillie Nesbitt, Elizabeth Nowlan, Alan Olson, Valerie Pachur, Jenn Pfaffl, Doris Pratt, Kenneth Price, David Purpura, Lorenzo Rosa, Rose Schillaci, Kelly Shane, Christy Smith, Dcn Bob Smith, Lois Smith, Matt Smith, Yanini Smith, Kevin Stanton, Christine Tallman, Laurie Taylor, Rose Teuscher, Cal Valois &amp; A. Thana Pacco Rivas, Luigina Warga, Kayla Whatley, Sarah Williams, &amp; Stephen Wiltberger.</p>
<p><i>Please contact the Parish Office to request a name be added to the prayer list. We will leave names on the prayer list for two weeks, unless requested otherwise.</i></p>		



# Happenings & Needs

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## homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact Deacon Mark Thompson at [mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## bounce—loss of a loved one

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the death of a loved one on the first Saturday of the month at 10a in St Vincent de Paul Hall. Learn more: Julia Gianelloni at 864.561.4733.

## vbs 2026

Please save the date(s) for VBS 2026: 22-26 June 2026. If you'd like to volunteer for VBS 2026, please contact [maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org)

## ladies lunch bunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Lieu's Chinese Bistro on Verdae Rd ,Tuesday, 13 January at 11.30a. Please RSVP to Dorothea Jones at 864.268.3354.

## serve as an usher or greeter

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Consider serving your parish in this simple yet meaningful way:

- Be a welcoming face to all who enter the church
  - Help create a reverent and organized worship experience
  - Offer hospitality that reflects Christ's love
- Contact Marco DeMaria at 864.631.7713 or [mad4jen@msn.com](mailto:mad4jen@msn.com)!

## perpetual eucharistic adoration



“By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.”  
-St Carlo Acutis

Share a Holy hour with the Lord!  
Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org).

All hours are available for prayer, but please consider one of the following hours (\*URGENT HOUR!):

Thursday-2a\*, Friday-12p, Saturday-11a, Sunday-4a & 10a

## baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a Baptism Class. The next class is 18 December at 6.30p in Walsingham Hall. You must register by contacting Deacon Gus at 864.420.0497 or by email at [gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org).

⇒ *Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.*

## men's bible study

The Men's Bible Study, led by Dcn. Michael Thompson meets Tuesdays at 7p in Guadalupe Hall. All men are invited to join for fellowship and faith formation. Questions? Call 864.365.8178.

## mass intentions

The parish has Mass cards for Mass intentions to be said in the Holy Land anytime.

## Donations (envelopes in the narthex may be dropped into the offertory baskets)



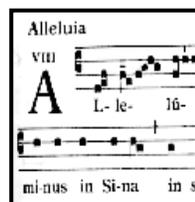
sanctuary candle \$20  
donated by  
Mrs Dorothy Goldman  
in memory of Patty Carey



bread & wine \$20  
donated by Mrs Dorothy Goldman  
in memory of Patty Carey



flowers \$400



music \$300

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## october offertory

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code, click “donate” on our website, or visit Tithely to make a gift <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1479801>. Or, options to give to special projects are available.



Donate

Offertory	As of October 31, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$ 150,315	\$ 132,530	\$17,785
Year-To-Date	\$ 627,556	\$ 565,790	\$61,766

## make christmas beautiful at pop

Honor or remember loved ones with a Christmas flower (poinsettia) donation. Please use the Christmas flower envelope and submit it by Monday, 15 December at 12p. Be sure to print names clearly for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin.

## 50th anniversary celebration

Thank you to all our altar servers and volunteers who helped make our 50th Anniversary Mass and celebration so beautiful. Your reverence, generosity, and behind-the-scenes service allowed our parish to honor this milestone with joy and gratitude. We are deeply thankful for each of you.

## substitute teachers needed

Join our Substitute Teacher list at the parish school! Please email Liz Burgdorf, Receptionist, to learn more at [reception@popcatholicschool.org](mailto:reception@popcatholicschool.org).

## gift wrapping service

Our 8th grade students are hosting their 3rd annual Gift Wrapping Service on:

- Sunday, 14 December from 8a-12p
- Sunday, 21 December from 8a-12p

Please label each gift with who it's for and who it's from. Drop off your gifts before Mass in Walsingham Hall and pick them up afterward! We'll wrap them beautifully—no charge required, though donations are appreciated to help fund our 8th grade trip.

## over 900 books, socializing and fun await

The Blessed McGivney Hall is open on Sundays after the 10a Mass. Grab a hot drink or breakfast, peruse a library of over 900 vetted Catholic titles, and socialize with parishioners. **Children 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times.** Contact John Olson to learn more at [jamolson@gmail.com](mailto:jamolson@gmail.com).

## new parishioners

Join us in welcoming our new parishioners: Cynthia Lotrich; Tyler Leary; Matthew & Michelle Leary; Josh & Jordan Gariboldi and family; Robert Soltys

## blessing of expectant mothers

On Gaudete Sunday, 14 December, all expectant mothers are invited to receive a special blessing at the 10a & 12p Mass. Everyone should wear pink (rose).

## men's breakfast

All men of the parish and their friends are invited to breakfast and fellowship on the first Thursday of each month (e.g. 8 Jan \*changed due to New Year's Day) at 8a at Eggs Up at 3935 Pelham Rd. Contact Don Foertsch at 864.268.3810

## prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month (19 December) at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes which they donate to nursing homes, cancer and dialysis centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn are always welcome. Questions? Call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

## father daughter dance

Save the Date: The Father Daughter Dance is 7 February and is open to the entire parish. More details coming in January!



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## meal train at pop

Parishioners and school families are invited to reach out to Jennifer Pfaffl by email at [missfluff129@yahoo.com](mailto:missfluff129@yahoo.com) during times of need to have a Meal Train organized. It takes a village to provide support to those in need. Please consider supporting the gift of comfort for those in need.

## st vincent de paul—needs

St. Vincent de Paul accepts checks made directly to SVdP and online giving through Zeffy. Scan the QR code or [click the link](#) to make your gift to SVdP.



	October 2025		
SVDP Donations	2025	2024	Increase / (Decrease)
Month	\$16,313	\$14,004	\$2,309
Year-to-Date	\$134,442	\$121,982	\$12,460

Due to higher-than-expected requests this year, we will provide 167 coats for children ages 12 and under and 151 gift cards (up to five per family). Our goal to fully fund the project is \$7,950. To contribute, scan the QR code and select the POP SVDP **Christmas Angel Tree Campaign** in Zeffy, or place a check in the poor box marked for the Christmas project.

**Pantry donations** may be left in the large wooden bin in the Narthex. **Needed Items:** cereal, jelly, laundry detergent, macaroni & cheese, toothbrushes (individually packaged) and dry pinto beans. *Please be mindful of expiration dates as we can only accept in date items.*

**Nearly new clothing donations** are accepted every Monday from 9.30-11.30a at the SVDP trailer. (Except for major holidays or when the parish office is closed). Please **DO NOT** place clothing donations in the bin in the Narthex. We are not able to accept household items, shoes or furniture. If you have donations outside of hours, email [popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:popsvdpvolunteer@gmail.com) to arrange a drop off time.

## parish school donations

Did you know that 45% of families rely on financial assistance to attend the parish school? Your donations to our Annual Fund are needed. Prayerfully consider making a Catholic education possible with a check to POPCS or [online gift today!](#)



## become a registered parishioner

If you consider Prince of Peace your spiritual home we ask that you register! Please visit our website [princeofpeacetaylors.org](http://princeofpeacetaylors.org) and click the register button.

## advent confession times

Wednesdays 5p & Saturdays 3.30p

Tuesday, 16 December-Thursday, 18 December  
7-9a  
11a-1p  
5-7p

## latin mass community monthly potluck

The Latin Mass community hosts a potluck the first Sunday of each month in the PAC after the 12n Latin Mass. Please bring a main dish to share. Volunteers needed for setup and cleanup! Questions? Contact the Green Family at 719.660.3440.

## welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at Prince of Peace Catholic Church? Contact Loretta Williams at [welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:welcome@princeofpeacetaylors.org) to learn more about the *Guild of St. Benedict Welcome Committee*. From emails and phone calls to welcoming events, there's a way for everyone to pitch in!

## cookies, coffee, and cocoa

The young mothers of the parish will be hosting a Cookies, Coffee and Cocoa event to spread Advent cheer in the plaza after the 10a Mass on 14 December. The offering will be moved to the PAC if there is inclement weather.

## 1 january is a holy day of obligation

Our Mass schedule is Wednesday, 31 December 5p Vigil Mass; Thursday, 1 January 10 OF Mass; Thursday, 1 January (Circumcision of the Lord) 12p Low Latin Mass

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## recollections

Friends of St Josemaria will be hosting in-person recollections:

- Evening of recollection for men: Friday, 19 December at 7p
- Morning recollection for women: Saturday, 20 December at 9a.

A recollection is a silent mini-retreat. It consists of Benediction, a meditation by a priest of the Prelature Opus Dei, an examination of conscience, spiritual reading from the works of St Josemaria or another spiritual author and a talk on a practical topic. contact Thierry at [thierry.wersinger@gmail.com](mailto:thierry.wersinger@gmail.com) or 864.313.5601

## compline

Compline (also known as Night Prayer) is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The prayers are always the same, so it is very easy to learn! We will have Compline on Sundays during Advent at 7p in the Church. Prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace in this special way!

## open light media account creation (free)

**Our parish has gifted all families free access to Open Light Media.** To begin exploring this benefit, create an account:

### 1. Create an Account

- Click Here: <https://plus.openlightmedia.com>
- Login, create an account using email address and password (if your name is in the black box on the right)

### 2. To join your group

- Click here [Openlight Media Plus Subscription Plans » Openlight Media](#)
- Click Join Your Group
- Enter your school's zipcode, **then press the right arrow**
- Click on the **school** name (Prince of Peace Catholic SCHOOL—do not say “parish”)
- Complete the fields ROLE and POSITION
- Confirm on the next page

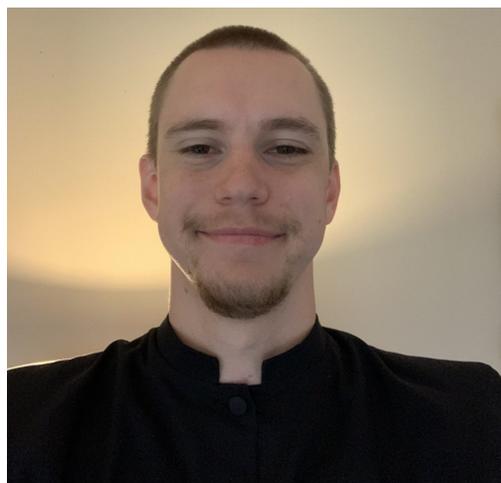
## high solemn rorate mass

Join us for the beautiful Rorate Caeli Mass—a traditional Advent devotion honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, offered just before dawn and celebrated by candlelight. Because it is a Votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. Our **final** Rorate Mass of the Advent season will be offered in Latin on Saturday, 20 December at 6.30a and will be a Solemn High Mass.

Come experience the quiet beauty of Advent in the stillness before sunrise.

## welcome seminarian leo gibson

Between 14-21 December, we will have Seminarian Leo Gibson at our parish. Please extend a warm “hello” to him when you see him! In his own words:



I grew up in Spartanburg and have been a member of Jesus Our Risen Savior my entire life. While in college, I felt a sudden urge to ask God whether what I was planning to do was truly the right thing, and what He desired for my life. In a resounding voice, He said, “Become a priest,” and since then my faith has only strengthened.

I am currently in my first year of seminary, during the propaedeutic stage, and I am very excited for this time to grow more deeply in faith and prayer before taking on the full academic course load. In my free time, I enjoy reading and making music, and I have spent many hours around the ping-pong table with my brother seminarians.

If you would like to support me on my journey, all I ask for is your prayers—that I may continue to grow in love for Jesus every day.



schedule

# Christmas

Wednesday, 24 December

4p Family Mass (English)

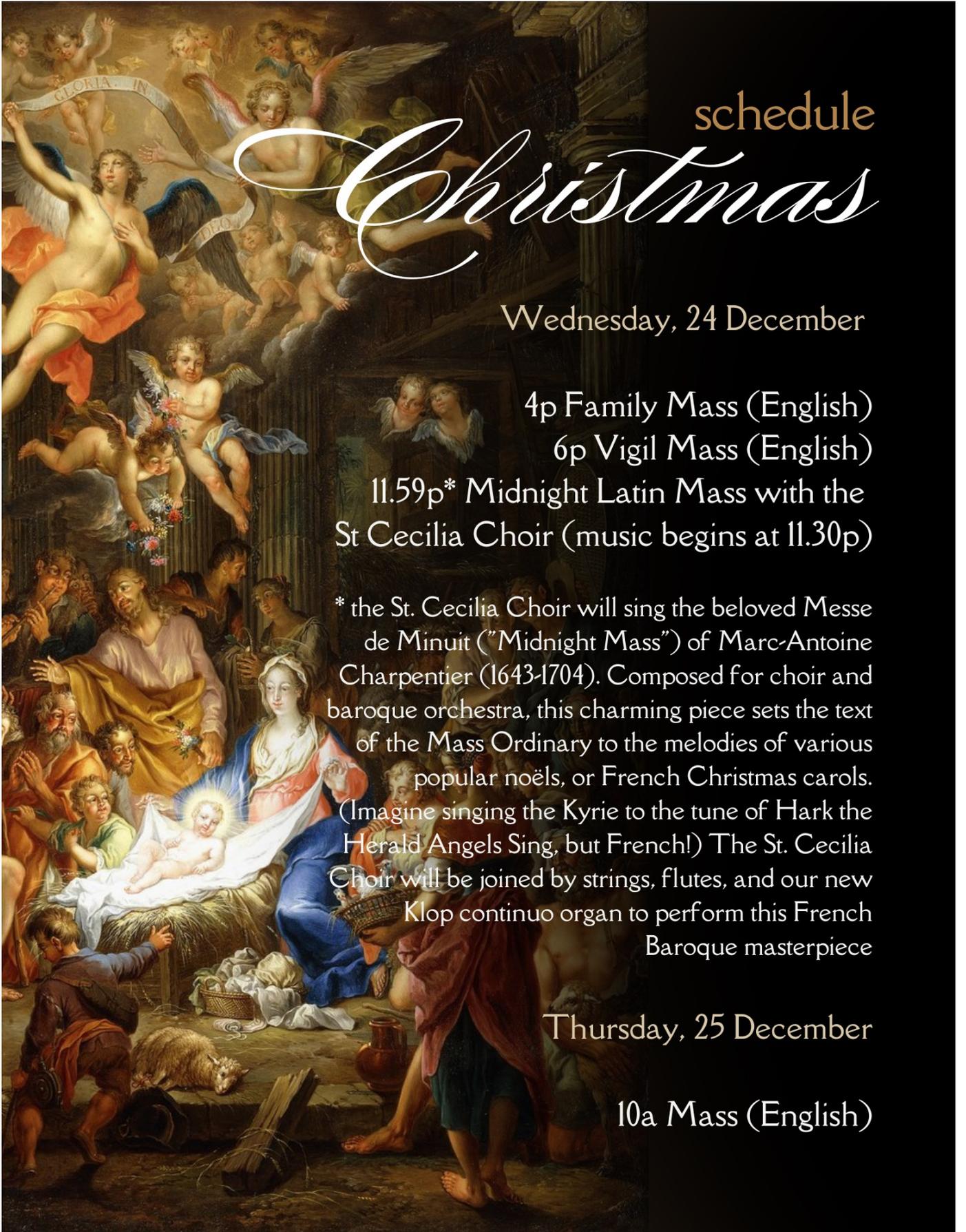
6p Vigil Mass (English)

11.59p\* Midnight Latin Mass with the  
St Cecilia Choir (music begins at 11.30p)

\* the St. Cecilia Choir will sing the beloved Messe de Minuit ("Midnight Mass") of Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704). Composed for choir and baroque orchestra, this charming piece sets the text of the Mass Ordinary to the melodies of various popular noëls, or French Christmas carols. (Imagine singing the Kyrie to the tune of Hark the Herald Angels Sing, but French!) The St. Cecilia Choir will be joined by strings, flutes, and our new Klop continuo organ to perform this French Baroque masterpiece

Thursday, 25 December

10a Mass (English)



# Contact Us

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## Clergy

Fr. Christopher Smith	Pastor	864.268.4352	frsmith@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Fr. Richard Tomlinson	Parochial Vicar	864.268.4352	richard.tomlinson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Fr Tim Davison	Retired Priest		fr.tim.davison@gmail.com
Altar Servers	Dcn Michael Cavin		michael.cavin@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Sick & Homebound	Dcn Mark Thompson	864.630.0606	mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Liturgical Ministers	Dcn Michael Thompson		michael.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Baptism Class	Dcn Gus Suárez		gus.suarez@princeofpeacetaylors.org

## Parish Staff

Phil Head	Director of Administration	864.331.3908	directorofadministration@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Justin Carrick	Finance & Accounting Manager	864.331.3907	bookkeeper@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Dcn Nestor Acosta	Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Life	864.331.3905	nestor.acosta@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>*contact Deacon Acosta about baptisms, funerals, declarations of nullity and marriage.</i>			
Maria Rauch	Parish Secretary	864.331.3901	maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>*contact Maria R. about facility reservations and requesting Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or when gravely ill, Safe Environment</i>			
Maria Barontini	Pastoral Associate for Children's Catechesis	864.331.3919	maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>*contact Maria B. about children's catechesis, first confession, first communion, and confirmation</i>			
Michael Sandifer	Pastoral Associate Adult Faith Formation	864.331.3902	michael.sandifer@princeofpeacetaylors.org
<i>contact Michael S. as ministry liaison and OCIA (introduction to catholicism course)</i>			
Philip Reed	Director of Music	864.331.3904	philip.reed@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Elizabeth Wilson	Associate Director of Music	864.331.3906	elizabeth.wilson@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Jeanie Reed	Associate Director of Children's Music		jeanie.reed@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Ed Carl	Sexton		ed.carl@princeofpeacetaylors.org

## School (Office: 864.971-4POP) *\*our childcare registration number is 24774*

Nathan Barontini	Principal	864.331.2145	principal@popcatholicschool.org
Michelle Zimmerman	Office Manager	864.331.2145	michelle.zimmerman@popcatholicschool.org

## Ministry & Leaders (learn about all of our ministries on our [website](#) under the "about us" menu)

Communications Director	Kylee Jean Heap		communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Creighton Fertility Care/Family Planning	Kristie Killough, RN, BSN, FCP	864.243.7800	text for appointment
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	
Introduction to Catholicism	Sean Chapman		ocia@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Legion of Mary	Pat Hodur	864.616.7459	ph137@aol.com
Respect Life	Pam Harrison	864.233.6200	pharriso@bellsouth.net
Spiritual Direction	Lisa Buss		spiritualdirection@princeofpeacetaylors.org

Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to [bulletin submissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:bulletin submissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org)



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## pop women's craft group

Join a free craft get-together on the second Sunday of the month from 3-5p in McGivney Hall (**please note the new date and time**). Bring your own supplies to work on a project or observe others; all skill levels are welcome! Contact Michelle Grabiec at [m\\_grabiec@hotmail.com](mailto:m_grabiec@hotmail.com) with questions.

## new: first friday confession (certain months)

For the benefit of families, Confessions will be heard from 11a-12p on the following upcoming dates: 6 February, 6 March, and 1 May.

## st clare's home gala 2026

Visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Lsc/> to purchase tickets or consider sponsorship for the St Clare's Home 5th annual Pink & Blue Gala on 7 February at 6p at the Fluor Dining Venue.

## advent prayers for week 3

Lord our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the Joy of all who long for His coming. He is the Light who scatters every darkness and the Savior who draws near with mercy and gladness.

O Lord, let Your blessing come upon us as we light the first two purple candles and the rose candle of this wreath.

May their growing light remind us that Christ's coming is close at hand and that His joy is meant to dwell within our hearts and our homes. Strengthen us to prepare the way of the Lord with renewed faith and hopeful expectation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## job opening: elementary school teacher

Our parish school- recently honored as a National Blue Ribbon School and State of South Carolina Blue Ribbon School-forms saints and scholars through faith, virtue, and academic excellence. We are seeking a mission-driven Lower Elementary Teacher, preferably a practicing Catholic, with strong early literacy skills and a love for educating the whole child.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Principal Barontini at [principal@popcatholicschool.org](mailto:principal@popcatholicschool.org)

## board of remembrance

In November, our St. Joseph altar served as a Requiem Altar honoring our beloved dead. Candles may now be retrieved. Any candles not picked up by 1 January will be donated for use elsewhere.

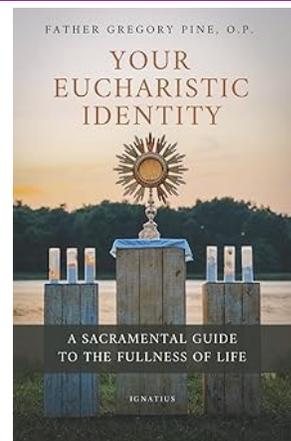
## library volunteers needed

Library Volunteers needed! Prince of Peace has a wonderful little cafe-library in McGivney Hall with over 1,000 vetted Catholic books (and counting!). We are seeking volunteers to help open the library throughout the week so all can enjoy it. If you love books, enjoy a hot cup of coffee/tea with friends, and/or are looking for a way to serve your spiritual home, we want you! Please contact Lisa Buss at [library@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:library@princeofpeacetaylors.org) to sign up.

## fr smith's advent reading recommendation

Father Gregory Pine's new book, *Your Eucharistic Identity*, is a short book but packed with lots of lessons of how to view our identity as the image and likeness of God within the context of the Eucharist. Whether you are new to the Catholic faith, returning, or just need some extra inspiration for your journey this Advent, this book is destined to be a new spiritual classic!

<https://a.co/d/0PQYrAm>



## job opening: aftercare and late stay director

The parish school is hiring an Aftercare and Late Stay Director for afternoons from 1-6p Monday-Friday on regular school days, plus about 10 half days (12-6p). Subs can be arranged if you're unavailable for certain half days.

**Requirements:** High school diploma/GED, background check, Safe Haven training, and DSS certification (POPCS will assist).

**Responsibilities:** Assist with homework, help with snacks, and supervise students during free play. Submit your resume and cover letter to Principal Barontini at [principal@popcatholicschool.org](mailto:principal@popcatholicschool.org)

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